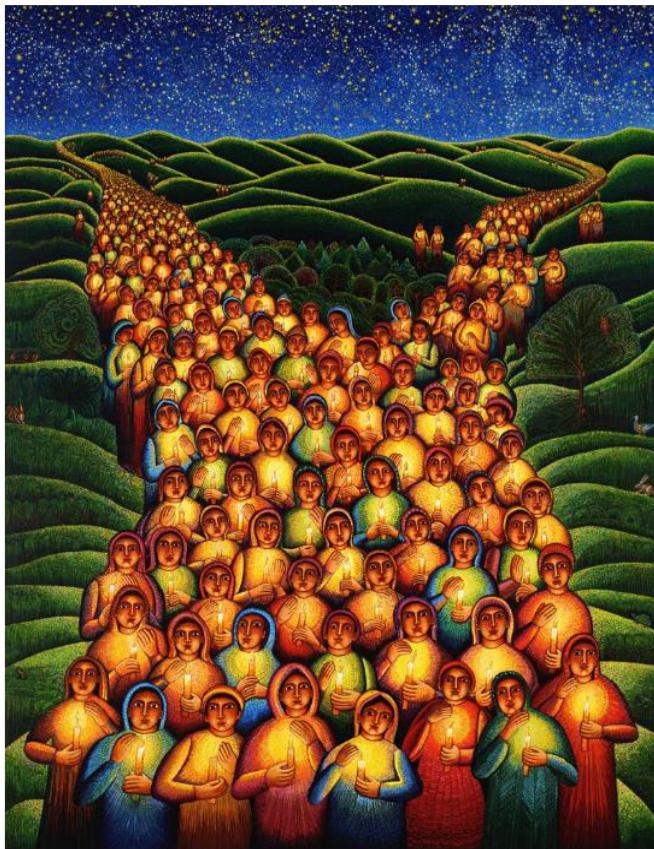


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5th Sunday after Epiphany

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:

Trio

Julius Reubke (1834-58)

Mass Setting:

Mass of St. Benedict

Margaret Rizza (1929-)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome and Announcements

Standing, we sing together:

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St.Denio

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

THE COLLECT

God of light, your Spirit reveals and illumines your presence in creation. Shine your radiant holiness into our lives, so that we may

offer our hands and hearts to your work: to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe, to guide others to your love. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sitting, we listen to the 1st Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and

you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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 112

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who / fear the / Lord * and have great delight in the di- / vine com- / mand / ments!
- 2 Their descendants will be / mighty • in the / land; * the generation of the / up- right / will be / blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will / be in • their / house, * and their / righteousness • will / last for / ever.
- 4 Light shines in the / darkness • for the / upright; * the righteous are merciful and / full / of com- / passion.
- 5 It is good for them to be / generous • in / lending * and to manage their af- / fairs / with / justice.
- 6 For they will / never • be / shaken; * the righteous will be kept in ever- / last- ing / re- / membrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any / e- vil / rumours; * their heart is right; they put their / trust / in the / Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and / will not / shrink, * until they see their de- / sire up- / on their / enemies.
- 9 They have given / freely to • the / poor, * and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will / hold up • their / head with / honour.

Sitting, we listen to the 2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"

God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by 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:

I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. *John 8.12*

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 5:13-20

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp to put it under the bushel basket; rather they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

Be still, for the presence of the Lord

D. Evans / D. Hiff

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God, you meet us in all the places we find ourselves and invite us to join you in the sacred work of bringing healing to the world. Help us to respond with grace and joy.

God of light, hear our prayer.

Loving God, help us to hear your voice as we move through our days. Help us to recognize you in all we meet, in, our places of work and refuge, and in ourselves.

God of light, hear our prayer.

God of wisdom we seek to follow Christ faithfully, bringing salt and light to the wounded, shadowed places. Sustain our courage and help us to dream of and work toward peace between nations, peoples and faith traditions.

God of light, hear our prayer.

Holy God, may your call strengthen us to be your healing presence in the lives of those who have asked for our prayers, those we hold in our hearts, and those known to you alone.

God of light, hear our prayer.

God of comfort, we ask your blessing on all who have died, all who are dying, and all who mourn. May your Spirit surround them all with restored life, hope and healing.

God of light, hear our prayer.

Healing God, make whole all that is broken, speak truth to all illusion, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see your glory and know your Christ. **Amen.**

CONFESSON

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.

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

Dedication and Blessing of Live Streaming Cabinet (in Balcony)

OFFERTORY HYMN

502 You Are Salt for the Earth

Bring Forth Thy Kingdom

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**God of light, your Word brings us a new vision of life restored.
Accept our gifts of praise and thanksgiving through 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.

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 was born 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.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

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

645 Come Down, O Love Divine

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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

383 Jesus Shall Reign, Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro (from Symphony, Op.2, No. 5)

William Boyce (1711-79)

(arr. R. Gower)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Dale Little
from Blake.

The Cabinet for the Live Stream Equipment is given
in loving memory of Oliver and Lucy Francis
from their children, Raymond, Barbara and Hubert.

This week in the life of the church:

Family Play Group (Lower Hall)	Wednesday 9:30 a.m.
Meditation (Church)	Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
Parish Council Meeting (Hall)	Wednesday 5:00 p.m.
Church Choir Practice	Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00

SHARING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Lectors: Hannah Griffin, Ron Wall

Live Stream Technician: Hans van Nie

Altar Guild Preparation: Margaret Murray

Licensed Lay Minister: Jim Shepherd

Wardens: Jane Ritcey, Maureen Moffat, Jim Shepherd

NEXT WEEK

Lectors: Patsy Perkins, Annalise Wall

Live Stream Technician: Ron Wall

Altar Guild Preparation: Margaret Murray

Licensed Lay Minister: Susan MacMillan

Wardens: Jane Ritcey, Maureen Moffatt, Jim Shepherd