

3 May 2026

10:30 a.m.





Christ as Pantocrator, Abbey of St. Hildegard, Rudesheim, Rhein, Germany

5th 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:

Pastorale

Percy W. Whitlock (1903-46)

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome and Announcements

Standing, we sing together:

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

526 God is our fortress and our rock

Ein' Feste Burg

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

Risen Christ, you prepare a place for us, where you dwell with God and the Holy Spirit. Draw us more deeply into this sacred story of loving community, where all are fed and forgiven. You invite us home, where troubled hearts find ease, and where truth, and life are multiplied. Strengthen your word in us that we may help prepare a place for others. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sitting, we listen to the 1st Reading

Acts 7:55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed

Sitting, we listen to the 2nd Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10 *God's chosen people*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honour, then, is for you who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

620 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

ST. PETER

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sitting, we listen to the sermon.

THE SERMON

ANTHEM

A Clare Benediction

J. Rutter

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 invite us to abide in your love, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love. Seeking to be true friends of all, we offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world.

God of light and joy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church, the community of those who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We rejoice that, in Christ, we have passed from darkness to light, from death to life. We pray for the whole people of God, that we may be faithful to our calling. Empower us to proclaim the good news of the Easter message.

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; we pray for our cities and neighbourhoods, and for all who live there. We pray for the leaders of our nations and communities that they would work with us to care for all of creation. **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.

Alpha and Omega, First and Last, glory outshining all the lights of heaven: pour out upon us your Spirit of faithful love and abundant compassion, so that we may rejoice in the splendor of your works 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

275 O what their joy and their glory must be O Quanta Qualia

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.

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.

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

551 My faith looks up to thee

OLIVET

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

577 God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Christ. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 735

J S Bach (1685-1750)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New choir members welcomed:

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:

Property Committee Meeting (Hall)

Tuesday, 5:00 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: Heather Eisenhauer, Ron Wall

Licensed Lay Minister: Susan MacMillan

Live Stream Tech: Hans Van Nie

Greeters: Peter Smith, Jim Eisenhauer, Jim Shephard, Jane Ritcey, Wilfred Moore

Assisting with the Service next week:

Lectors: Dan Sargeant, Mary Meisner

Licensed Lay Minister: Jim Shephard

Live Stream Tech: Raymond Francis

Greeters: Peter Smith, Anne & Lorne Spence, Heather Eisenhauer

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