

17 May 2026

10:30 a.m.





The Ascension, c. 1190-1200

Feast of the Ascension (transferred)

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

Prelude

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome and Announcements

Standing, we sing together:

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

101 Hail to the Lord's anointed

Crüger

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

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

THE COLLECT

Holy God, **send us your Spirit of revelation and wisdom, so that we, rooted and grounded in hope, may bear witness to your gifts of grace of forgiveness and our praise ascend to the One who makes us one. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sitting, we listen to the 1st Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostle 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their /
voice; * the floods lift up their / pounding / waves. **Refrain**

5 Mightier than the thunder of many waters, mightier than the breakers
of the / sea, * the Lord on / high is / mightier.

6 Your testimonies are very / sure; * holiness adorns your house, O /
Lord, for / ever. **Refrain**

Sitting, we listen to the 2nd Reading

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the
saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I
remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and
revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your
heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has
called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the
saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who
believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this
power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated
him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and
authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is
named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put
all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for
the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

245 O Lord Most High, Eternal King

Gonfalon Royal

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 24:44-53

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sitting, we listen to:

THE SERMON

ANTHEM

O How Amiable

C. Simper (1856-1942) / A. Bullard

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy God, you come among us as companion and guide. Give us grace to be a loving presence with those with whom we share this journey,

God of light and joy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church and all who engage in the work of sharing your love in innovative and pragmatic ways. Bless and multiply their ministries.

God of light and joy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the world, for those areas where there is open strife, that peace may slip in quietly and transform radically. We pray that we may work together to bring about the possibility of peace, through daily works of compassion and justice.

God of light and joy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are in need of prayer for body, mind and spirit, remembering especially those for whom we have been asked to pray, may the risen Christ comfort and sustain them and those of us who pray for them. We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find strength and hope. Into God's hands we commend them. We give thanks for prayers answered and offer to you our heart's best intentions.

God of light and joy, hear our prayer.

Holy God, lift us up with Christ, that your Spirit of faithful love and abundant compassion will meet us where we are, while we wait in expectation for the new heaven and the new earth you promise when Christ shall come again. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN

379 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Darwall

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN

481 May the grace of Christ our Saviour

Halton Highgate

Standing, we pray the

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Christ, now ascended. 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

84 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

St. Osmund

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Christ. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week in the life of the church:

St. John's Guild

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:

Lectors: David Shimp, Rosemary Smith

Licensed Lay Minister: Robert Ripley

Live Stream Tech: David Shimp

Greeters: Peter Smith, Jim Shephard, Sherry Skinner, Heather Hyson

Assisting with the Service next week:

Lectors: Patsy Perkins, Annalise Wall

Licensed Lay Minister: Susan MacMillan

Live Stream Tech: Ron Wall

Greeters: Peter Smith, Jim Shephard, Pam & Duncan Crowdis

St John's Contact Information

Website: stjohnslunenburg.org

Email: office@stjohnslunenburg.org

Telephone: 902-634-4994

In-person: Monday – Friday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm