

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Lord of Life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison): God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Edward & Jill Sharpe, George & Shirley Sharpe, Gerald Sharpe, Keith & Tammy Sharpe, Mary Sharpe, and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of the Land of the Holy One.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Fogo Island East, Rector – The Rev. Charlie Cox; and the Parish of Fogo Island West (2 congregations), Rector – The Rev. Ken Abbott, Pro-tem.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador and for all parishes now closed due to the pandemic.

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April 12th, 2020 (Year A)

A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WHO ARE WITH US TODAY. WE HOPE THAT GOD WILL BLESS US AS WE WORSHIP HIM HERE TOGETHER AT ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH.

From the Rector's desk:

Today, Sunday, April 12th, is Easter Sunday, the most holy of all days on the Christian calendar. However, this year will be an Easter like no other we have ever experienced, instead of church buildings being open, and huge processions down the centre of the church with congregations singing with excitement and enthusiasm – *Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia*, there will be Facebook and You-tube videos posted online of hugely scaled back worship services. This is because our churches have been ordered to close now for the past four Sundays because of Covid-19. Indeed Easter will be different this year for all Christians, but we must respect and practice the principle of physical distancing for as long as it takes to put this pandemic behind us. Easter has always been a time of celebration, for it is the very foundation upon which we build our faith in the risen Lord. It has always been a time for us to come together in the glory of the resurrected Christ that gives eternal life to us, without Easter in all likelihood the Christian Church would not have endured and grown, it might have died with Jesus after Good Friday. For some time we have been caught up in the work of *Mission* in the church, seeking to find ways in which to connect with the people around us in meaningful and life-giving ways, not an easy task at a time when church attendance and membership is in sharp decline. During this time of Covid-19, and, in the midst of a global pandemic, the church is having to find ways to connect to our communities that we had not even considered two or three months ago. As we worship God consider the role of the church in present day society there is cause for optimism, as we see churches of all denominations and faiths making greater use of technology to ensure that people, though separated from their buildings, are still able to find spiritually meaningful ways to worship God. I think that too

captures the essence of the Easter gospel, which is new life. Even though we are in the middle of a frightening and unknown global threat, if we look around us we can see many signs of Christ right there with us. In many ways, even when this pandemic comes to pass, as it surely will, we will notice that a lot of positive changes will become the new normal. As the world came to a stand-still and we were all in this together, there will be a greater appreciation for others, there will be a greater acknowledgement that we each have a responsibility to care for our world and to care for each other. Right now we are afraid of the unknown, each day we turn on the television to see how many more have Covid-19 and how many more died since yesterday. That is a lot of doom and gloom, but, at our very core, we are an Easter people, and, as we look past the events of Good Friday, as Jesus is crucified on the cross and laid in the tomb, we focus on the resurrection morning, when the darkness of death is broken by the light of the risen Lord. So too, from the darkness of this terrible plight, where there is so much sickness, death, grief and despair, will emerge hope and light. In the meantime, we must keep on doing what we are doing and adhering to the advice of government and health officials, and, this will be the key to putting Covid-19 behind us. I have already said that the very first Sunday when our churches are permitted to open again, we will make it a glorious celebration of Easter, the readings and the hymns and our entire focus will be that of Easter Sunday. That will indeed be a day of rejoicing in the resurrected Lord that stands with us always, in good times and in bad, in times of joy and in times of sorrow, in times of health and sickness, in life and in death, in times of global pandemics and in times of victory over them. Do remember that even though the church building is closed to public gatherings, I am still in the office everyday and available to anyone that might need to speak to me by telephone or visit the office, while still maintaining physical distancing. I wish each of you a glorious Easter, stay safe and be sure to tune in to the many services that will be available by social media.

(Rev. Randy)

Here are some areas to consider in your parish:

Hygiene practices in pastoral care and worship

- *Availability of hand sanitizer in the worship space for parishioners and those serving in the liturgy*
- *Pastoral care workers taking all precautions in personal hygiene before and after pastoral visits in hospital and homes.*
- *Reminding parishioners who are ill to stay at home to recover and to request home communion or a pastoral visit as desired.*

If concern about the common cup is expressed:

- Refresh teaching regarding our theology of the fullness of communion in one kind (bread or wine only).

[Sharing the national information re Eucharistic Practice and the Risk of Infection.](#)

Alternatives to common cup:

- Receive in one kind only (bread)
- Touching the base of the cup as it is presented but not consuming.

I pray that our common life in worship and pastoral care will be rooted in the compassion of Christ and appropriate care for one another in a time of uncertainty.

With prayers for all: The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls

Archbishop and Primate, Anglican Church of Canada

Dismissal Song

**Go now in peace;
never be afraid.
God will go with you
each hour of every day.**

**Go now in faith,
steadfast strong and
true. Know he will
guide you in all you do.**

**Go now in love
and show you believe.
Reach out to others so
all the world can see.**

**God will be there
watching from above.
Go now in peace, in
faith and in love.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Rev. Randy will post another short worship service on Facebook this Sunday, Easter Sunday. Please share it widely with others once you see it. It will also be on the parish Facebook page.

Apr. 12 - The Celebration of the Lord's Passion. **Easter Day (12 April)** 11:00 a.m. The Celebration of the Resurrection. These services will be Live-Streamed on the Cathedral Facebook page (www.facebook.com/anglcathstj) and the Cathedral YouTube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPn0-iS_T0pdmdfY3hJDbJA). We look forward to having you join us at that time.

July 26th - Please note the 2020 annual flower service will take place on Sunday, July 26th at 3:00 p.m.

Many came last Sunday to get their Palm crosses. As the crosses were blessed for Palm Sunday, Rev. Randy was available at the front entrance to pass them to those who drove by between 10:30 am and 12:00 noon. More than 40 vehicles passed through. For anyone that couldn't drive by, but would still like to have their Palm cross to keep for the year ahead, speak to Rev. Randy and he will make sure you get one.

St. Lawrence's Pop-up Pantry will continue to operate during this difficult time. As you can imagine, there are a number of vulnerable people in our community who are in need. We are anticipating an increased demand for the pop-up pantry and as such we are asking those of you who are able, to continue to donate. Donations may be dropped off between 10 am and 1pm Mondays and Tuesdays at St. Lawrence's Anglican church. Please note that we now accept frozen items as well. Though it is at St. Lawrence's church it is a community venture supported by other churches and community organizations including our own parish of St. Philip.

From our Primate: Dear friends in Christ: Recently we have heard news that the Corona virus has now spread into Canada. Many of us remember the SARS crisis and the precautions that were needed when it came close to our communities. First, our prayers are extended to those who are ill with this virus and those who are caring for them. So far there has been no call from public health officials for additional measures in public activities. However it is prudent to ensure that we have reviewed our practices in pastoral care and public worship to keep everyone, especially the most vulnerable due to age or infirmity, safe and to allay fears that may arise.

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary

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Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast

The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for Easter Sunday

**1st Reading:
Jeremiah 31: 1-6**

**Psalm 118: 1-2 and 14-24
Pages: 866-868**

**2nd Reading:
Acts 10: 34-43**

**Gospel
Matthew 28: 1-10**

Emmaus House Food Bank needs help! During the present health care crisis much focus has been placed on providing for individuals and families who find themselves short of income due to lay off or job loss. There are of course others in our community who are chronically unemployed due to disability; be it physical, mental health, addiction or a combination of two or all three. Emmaus House Food Bank serves some of the most vulnerable people in the metropolitan area. The food bank is a cooperative effort between five parishes (two Roman Catholic and three Anglican). It operates out of a building attached to St. Bon's School on the Basilica property. We could use a few additional volunteers at the Emmaus House Food Bank during the pandemic. Many of our volunteers are older seniors (75+) some with chronic medical issues who cannot come in now without putting themselves or other family members at risk. Some volunteers have been taking up the slack and are there daily. If you could spare a few hours weekly to assist in volunteering, it would be much appreciated. Those willing to help out can contact Susan Halley at susan.halley@nf.sympatico.ca, and she would be able to set up a suitable time for orientation and time to assist in the food bank operation.

Notes

Please check our parish Facebook page as well as our website for weekly updates. Any information we want to get out to our parishioners will be shared and please pass it along to others that may not be using this technology.

This Winter has been hard on church attendance. Because of the January state-of-emergency, and a couple of other weather events, plus COVID-19, we have missed a number of Sundays. This naturally impacts our parish finances for the year which is always concerning to Vestry. We ask our parishioners that have been unable to make their offerings to please consider helping us make up the difference throughout the year.

Your continued financial support is greatly needed at this time. Even though the church is closed to public gatherings and worship services, we must still maintain our offerings to keep the financial obligations of the parish up-to-date. Rev. Randy is in the office most days for anyone that would like to drop their weekly or monthly offerings into the parish. Please call ahead first to ensure the office is open 895-0715, if no one is there leave a message and your call will be returned. You can also mail them to 20 Coady's Rd. Portugal Cove-St. Philip's A1M 1L1. A number of people over the past couple of years have signed up for automatic E-givings, where their offerings are made through their banking institution on the 15th and 30th of the month. This is an excellent way of giving at this time when we don't know how long the church building will be closed.

Invitation to be part of our Mission Team. As we enter into a new year (2020) we are going to make mission a big part of our congregational development. As the diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador continues to emphasize the need for parishes to do some work in the area of mission, it is suggesting that every parish institute a mission team with goals and objectives to enable growth, including spiritual growth and renewal. If you have an interest in being part of this team we would love to have you join with us.

This year the ACW will be having a gift card tree as their Lenten/Easter fundraiser instead of filling a sock. The value of this tree is \$500.00. They are asking for your support by contributing a gift card of any value to their tree. The draw date will be determined later.

Interested in learning about what happens at the altar? Canon Morgan would be very interested in teaching you about it. If you would like to know what is involved in serving at the altar and the significance of it all, please speak to him. The invitation is to anyone 12 and over, and there is no obligation to be a server unless you want to be.

If your church can be of any help to you during this time of Covid-19 please let us know. We recognize that maybe some of our seniors may not be able to get out to purchase their groceries, or fill prescriptions, etc., if you are in need of someone to do these things for you please call the church office and we will ensure that someone comes to help you. Please call 895-0715 and leave a message or call Rev. Randy directly at 693-8537.

What does the future of the Church look like? In this case of a global Pandemic, and, as we see the situation in our own nation, province and communities presently, the whole Church of every single denomination and faith are in exactly the same position. When this is all over every church will be seeking to find once again its place in the community. When we look at biblical history every desert experience ended with new hope and new life. We pray that as we come through this desert time the church will find that it has been strengthened and given a clear vision of ministry. We pray that there will be a resurgence of living faith and that the church will be bold in leading it.

Please keep our building secure. We have had no major security issues, but from time-to-time it is good for us to remind everyone entrusted with a key to the building that it is the responsibility of that person to safe guard the key, and to ensure the key is never given to any unauthorized person. Please ensure that all lights are turned out, the door securely closed and locked. If a person receives a key for a specific duty and that person is no longer in that role the key must be returned so it can be given to the new person in that role.

Remember (when things get back to normal) that the first Sunday of each month there will be coffee/tea, juice and other refreshments served prior to the 10:30 am worship service. This is an opportunity for fellowship and welcoming everyone that comes. Thank you to Lisa for organizing it each month and to the youth that help her to serve. Anyone wishing to sponsor refreshments for a future time please contact Lisa Lake (Brown).

Church Chuckle

Hard Question

Willie: "Dad, my Sunday School teacher says we're here to help others."

Dad: "Yes, that's so."

Willie: "Well, what are the others here for?"



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Prayerfully consider your Parish in your Estate planning.

Stewardship thought for the Week

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

Amy Carmichael