



The Cathedral **MESSENGER**

Welcome to the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
12 September 2021
The 16th Sunday after Pentecost
The Season of Creation

Land Acknowledgement:

We respectfully acknowledge the land on which we gather as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk, whose culture has now been erased forever. We also acknowledge the island of Newfoundland (Ktaqmkuk) as the unceded, traditional territory of the Beothuk and the Mi'kmaq. And we acknowledge Labrador as the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Innu of Nitassinan, the Inuit of Nunatsiavut, and the Inuit of NunatuKavut. We recognize all First Peoples who were here before us, those who live with us now, and the seven generations to come. As First Peoples have done since time immemorial, we strive to be responsible stewards of the land and to respect the cultures, ceremonies, and traditions of all who call it home. As we open our hearts and minds to the past, we commit ourselves to working in a spirit of truth and reconciliation to make a better future for all.

In recognition of the Season of Creation, when we try to focus more of our attention on creation, we are introducing the Land Acknowledgement into our service. This may not be spoken every week, but it will be printed and eventually posted in the Cathedral entrance.

COVID Procedures Update:

- Masks are encouraged and welcome, especially when singing and when distancing is not possible, but they are not mandatory.
- The congregation is welcome to join in singing all the hymns!
- Contact information will still be taken for all attendees.
- We are still restricted regarding seating, so please still sit in the pews **not** marked with blue tape. You can seat yourself, but please stay with your bubble and close contacts.
- Communion (bread only) will continue to be brought to you in your pew.
- There is no dismissal process, but please do not linger in the exits, and remember your social distancing.

11:00 a.m. Holy Baptism (BAS) & Eucharist (BCP)

The BCP is on-line: www.anglican.ca/about/liturgicaltexts/

The Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: 399 All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

5. And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

6. Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

The Gathering of the Community

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

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant There is one body and one Spirit,

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

The Proclamation of the Word

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalm 19

p. 351

THE heavens declare the glory of God; / and the firmament showeth his handy-work.

2. One day telleth another; / and one night certifieth another.

3. There is neither speech nor language; / their voice cannot be heard;

4. Yet their sound is gone out into all lands; / and their words into the ends of the world.

5. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun; / which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

6. It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of

it again; / and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7. The law of the LORD is an undefiled law, restoring the soul; /
the testimony of the LORD is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

**8. The precepts of the LORD are right, and rejoice the heart; /
the commandment of the LORD is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.**

9. The fear of the LORD is clean, and endureth for ever; /
the judgements of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

**10. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; /
sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.**

11. Moreover, by them is thy servant taught; / and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12. Who can tell how oft he offendeth? / O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

13. Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me; /
So shall I be undefiled and innocent from the great offence.

14. LET the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy

sight, / O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

James 3:1-12

Gradual Hymn: **384 Praise to the holiest in the height**

Gerontius

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

2. O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.

3. O wisest love! That flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive and should prevail;

4. And that a higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine
God's presence and his very Self,
And essence all-divine.

5. O generous love! That he who smote
In Man for man the foe,
The double agony in Man
For man should undergo,

6. And in the garden secretly,
And on the Cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all his works most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways

The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Sermon

The Vicar

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Sponsors I present *N* to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents & Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents & Sponsors I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents & Sponsors I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents & Sponsors I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Parents & Sponsors I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents & Sponsors I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Parents & Sponsors I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Prayers for the Candidates

(During which the candidates move to the Font)

Celebrant Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your Holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptised into the death of Jesus Christ your Son, may live in the power of his resurrection, and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebration of Baptism

Thanksgiving over the water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant We give you thanks for you have called *N* to new life through the waters of baptism. + Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become inheritors of your glorious kingdom. + We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All **Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Baptism

N, we baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

We sign you with the cross, and mark you as one of Christ's own for ever.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Giving of Light

Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Offertory Hymn: **You are God's work of art**

God's work of art

Refrain: *You are God's work of art,
Created in Jesus the Christ.*

1. You have been enlightened by the Lord.

Walk as children of the light. *Refrain...*

2. Keep the flame of faith in your heart,
And may you meet him when he come. *Refrain...*

3. Blessèd be our God,
Who chose you in the light of Christ. *Refrain...*

The Intercessions

Our On-line Services are available live or recorded on:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/anglcathstj/

and on our YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCPn0-iS_T0pdmdfY3hJDbJA.

Weekday Services 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday – **On-Line Only**

Sunday Services 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Morning Prayer – **On-line and In-person**

Upcoming Events!

We are delighted to be planning some of our Fall events – some new, some returning – in the hope & expectation that we will be able to have them! Here are some events happening soon:

Sunday, 19 September – 11 a.m. The Battle of Britain Service

Sunday, 26 September – The Gower Street Block Party

Friday & Saturday, 1 & 2 October – The Quilts & Flowers Festival

This is a new event for us! Please see more information below.

Sunday, 3 October – 3 p.m. The Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, 10 October – 11 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration

Quilts and Flowers Festival at the Cathedral

Friday October 1st, 1-8 pm & Saturday October 2nd, 10-4 pm

Come and enjoy the stunning Cathedral space filled with the beauty of floral arrangements, quilts and music offerings. There will be stories about the quilts to read and a lovely children's floral competition with prizes for all children. Children (to age 12) are invited to bring along a floral arrangement in a rubber boot or a teapot – delivered to the Cathedral between 6 and 8 pm on Thursday September 30th. We have some donated rubber boots for anyone who would like them too! If you have a quilt to display, please see the website to complete the registration form and a brief story about your quilt:

www.quiltsandflowersfestival.com

ADMISSION: \$5 at the door, Families \$20 max. (accompanied children under 12 free).

PARKING: Around the Cathedral streets and in the parking lot (free) on Friday evening and Saturday.

The Cathedral Choir is hoping to start rehearsals again soon, allowing for the current government guidance on singing. If you are interested in joining the Choir, please contact Sharon at Music@OurCathedral.ca.

We welcome in the Sacrament of Baptism this morning, **Asher Rubinstein**, son of Paul & Alicen; and this afternoon we will welcome **Abigail Stone**, daughter of Adam and Alison. Blessings to both families!

The Ministry of Planned Giving in the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador is offering the following online event: **Estate planning, wills, and health directives**. A talk will be presented by Chris Dawson and Genevieve Dawson of IG Wealth Management on Wednesday, September 29th at 2 p.m. To register, please email: Rcooke@Stmarksanglican.ca or Kevinsmith709@gmail.com by TUESDAY, September 28. ALL are welcome. *Please remember that it is important to have a will and you don't have to be wealthy.*

Financial Support: We are very grateful to those who are able to continue to support the Cathedral financially through this difficult time. As a reminder, there are several ways you can donate to the Cathedral:

- Donate by e-mail transfer to: donate@OurCathedral.ca;
- Donate by preauthorized giving – please contact the Office for information;
- Donate by Credit Card – call the Cathedral Office (726-5677) for information;
- Donate by cheque – send by mail to:

The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, PO Box 23112, St. John's, NL, A1B 4J9;

- Donate through **Canada Helps**: Please go to this website:
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/cathedral-parish-of-st-john-the-baptist/>

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