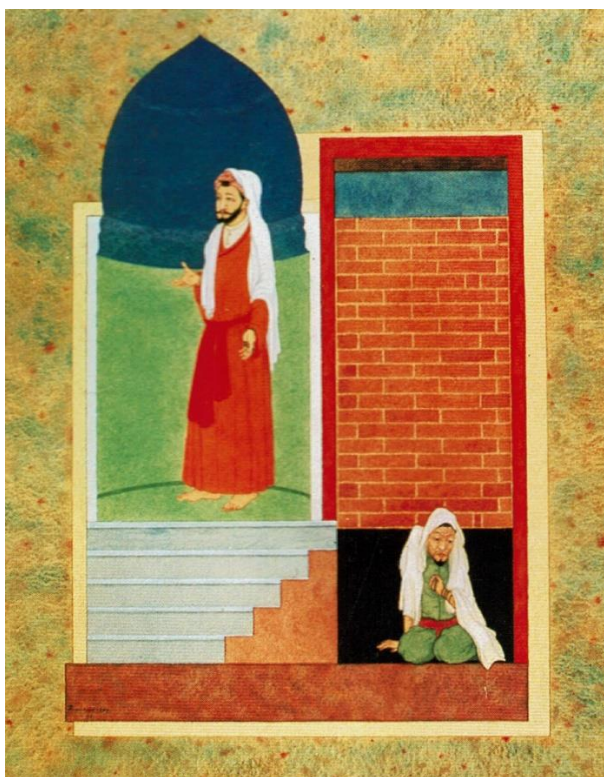


October 26th, 2025

10:30 a.m. service



The Publican and the Pharisee by Frank Wesley

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

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Rector: The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall

Director of Music: Donald Russell, ARCO

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PRELUDE Adagio and Andante from Voluntary, Op.5, No 1 John Stanley (1712-1786)

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 380 (Standing)
O Worship the King, All Glorious Above Hanover

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

***Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,***

COLLECT

Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Let us listen for the word of God. (Seated)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOEL 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

For the word of God in scripture
For the word of God among us
For the word of God within us

Thanks Be to God.

Psalm 65 (Choir stands, congregation seated)

Te decet hymnus

1 You are to be praised, O / God, in / Zion; * to you shall /
vows • be per-/ formed • in Jer-/ usalem.

2 To you / that hear / prayer * — / shall / all flesh / come.

- 3 Our sins are / stronger than / we are, * but you will / blot out / our trans- / gressions.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your / courts to / dwell there! * They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the / holi- ness / of your / temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O / God of • our sa- / lvation, * O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the / seas • that are / far a- / way.
- 6 You make fast the / mountains • by your / power; * they are / girded a- / bout with / might.
- 7 You still the roaring / of the / seas, * the roaring of their waves, and the / clamour / of the / peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your / mar- vellous / signs; * you make the dawn and the / dusk to / sing for / joy.
- 9a You visit the earth and / water • it a- / bundantly; * you / make it / very / plenteous;
- 9b the river of God is / full of / water. * You prepare the grain, for so you pro- / vide / for the / earth.
- 10 You drench the furrows and smooth / out the / ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the / ground and / bless its / increase.
- 11 You crown the year / with your / goodness, * and your / paths over- / flow with / plenty.
- 12 May the fields of the wilderness be / rich for / grazing, * and the / hills be / clothed with / joy.
- 13 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- / selves with / grain; * let them / shout for / joy and / sing.

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will

give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

For the word of God in scripture

For the word of God among us

For the word of God within us

Thanks Be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Standing)

Mass of St Benedict, Margaret Rizza

Gospel Sentence:

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation

THE GOSPEL Luke 18:9-14

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than

the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON (Seated)

HEAR, O ISRAEL (Standing)

***Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Seated)

God of grace, you lovingly come among us, speak peace as you teach us to pray. Help us to see ourselves in the light of that love, may we see ourselves, one another and the whole world shaped by your grace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we pray for a world in turmoil – for those peoples and nations who find it hard to see each other with love and mercy, for all whose anger spills out in divisive and destructive ways. We pray that their hearts might be changed and the way for peace opened. We pray for all who are dealing with the devastation of disaster and we give thanks for the skills and courage of those who respond. God of peace, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, anoint the hearts of those who carry heavy burdens this day and renew their capacity for hope. We pray for all who are grieving. Draw near to all who

struggle, help us to live justly and graciously, always echoing your generosity of love.

God of compassion, **hear our prayer.**

God of silence, we *pause* in this moment to offer You our heartfelt thanks for prayers answered, joys shared, and for the moments of transformation and healing we have known in our lives. We pray for all who travel, for the wonders of seeing new places, engaging in relaxation and making new friends. God of silence, **hear our prayer.**

God of patience, strengthen our faith and trust in your presence and enliven us, that we may hurry to make you welcome not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully in your name. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, God welcomes sinners and invites them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE (Standing)

OFFERTORY HYMN S 85 (Standing)

God of the Bible

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST (Standing)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he became flesh through his Mother, Mary, and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might,
Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, are full of your
glory.*

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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*Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the
Lord.*

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Lord.*

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

Amen.

684 THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Communion (Seated)

All are welcome to share in this sacred meal, gluten free wafers are available, please ask.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION 569 (Seated)

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life The Call

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Standing)

God of peace, you have nourished us in this God our guide, you have fed us with bread from

heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

DOXOLOGY

Glory to God ***whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.***

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 474

Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet Warrington

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and care for all of creation.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Slow and Allegro from Voluntary, Op.5, No 1 John Stanley (1712-1786)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A friendly reminder the office will be closed on Monday October 27th

St. John's Guild will be offering coffee today after the 10:30 service.

The Feast of All Saints'/All Souls' will be observed on Sunday, Nov. 2nd. At the 10:30 service there will be candles lit to commemorate those in our St. John's community who have died since last All Saints'/All Souls'. If you would like to have a name added to the list, please call or email the office.

We have several Listen Tech devices, on loan for a few weeks, to help those who have trouble hearing during the service. Heather Eisenhauer will have them available before the 10:30 service. If anyone attending the 8:30 service would like to try one, please call Heather at 902-634-4713.

New Email Addresses

Our new *e-transfer* address is
donations@stjohnslunenburg.org

Our new *office* email is office@stjohnslunenburg.org We will be transitioning to this over the next few weeks.

A direct way to contact Rev. Dawna is
rector@stjohnslunenburg.org

This Week in the Life of the Church

Tuesday

Concert – Piazzolla's Port of Call 7pm in the church

Wednesday

Community Play Group –9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Contemplative Prayer –10 a.m. in the church

Thursday

Choir Practice – 7p.m. in the church

Friday

All Hallow's Eve cider and treats on parade square (5pm)

Spooky organ music (7pm)

Compline (7:30pm)

Today's Lay Ministries:

Lectors: 8:30 a.m. – Margaret Murray

10:30 a.m. – David Shimp & Katy Shimp

Licensed Lay Ministers: Susan MacMillan

Lectors: 8:30 a.m. – Carolyn Hogg

10:30 a.m. – Patsy Perkins & Annalise Wall

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