

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Collect for the Day: (In Unison)** – Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison)** – Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion: (In Unison)** – God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and forever. Amen.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Joyce A. Clark, Alvin & Effie Clarke, Hilda Clarke, Martha Clarke, Lewis & Dorothy Clarke and their families.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Parish of The Epiphany (shared Ministry with Hearts Content) – Rector, The Ven. Eli Evans and the Parish of Flowers Cove (4 congregations) – Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Canon Vernon Short.

**Provincial Prayer Care:** We pray for the diocese of Central Newfoundland – Bishop John Watton, Archdeacon Terry Caines and Synod Office Staff.

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**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 forever. 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 you 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: Wallace & Georgina Clarke, Debbie Collis, Roland & Dianne M. Deans, Wendy Decker, Gloria Dempsey and their families.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Parish of Fogo Island East, The Church of the Holy Spirit – Rector, The Rev. Neal Buffett, Deacon, The Rev. Neil Coffin and the Parish of Fogo Island West (2 congregations) – Rector, The Rev. Neal Buffett,

**Provincial Prayer Care:** We pray for the diocese of Western Newfoundland – Bishop John Organ, Archdeacon David Taylor and Synod Office Staff.

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**April 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (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:** : As I write this reflection today, we are just about to have our final midweek Lenten service before the start of Holy Week. During Lent, at our Wednesday evening services, we have been following a worship program titled – *The Parables of Lent*. Each week we focused on a biblical parable that connects to Lenten themes. The readings, sermons, and prayers reveal that within each parable's plot is woven a unique message about what we receive through the crucified Christ. Each week parishioners were encouraged to take the message with them to enrich their own stories of faith in Jesus as they journeyed through Lent. The parables used were – *The Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector; The Sower and the Seed; The Hidden Treasure and Priceless pearl, The Good Samaritan; The Workers in the Vineyard; The Prodigal Son*. Though they are stories and parables spoken by Jesus so long ago, we believe they still hold significance and instruction to us of the present time, as we follow Jesus. That's the eternal nature of Jesus' words, that what he spoke still has value and meaning to us today, even though the world we live in sometimes crowds out their truth and practicality. So, Lent is now over, what comes next?

This Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, is Palm Sunday, and the beginning of Holy Week. What does that mean for us Christians? It is the most holy of all weeks in the Christian faith and on our liturgical calendars. You see, Easter Sunday does not just happen in isolation from everything else that occurred in Jesus' earthly life. On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent we used the weekly reading for *The Annunciation of The Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary*. A reading that we normally associate with Christmas, as the Angel Gabriel comes to Mary and tells her that she will conceive and bear a son and name him Jesus. Why would we have this reading at the end of Lent? Quite simply, the story of the Cross, and the story of Easter, has its beginnings when the angel comes to Mary to tell her of God's plan for her to give birth to the Son of God. God's plan for the redemption and salvation of humanity begins with the birth of Jesus, and his life and ministry would culminate on Palm Sunday, as he enters Jerusalem on a lowly donkey. The same people that welcomed him as a *king* that day would a few days later be calling for his crucifixion. As we begin with the liturgy of the palms on Palm Sunday, we will also commemorate other events that took place in Jesus' life that week – the Last Supper, his betrayal, his arrest and mock trial, and his death upon a cross. The power of this week, and the emotional turmoil we experience as modern-day followers of

Jesus, is still very real. To truly appreciate the magnanimity of what Jesus did for us all by rising from the grave on Easter Day, we must also make that journey through Holy Week. As we come now to Palm Sunday, I stress the importance of Christians, including parishioners and friends of St. Philip's parish to join us for the Holy Week journey. On Palm Sunday we will experience the liturgy of the palms, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm we will have the Service of Tenebrae, as we focus on the shadows that surrounded Jesus and his cross prior to his death. On Maunday Thursday, at 7:00 pm we will focus on Jesus' last supper with his disciples and friends, where he takes a towel and washes their feet as an example of humble servanthood, where he institutes the first eucharist. On Good Friday we will meet at 12:00 noon for our service of the Cross and Passion, as we feel the weight of what Jesus did for us by hanging on the cross. We will then gather for the great celebration of Easter, on Easter Sunday. We will have our first service at 7:00 am, followed by a light breakfast (all are welcome but we need to know you plan to stay for breakfast), our next service will be at 8:30 am and then again at 10:30 am. In this time of the world crowding out our focus on faith and worship, I hope you will try to find some time to join us for worship over this Holy Week and Easter Sunday. There is nothing more powerful than to see the people of God coming together in prayer, praise and thanksgiving, to honor our Lord and Saviour. I hope you can find that time to join with us in the coming week, and bring family and friends as well. Blessings.

*Rev. Randy*

## **THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> & April 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

#### **IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**Hubert & Myrtle Mercer,  
Derek Mercer,  
Cyril & Carrie Hiscock,  
Dorothy Walters &  
Doug Hiscock**

**Given by Harve & Ruth**



**Stefan E. Gibbons**

**Loving Son and Brother**

**Given by Parents, Bill & Daisy and  
Sister, Melanie Gibbons**

## **Dismissal Songs**

### **"Let There Be Love"**

*Let there be love  
shared among us,  
let there be love  
in our eyes;  
may now your love  
sweep this nation,  
cause us, Oh Lord  
to arise;  
Give us a fresh  
understanding,  
of Christian love that is real;  
let there be love  
shared among us,  
let there be love.*

### **"May God's Blessing"**

*May God's blessing  
Surround you each day,  
As you trust Him  
and walk in his way.  
May his presence within  
Guard and keep you  
from sin,  
go in peace,  
go in joy,  
go in love.*

**CHURCH/PARISH CENTRE CLEANING**

**More help is needed on the Altar/Cleaning Guild schedule.** If you would like to help out by being placed on a schedule it would be really appreciated. Please let Rev. Randy or Margie Tucker know.

We have Stella's Circle cleaners back again. We had been using this service prior to the pandemic, but dropped it when the churches were closed down. Three years later, and because our group of volunteer cleaners have dwindled in numbers or gotten older, it is necessary again to avail of this service. Like everything else, the cost of this service has increased greatly, and we will determine its affordability as we go forward. At the moment, the contract has been renewed to the end of June. As a result, **Vestry is now seeking an individual to do weekly cleaning.** This would involve about 4 hours per week of ensuring the foyer, Parish Centre, kitchen, washrooms and hallway are cleaned in preparation for Sunday worship. This person would begin on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Anyone interested in this position, and would like more information, please contact our church wardens. Gloria Earle at 727-8524 or Gary King at 691-3902.

**Snow Clearing.** Our snow clearing costs have also increased this year (first time in over 20 years) as well, so we will need the full financial support of all our parishioners to keep up with the additional costs.

**2023 church envelopes are available.** If you don't yet have yours, please check the table in the foyer. If you don't see them there, please speak to Rev. Randy and he will provide them to you. If you are new to our parish and would like to offer regular support, please ask for your box of envelopes as well. If you would like to sign up for regular E-Giving forms for this can be obtained from the parish office or downloaded from the parish website.

**Now that our choir is up and going again** we would love to welcome new members of all ages. It would be wonderful if we could have enough members to fill out the choir pews on both sides of the chancel. In addition to singing to the glory of God on Sunday morning it is also a time of fellowship and fun each week at practice.

**New information brochures for Planned Giving** is available in the foyer. Kevin Smith has been the Planned Giving diocesan officer for many years but will be retiring from the position in June. He is currently going around the parishes to update the brochures. If you are interested in how you can be part of this program please take a brochure, it is also posted on the parish website.

**Sunday School is up and going** and we encourage parents with young children to bring them to the 10:30 am Sunday service so they can be a part of it. If we have adequate numbers of children we can plan some congregational activities as well. We also encourage others to volunteer as helpers.

**The ACW will be doing their Lenten Sock project** again this year. The socks are now available, and, as in past years, if you take a sock please try to return them to the church when you have included your contribution in them. Simply drop them into the offering plate and they will be passed on to the ACW. Your support enables our ACW to raise their annual church contribution each year.

**Columbarium niches** are still available for purchase. Approximately 31 of the 48 available have been sold since they were first installed in 2016. The cost is still \$3000 (no tax if purchased from the church, funeral home will charge tax) The plan is to install more of them once these are sold, however, the cost of future units will be determined by the cost of purchase and installation at that time. Anyone requiring more information about the columbarium is asked to speak to the rector.

**Please keep our building secure.** We have had no recent 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, garbage placed in the outside box, 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.

**A call for musical talent is going out to all our parishioners.** As we all know, there are a lot of people in our congregation with gifts of music and/or song, which we would like to incorporate into our worship from time-to-time. Rev. Randy hopes to hold a Memorial Hymn-Sing in March, and draw on some of our parish talent to participate in addition to our choir. This service will be held on a Sunday evening on a specific date to be determined later. If you or anyone in your family would like to prepare a hymn(s) or gospel song(s) please speak to Rev. Randy. It is our hope to be able to occasionally do some services to involve members of the congregation in this way.

***Maintenance Fund:*** *We continue to ask our parishioners to give monthly through the Maintenance Fund to help us lower our debt on the heating system. We borrowed the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Bank of Montreal. This loan, we are happy to say will be completely paid off this coming November. Following that we will need to keep paying into our maintenance fund on a regular basis because within the next couple of years we will probably need to replace the roof shingles, among other necessary jobs to be done. Your support of the Maintenance Fund is extremely important to the parish.*

**Bulletins** will continue to be printed every second week for the foreseeable future. We do encourage our parishioners to go online at: [stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn](mailto:stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn) to read the bulletins.

**St. Philip's parish is set up to receive E-Transfers.** These days many of us do online banking and send e-transfers, so this is another way to make your contribution to the parish. Simply go online and use the parish email address as follows: [stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com](mailto:stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com) and please enter your name and envelope number (if you have a number) into the message box. The parish will receive your offering instantly and a message will be sent to our treasurer and she will ensure the amount gets added to your envelope offerings for tax purposes. It's very easy and convenient.

**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.  
[www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch](https://www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch)

Our parish website can be accessed now through a **QR Code** (Quick Response Code). By scanning the code with your cell phone, tablet or some other compatible device you will immediately be taken to the parish website. We are also in the process of updating our website so it can be current. Here is the QR Code:



**NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES**

The Easter morning breakfast signup sheet is in the foyer. If you would like to join us for breakfast after the 7:00 am early service on Easter Sunday please sign your name on the sheet. There is no cost for breakfast.

**Holy Week services** will be as follows: Palm Sunday at 8:30 am and 10:30 am. The service of Tenebrae on Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. The Maunday Thursday service at 7:00 pm. Good Friday at 12:00 noon.

**Easter Sunday services** will be at 7:00 am, 8:30 am and 10:30 am. All are welcome and we hope you can join us for the beautiful and powerful resurrection services.

**ACW Sub-Sandwich Sale** will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$10 and includes cookies and pop. Anyone interested should contact the ACW ladies or parish office.

**May 6<sup>th</sup> - Carol Bartlett is organizing a Dessert Party** in the Parish Centre for Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a church fundraiser and we ask members of the parish to support it. The last one was held prior to the pandemic so we look forward to this one. More details will be provided by Carol in the coming days.

**The 2023 Annual Flower Service** will be on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm. We want to give everyone lots of advance notice, as some people living away may schedule their visit home around the time of the service.

**Thank you to all who supported the ACM Salmon Dinner** on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Once more it was a success, and your support helps keep our parish operating and meeting its expenses. Thank you to all those who helped by preparing the food and getting the dinners ready for pickup. A job well done!

All individuals, church and non-church groups are reminded that the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre and washrooms are not to be accessed until the after-school Ballicatter group concludes at 6:00 pm Monday to Friday and all children are picked up. This is in accordance with provincial rules that govern the Ballicatter operation. If access to the kitchen is required, please check with Michelle first. Anyone using the facility during the time the program is operating must have a code of conduct letter on file at the parish office, as well as permission from Michelle, the Ballicatter program administer.

**Anyone wishing to make memorial contributions to the Sanctuary Flower Fund** for the Easter flowers should do so on or before Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, as the Easter flowers will be picked up later that week for Easter Sunday. There are Sanctuary Flower Fund forms in the lobby of the church.

**A little on what your PWRDF contributions are doing:** We have allocated \$260,000, along with \$250,000 from our Canadian Foodgrains Bank account, to support a three-month humanitarian response project in Kenya. The emergency food distribution will be implemented by Church World Service in Maikona and Korr/Ngurunit wards in Marsabit County. Close to 90% of the people in Marsabit County have been affected by drought. Livelihoods have been ravaged, including massive death among camels, which are typically very resilient to drought. Marsabit County has been designated as an emergency since October 2022. Nationally, more than 5.5 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance.

A day after the 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck southeastern Türkiye on the Syrian border, PWRDF allocated \$35,000 to the ACT Alliance to support an urgent response from its members working in Syria. PWRDF began accepting donations from people wanting to help and has so far received \$88,825. We have also allocated \$5,000 to the Diocese of Jerusalem, working in Northern Syria. **YOUR PWRDF DONATIONS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF PEOPLE ENDURING MUCH HUMAN SUFFERING!**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Palm Sunday**  
**Liturgy of the Palms**

Liturgy of the Palms –  
Lead by Clergy

Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-29  
Matthew 21: 1-11

Liturgy of the Passion  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Isaiah 50: 4-9a  
Psalm 31 :  
9-16  
(Pages 740-742)

**(Rev. R. Osmond)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
Philippians 2:  
5-11

**(Joan Osmond)**

Gospel  
Matthew 27:  
11-54

**(Deacon Bonnell)**

**Midweek**  
**Services**

**Wednesday of**  
**Holy Week**  
**Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>**

Readings included in  
the service booklet.  
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**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Exodus 12:  
1-4, 11-14

Psalms 116:  
1-2, 12-19  
(Pages 864-865)

**(Harvey Hiscock)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:  
23-26

**(Ruth Hiscock)**

Gospel  
John 13:  
1-17, 31b-35

**(Deacon Bonnell)**

**Good Friday**  
**Service**

**April 7<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup>. Reading  
Isaiah 52:  
13-53:12

Psalms 22  
(Pages 728-731)

**(Canon Shirley)**

2<sup>nd</sup>. Reading  
Hebrews 10:  
16-25

**(Todd Martin)**

Gospel  
John 18:  
1-19:42

**(Deacon Bonnell)**

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Day of Resurrection**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**7 am Communion**

**8:30 am**  
**Communion**

(Scriptural Sentence)  
*Christ our Passover*  
*has been sacrificed*  
*for us; therefore let*  
*us keep the feast.*  
(Page 335)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Jeremiah 31:  
1-6

Psalms 118  
(Pages 866-868)

**(Gloria Earle)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
Acts 10:  
34-43

**(Dave Earle)**

Gospel  
Matthew 28:  
1-10

**(Deacon Bonnell)**