

15 February 2026

10:30 a.m.



Transfiguration from St. John's Bible, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN 2000

St. John's Anglican Church
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall
Director of Music: Donald Russell, ARCO

Heritage  *Faith*  *Vision*
St. John's ~ A National Historic Site ~ Founded 1753

Music before the Service:

Sehr langsam, from Sonata No. 1 Hindemith, Paul (1895-1963)

Mass Setting:

Mass of St Benedict

Margaret Rizza (1929-)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome and Announcements

Standing, we sing together:

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

162 Sing of God Made Manifest

Salzberg

OPENING GREETING

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

And also with you.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

GLORIA

365 Glory to God on High

Darwall

THE COLLECT

O God of transfiguration, the cloud of your splendour and the fire of your love revealed your Son on the mountain heights.

Transform our lives in his image, write your law of love on our hearts, and make us prophets of your glory, that we may help others to your presence. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sitting, we listen to the 1st Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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.

The choir stands to sing the Psalm:

Psalm 99

- 1 The Lord reigns; let the / peo- ple / tremble; * the Lord is enthroned
up-on the Cherubim; / let the / earth / shake.
- 2 The Lord is / great in / Zion * and is / high a- / bove all / peoples.
- 3 Let them confess your name, which is / great and / awesome; * you /
are the / Ho- ly / One.
- 4 "O mighty Sovereign, lover of justice, you have es- / ta- blished /
equity; * you have executed justice and / right- eous- / ness in / Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before the
/ footstool • of / God; * the / Lord • is the / Ho- ly / One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who
call up- / on your / name, * they called up-on you, O / Lord; • and you
/ an- swered / them.
- 7 You spoke to them out of the / pillar • of / cloud; * they kept your
testimonies and the de- / cree • that you / gave / them.
- 8 "O Lord our God, you answered / them in- / deed; * you were a God
who forgave them, yet punished them / for their / e- vil / deeds."
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship upon the
holy / hill of / God; * for the Lord our / God • is the / Holy / One.

Sitting, we listen to the Epistle.

2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to
you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been
eyewitnesses of his majesty.

For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice
was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son,
my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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.

THE GOSPEL READING

Standing, we sing:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Matthew 17.5

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.

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was

transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light.

Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."

And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sitting, we listen to the sermon.

THE SERMON

The choir stands to sing the Anthem.

ANTHEM

O Wondrous sight, O vision fair

R. Groom de Velde (1956-)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of Moses and Elijah, of Peter, James and John, you have chosen people throughout history to help show your mercy and grace through their lives and witness. Help us respond in this time and place, and help us live so that we faithfully reflect your glory.

God of light, hear our prayer.

God whose nature and ways are far beyond our understanding, we give thanks for the gift of Jesus – In whom we see your face and in whom we come to know your transfiguring love and grace. Help us in our daily lives to live into that promise.

God of light, hear our prayer.

God of beauty and holiness, we give thanks for walking with your people in all places. We pray that your church throughout the world will reflect the light of your love and offer solace to all in need.

God of light, hear our prayer.

God of mountain tops, we give thanks for times of inspiration and intimacy, of insight and awareness. Strengthen our faith and give us courage to share those gifts well and wisely.

God of light, Hear our prayer.

God of low places, we thank you for your promise that nothing will separate us from your love. Give us courage to enter the valleys of life and to see your presence there. Open our hearts to share your love with all who need it.

God of light, Hear our prayer.

God of ministry, you send us down the mountain. Lead the way, give us faith to follow, and eagerness to serve.

God of light, Hear our prayer.

God who shines in the darkness, receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one who is your light, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 by 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

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Standing for:

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN

347 The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face 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 took the flesh of 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 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.**

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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The gifts of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

THE COMMUNION
(in both kinds – the bread and the common cup)

AGNUS DEI

COMMUNION HYMN

84 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour St. Osmund

Standing, we pray the

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank
you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the
Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the
hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children
shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

381 Praise, My Soul Praise, My Soul

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Festival Voluntary, Op. 87 Flor Peeters(1903-1986)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual General Meeting

Please note that we will be holding our AGM this year in 2 steps, with the opening of our congregational meeting to be held on Sunday 22 February following the church service and then continuing with the rest of the meeting on Sunday 8 March in the Parish Hall, following the 10:30 service and a potluck lunch.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 17, 2026 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Donations support NS Schools Plus Food Program

This week in the life of the church:

Family Play Group

Wednesday 9:30

Church choir practice

Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00

Assisting with the Service today:

Lectors:

Patsy Perkins, Annalise Wall

Licensed Lay Minister:

Susan MacMillan

Assisting with the Service next week:

Lector

David Shimp, Mary Meisner

Licensed Lay Minister:

Robert Ripley