

19 April 2026

10:30 a.m.



The Road to Emmaus Artist: James He Qi (1950-) heqiart.com

3rd Sunday of Easter

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:
Tierce en Taille

Louis Marchand (1669-1732)

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome and Announcements

Standing, we sing together:

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

385 Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

Üttingen

OPENING GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

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

Holy God, you greet us on the road and walk with us. Give our hearts insight whenever we meet you. Help us to recognize you and to taste again the saving love you have made known to us in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sitting, we listen to the 1st Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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 116: 1-3, 10-17

Organ
Choir and Congregation
Gracious is the Lord and righteous. Our God is full of compassion.

- 1a I love the / Lord, * for he has heard the voice of my / suppli- /
cation;
- 1b because he inclined his / ear to me * on the / day I / called to him.
- 2 The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took / hold
of me; * by grief and sorrow / was I / held.
- 3† Then I called upon the name of the / Lord: * ‘O Lord, I beg you,
de- / liver my / soul.’ **Refrain**
- 10 How shall I repay the / Lord * for all the benefits / he has / given
to me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of sal- / vation * and call upon the / name of
the / Lord.
- 12 I will fulfil my vows to the / Lord * in the presence of / all his /
people. **Refrain**
- 13 Precious in the sight of the / Lord * is the death of his / faithful /
servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant, your servant, the child of your /
handmaid; * you have freed me / from my / bonds.
- 15 I will offer to you a sacrifice of / thanksgiving * and call upon the /
name of the / Lord. **Refrain**
- 16 I will fulfil my vows to the / Lord * in the presence of / all his /
people,
- 17† In the courts of the house of the / Lord, * in the midst of you, O
Jerusalem. / Alle- / luia. **Refrain**

Sitting, we listen to the 2nd Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of 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:

GRADUAL HYMN

438 O Jesus, I have promised

WOLVERCOTE

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.

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while

he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sitting, we listen to the sermon.

THE SERMON

ANTHEM

Christ the Lord is again!

Alan Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of pilgrimage, you have journeyed in so many ways to meet us, through fire and cloud, across time and space, and in your Word, made flesh, Jesus the Christ. We pray that as we unpack all we carry, we will recognize you with us. **God of light and joy, hear our prayer.**

God of the journey, as we walk with you, give us courage in our conversations with Christ, exploring our places of grief and discouragement, delight and comfort, recognizing your love in all that our hearts hold. **God of light and joy, hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, we ask you to bring healing to your people and to your world. Safeguard them in body, mind and spirit. Be present to all in need of Your loving touch, encourage, strengthen and uphold all who are weary and safeguard us from fear and anxiety and keep us always in your peace.

God of light and joy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn, that even now, the Risen Christ meets them on their way. Into God's hands we commend them. **God of light and joy, hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, God of the journey. and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to recognize you. **Amen.**

Standing for: THE SHEMAH

**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 great commandment.
The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.**

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN

217 Christ the Lord is risen again

WÜRTEMBERG

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Receive these gifts, O God, and transform us through sharing them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand your call to follow you faithfully all our days. 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 truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures, to love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us; your love remained steadfast. When we were enslaved in Egypt, you broke the bonds of slavery, led us through the sea to freedom, and made a covenant to be our God.

By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh, you lived among us manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life. Therefore we praise you, singing with angels and archangels and all the faithful of every time and place, to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart and met violence and death. On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, giving thanks and saying, "This cup is the new covenant, poured out for the forgiveness of sins, Do this in remembrance of me."

In remembrance, we take from your creation this bread and this wine, and celebrate his rising to new life, as we await the day of his coming again. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you, to be a living, holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that as we share this meal, our eyes will be opened to recognize Christ with us. By your Spirit, make our hearts burn within us, that we may recognize and welcome him as host and anticipate the day when we will feast with him in heaven. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, now and forever, **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

337 God, your Glorious Presence

ARNSBERG

Standing, we pray the

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Christ. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

216 Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

ST. FULBERT

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Christ. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Menuet gothique, Op. 25

L. Boëllmann (1862-1897)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WANTED: Choir Members

If anyone is interested in joining the choir, we would gladly welcome new members. No experience is necessary but experienced singers are very welcome. The Director of Music, Donald Russell will be available after the service or contact him by email at russell.kimberwick@me.com

This week in the life of the church:

St. John's Guild (Zinck Room)

Monday 2:00 p.m.

Family Play Group (Lower Hall)

Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

Church choir practice (Church)

Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Assisting with the Service today:

Lector: Hannah Griffin, Duncan Crowdis

Licensed Lay Minister: Robert Ripley

Live Stream Tech: David Shimp

Greeters: Peter Smith, Jim Shepherd, Pam and Duncan Crowdis

Assisting with the Service next week:

Lector: Wendy Dean, Andrew Griffin

Licensed Lay Minister: Jim Shepherd

Live Stream Tech: Ron Wall

Greeters: Peter Smith, Annalise Wall, Ron Wall, Andrew Griffin, Hannah Griffin

St. John's Guild

The Guild will meet on Monday at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Dawna will share in conversation about the Discretionary Fund. All are welcome and warmly encouraged to join us.



Easter Memorial Gifts in Loving Memory

William & Beverly Cluett from

Richard, Rachel Jane and Grandchildren & great granddaughter.

Loved Ones from Jane Ritcey & Wilfred Moore.

Loved Ones from Russell & Gailyn Risser

Loved Ones from Kathy Anderson

Stan & Violet Skinner, Gordon Conrad & Marilyn Ruttan
from Rose and Terry Conrad & Family.

Loved Ones from Maureen Moffatt.

John & Dorothy Meisner from the family.

Loved Ones from Johanne McKee