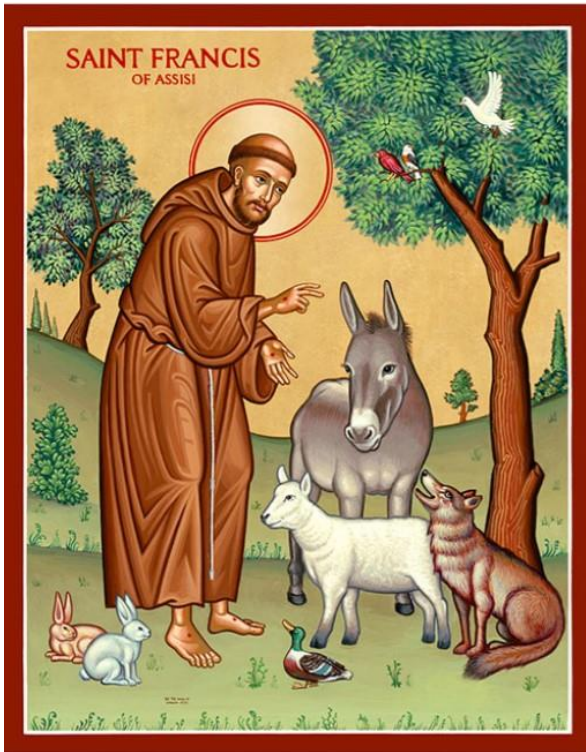


October 5th, 2025

10:30 a.m. Service



The Feast of St. Francis (transferred)
Season of Creation

St. John's Anglican Church
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia
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Rector: The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall
Organist & Music Director: Donald Russell, ARCO

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PRELUDE

Arioso, Op. 156, No. 2 Joseph Rheinberger (1839-1901)

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 355

All Creatures of our God and King

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY *(Standing)*

Blessed be the One who creates all things.

The Holy One's love is new every morning.

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.

678 KYRIE

Upon all who seek to care for our world,

Lord have mercy.

Upon all who seek to conserve and preserve the earth's goodness,

Lord have mercy.

Upon all who work as your co-creators,

Lord have mercy.

Upon those who work in dark or dangerous places

Christ have mercy.

Upon those who suffer through pollution,

Christ have mercy.

Upon those whose land has been spoiled by war,

Christ have mercy.

Upon those who work on the land or on the sea,

Lord, have mercy.

Lord our God, renew the face of the earth

***And bring newness to our world:
Restore the waters,
Refresh the air,
Revive the land,
Breathe new life into all your creation,
And begin with us.***

ABSOLUTION

The Lord, the Creator of heaven and earth,
Bless and guide you in all that you do,
Confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
And keep you in life which is eternal. **Amen.**

COLLECT attributed to St. Francis

***Lord, make us instruments of your peace:
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that we may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.***

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

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE GALATIANS **6:14-18**

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor

uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. 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.

Psalm: 148 *(Choir stands)*

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the | Lord · from the | heavens; * praise | God | in the | heights.
- 2 Praise the | Lord · all you | angels; * sing praises, | all you | heav- enly | host.
- 3 Praise the | Lord, · sun and | moon; * sing praises, | all you | shin- ing | stars.
- 4 Praise the | Lord, | heaven of | heavens, * sing praises, you | wa -ters a- | bove the | heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the | name · of the | Lord; * who gave the com- | mand and | they were cre- | ated,
- 6 who made them stand fast for | ev- er and | ever, * who gave them a | law · which shall | not · pass a- | way.
- 7 Praise the | Lord · from the | earth, * you sea- | mons- ters | and all | deeps;
- 8 fire and hail, | snow and | fog, * tempestuous | wind, · doing | God's | will;
- 9 mountains and | all | hills, * fruit | trees and | all | cedars;
- 10 wild beasts and | all | cattle, * creeping | things and | wing- èd | birds;
- 11 sovereigns of the | earth · and all | peoples, * princes and all | rul- ers | of the | world;
- 12 young | men · and young | women, * old | - and | young to- | gether.

13 Let them praise the | name · of the | Lord, * whose
name only is exalted, whose splendour is | ov- er | earth
and | heaven.

14 The Lord has raised up | strength · for this | people *
and | praise · for all | loy- al | servants, *
the | child- · ren of | Israel, * a people who are near to the |
Lord. | Hal- le- | lujah!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Standing*)

711 Alleluia

Gospel Sentence:

"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and
water the earth making it spring forth and | grow, · so shall
my word accom- | plish my | purpose."

THE GOSPEL Matthew 11:25-30

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth, because you have hidden these
things from the wise and the intelligent and have
revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your
gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by
my Father; and no one knows the Son except the
Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying
heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke
upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and
humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For
my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON *(Seated)*

CHOIR ANTHEM *(Choir Stands, Congregation is seated)*

Ave Verum W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Standing)*

***We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes the earth with living water.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Seated)*

Creator God, in calling forth creation from the void, revealing yourself in human flesh, and pouring forth your wisdom to guide us, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit. Open our hearts in compassion and receive our prayers.

God of Life, every creature is a sign of your love, every being a symbol of your grace. The cycles of life and death bring joy and sorrow and are all reminders of our shared partnership in caring for creation.

God of Life, hear our prayer.

We thank you for our partners in caring for our beloved church and ask your guidance for all who share in leadership. Help us to shepherd your people, nurture reconciliation, love your creation, and speak hope to the church and the world.

God of Life, hear our prayer.

God of justice, you came into this world as one of us to bring peace on earth and just relationships among all peoples. Teach us to act as one human family, sharing the responsibility to provide food and shelter for all. Call us toward belonging and working together, one human communion in justice and peace.

God of Life, hear our prayer.

God of hope, Jesus shows us in stories and in loving relationships how we are called to care for the earth, and for the integrity of all creation. When we feel helpless and paralysed in the face climate change, give us courage to respond with clear minds and faithful hearts. Help us to see what is needed, and to trust your promise that you will be with us always. We pray that your healing love will be known in all the earth from generation to generation.

Amen.

THE PEACE *(Standing)*

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

OFFERTORY HYMN 416 *(Standing)*

All Things Bright and Beautiful

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST *(Standing)*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Creator God, the glory of your works fill us with awe and wonder. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all creation for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS 683

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and 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 them 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

The presence of God is made known to us in the gifts of bread and wine,

Taste and see that God is good.

AGNUS DEI 685

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion *(Seated)*

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

HYMN DURING COMMUNION 419

Let all Creation Bless Thee

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Standing)*

God of all goodness, who gave your servant Francis a will to serve others, give us grace to share our lives faithfully, that having shared this meal we are strengthened and renewed to share the light and life of your love made known to us in Christ. Amen.

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 425

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Memorial Flowers

Flowers placed in memory of William and Beverly Cluett on the occasion of their granddaughter's wedding

Flowers placed in memory of Fred Chenhall & W. Guy Tanner. From Carolyn and Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The office will be closed on Monday October 6th.

Our Blessing of the Animals Service will be held today at 2pm.

Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. All are welcome. If you are interested in joining please contact the director of music.

For Pastoral Emergencies, you can reach Rev. Dawna at this local number 782-446-7949.

Most days she is in the office, so for other inquiries please stop by or use the office number 902-634-4994.

This Week in the Life of the Church

Today

Blessing of the Animals – 2p.m

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

Today's Lay Ministries:

Lectors: 8:30 a.m. – Susan Foote

10:30 a.m. – Ron Wall

Licensed Lay Ministers: Susan MacMillan
& Heather Hyson

Next Week's Lay Ministries:

Lectors: 8:30 a.m. – Bruce Holdbrook

10:30 a.m. – Donald Russell & Wendy Dean

Licensed Lay Minister: Jim Shephard



Oct 5th has been declared International Chorister Day. We give thanks for our Choristers and their Director, and all who help us to have a vibrant and growing music ministry.

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