

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.*

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August 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's desk: : I bring you greetings from the parish of St. Philip, and hope your summer has been going well. We had to wait a while for summer to arrive, and those cold June days were discouraging, however, at the other extreme, July turned out to be perhaps the hottest month on record globally. It was a bitter-sweet month, on the one hand we really enjoyed all those hot days and beautiful sunshine, but on the other hand, we realize that much of it can be attributed to climate change, caused in large part by human beings misusing and abusing the planet we live on. We have seen, in the past few months, many examples of devastation from climate change, with out-of-control wildfires across Canada, lack of rain, and extreme temperatures. For 31 one days straight the temperature in Phoenix, Arizona, was at least 43 degrees Celsius. Europe was caught in a heatwave like never experienced before. In our own province we are experiencing changing weather patterns as well, stronger winds, rising sea levels, flooding, and other things that cause us to be concerned about the future of our planet, and the future of our children, grandchildren, and generations to come. I am reminded of the story of creation in the book of Genesis. The creation story begins with the opening chapter of the Bible and these words: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." We learn from the text that the earth was formless, empty, and dark, and God's Spirit moved over the waters preparing to perform God's creative Word. Then began the seven most creative days of all time as God spoke life into existence. A day-by-day account follows.

- **Day 1** - God created light and separated the light from the darkness, calling light "day" and darkness "night."
- **Day 2** - God created an expanse to separate the waters and called it "sky."
- **Day 3** - God created the dry ground and gathered the waters, calling the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters "seas." On day three, God also created vegetation (plants and trees).
- **Day 4** - God created the sun, moon, and the stars to give light to the earth and to govern and separate the day and the night. These would also serve as signs to mark seasons, days, and years.
- **Day 5** - God created every living creature of the seas and every winged bird, blessing them to multiply and fill the waters and the sky with life.

- **Day 6** - God created the animals to fill the earth. On day six, God also created man and woman (Adam and Eve) in God's own image to commune with God. God blessed them and gave them every creature and the whole earth to rule over, care for, and cultivate.
- **Day 7** - God had finished the work of creation and so rested on the seventh day, blessing it and making it holy.

When God finished creating, it was pleasing to God. It seems that God was especially pleased with the creation of human beings, so much so that God entrusted the whole of the earth to humanity. Dominion over the seas, the skies, and every living thing on the earth. With that came a great responsibility of stewardship and management of the earth's resources, and, from all appearances it seems we have not done a great job caring for God's creation. We have failed to live up to God's expectations of us as tenants, and desecrated what God created as holy. As Christians, we realize that we have a responsibility to care for what God has entrusted to us. Even non-Christians, and even those of no religious belief system, realize our need to take better care of the planet. Let's hope that present governments and future governments will have more success than those of the past. It really starts with us, what can we do as individuals and communities to be less wasteful, and make better use of the earth's resources. Right now, we are on a dangerous collision course, and the future of our planet, and the quality of life for our children and grandchildren will be determined in part by how we address the problems of the world today. We really do need nations to beat their swords into ploughshares. When we look at the money and resources wasted on war, just imagine if all of that was used to make our world a better place. The 18-month war in Ukraine is an example of so much wasted on war that could make such a difference in our world if used for peace, and the improvement of the planet. We have been doing a number of things in our parish to lessen our carbon footprint, which I hope will inspire us to do more. We have a geo-thermal heating system to heat our building, with the new LED lights installed we have a more energy efficient lighting system throughout our building, and we are still heavily involved in the parish recycling program on a weekly basis. We are one church in one community, imagine what can be done when we all make the effort. We have the ability to make a difference when we all work together. As we come to the latter part of summer, I invite you to join with us at St. Philip's church in September, as we begin anew the various ministries of the parish. The more we work together, gather together, worship together, the greater our church can be in making a difference where we are. Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation and know a welcome awaits you always at our church. Blessings!!

Rev. Randy

Services for August:

Aug. 6 – 8:30 am – Holy Comm. (BCP)
10:30 am – Holy Euch. (BAS)

Aug. 13 – 8:30 am – Holy Comm. (BCP)
10:30 am – Holy Euch.(BAS)

Aug. 20 – 8:30 am – Holy Comm. (BCP)
10:30 am – Holy Euch. (BAS)

Aug. 27 – 8:30 am – Holy Comm. BCP)
10:30 am – Holy Euch. (BAS)

Sept. 3 – 8:30 – Holy comm. (BCP)
10:30 am – Holy Euch. (BAS)

Envelope drop-off box in the foyer. The box formerly used to collect Canadian Tire money, has now been re-purposed to receive weekly envelopes. This box is accessible most days of the week (Monday – Friday) in the afternoons, when the main doors are open. If you have church envelopes to drop off to the church during the week, and the office is not open, please drop them into the box next to the nursery room door. This box will be checked at the end of each day and any envelopes inside will be transferred to the office safe until monies are counted on Sundays.

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.. 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. **As we move toward the Summer Season, please remember the needs of the church.** Summer is a time when many parishioners are away on holidays, camping, spending time at the cottage, etc. There are several ways that we can still be regular in our weekly offerings, so that the treasurer is able to keep all our commitments up-to-date. We have many signed up for regular E-Givings, if this is something you would like to do, simply pick up a form from the parish office. We can keep post-dated cheques in the office safe, and we can use the Email Transfer method, by simply using the parish email: stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com You may simply type the message "weekly offering" in the message box. Thank you for all your generous support to the parish, it helps us stay financially strong and viable. This is especially important at a time when some parishes are struggling to stay afloat and joining up with other parishes to share a priest.

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

Blessing of the backpacks will take place on Sunday, September 3rd at the 10:30 am worship service. As the teachers and kids prepare for another school year, starting September 6th, we invite them to bring their school bags, backpacks, for the *blessing of the backpacks*. As we ask God's blessings on them for a safe and enjoyable year. All are welcome!

Sunday School will resume later in September, at a date to be determined yet. We would like to see some more volunteers sign up to help out, as well as lots of children enrolled. Registration forms will be available as soon as we determine the exact date to begin.

Confirmation classes will begin in October. The date for Confirmation Sunday has not yet been set by the bishop, but it will likely be in the spring of 2024. Any young people desiring to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are asked to see the rector about registering.

More help is needed with the ACM recycling program.

Did you know that over the many years our ACM has been collecting recyclables they have brought over \$250,000 into the parish? Each week the recyclables are picked up from designated drop off bins in town, taken to the sorting and counting location, and counted and bagged on Monday nights. Once there is enough collected, they are taken to the recycling depot in St. John's. There is a need for more help in doing this work. If you would like to be part of this very important work, and can spare a couple of hours on Monday nights, please speak to Gary King or John Parrell.

The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is now available for rentals. If you would like to book the hall, or would like information about rental costs, please contact Donna or Janice Spurrell at 895-3581.

We will be re-shingling the church roof soon. In the past year we have noticed that each time we have strong wind we lose a few shingles. We have determined that the life of the shingles have now expired and the problem will only get worst over the near future. We also want to avoid the damage that comes from water leaking through the roof. We were hoping to do this work another year, especially doing the lighting project this year, however, it is necessary to get it done now. Vestry received a number of bids on the work, and they did range in price vastly; we decided to accept a bid from Metro Roofing of \$56,850.00 plus HST for a total of \$65,377.50 We will receive half the HST back (4,263.75) and we will receive a rebate from our diocesan account (2,500). Once we receive these rebates the cost of doing the roof will be approximately \$58,613.75. We ask all our parishioners to support the ongoing work of maintaining our building, by regularly contributing above and beyond our regular offerings, to the Maintenance Fund.

Columbarium niches are still available for purchase. Approximately 37 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.

If you would like to receive the rector's messages, bulletins and other parish information from time-to-time please provide him with your email address by contacting him at the following address: lockyerrandy@gmail.com

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.

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The lighting project is nearly completed. There is one more light to be installed (over the organ), which will be done when it arrives. We have had many compliments about the lights, and we are proud that they are more energy efficient, and should lower our electrical costs monthly. If anyone would like to donate a light, or make a smaller donation towards the overall cost, that would be great. Each light purchased and installed costs about \$1150, so any amount given will be a help. Thank you to those who have already contributed by paying for the cost of a light, or contributing toward the overall cost of the project.

Resuming our Sunday morning coffee hour this Fall. One Sunday of the month we invite parishioners and visitors to come a little early for the 10:30 am worship and enjoy coffee/tea and refreshments served in the foyer. We are looking for volunteers to organize the event. If you would like to help with this please speak to Rev. Randy.

THE BULLETIN FOR THE Month of August

IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Thomas James Skinner Sr.
Lorraine Marie Squires**

Given By:
John & Lorraine Whelan
& Family



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Myrtle Mercer
(August 29, 1929 – April 26, 2016)**

"Always in our Hearts"

Given by:
Her Family

August 6th

Scriptural Sentence

"We do not live b bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

1st Reading

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

Psalm 99:

Page: 836

(Canon Don Morgan)

2nd Reading

2nd Peter 1: 16-19

(Debbie Collis)

Gospel

Luke 9: 28-36

(Deacon Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts - God our sustainer, accept all we offer you this day, and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Prayer after Communion – God of grace, we have shared in the mystery of the body and blood of Christ. May we who have tasted the bread of life live with you forever. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

August 13th

Scriptural Sentence

"I wait for the Lord; in his word is my hope."

1st Reading

Isaiah 7: 10-15

Psalm 132: v. 6-10,13-14

Pages: 889-890

(Harvey Hiscock)

2nd Reading

Galatians 4: 4-7

(Ruth Hiscock)

Gospel

Luke 2: 1-7

(Deacon Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; 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 – Father, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

August 20th

Scriptural Sentence

"Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people."

1st Reading

Genesis 45: 1-15

Psalm 133

Pages: 890-891

(Gloria Earle)

2nd Reading

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

(Dave Earle)

Gospel

Matthew 9: 35-10:8

(Deacon Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect - Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts - Loving God and Father, you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

August 27th

Scriptural Sentence

"Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God."

1st Reading

2nd Chronicles 24: 17-21

Psalm 71: v. 1-6, 15-17

Pages: 795-797

(Ches or Ethel Barfitt)

No appointed 2nd Reading

Gospel

Mark 6: 17-29

(Deacon Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect - Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts the most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts - God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Sept. 3rd

Scriptural Sentence

"May the father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us."

1st Reading

Jeremiah 15: 15-21

Psalm 26: v. 1-8

Pages: 734-735

(Gary King)

2nd Reading

Romans 12: 9-21

(Canon Shirley Gosse)

Gospel

Matthew 16: 21-28

(Deacon Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect - Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts - Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion - Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen