

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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May 19th and 26th, 2024 (Year B)

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: As I share a few words with you for this two-week bulletin, we are about to celebrate a very special day on our liturgical calendar. This Sunday (May 19th) is **Pentecost Sunday**, traditionally known as the birthday of the Church, when Jesus ascended to heaven and sent the Holy Spirit to lead us. What a wonderful opportunity it presents to us, as the people of faith, as followers of Jesus Christ, to renew our own faith, and to come together as one, and dedicate ourselves anew to service. Together we can be Christ's Church in a powerful way, divided we weaken the church and empower evil. Pentecost is a celebration of the Holy Spirit, but more than that, it is also a reminder to us of how Jesus kept his promise, to not leave us on our own to make our way in the world, but to be led by God's Holy Spirit in all things. *"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability".* The Day of Pentecost is always a great celebration for the church. We gather together each year on this day, to hear the story of the birth of the Church, told in Acts 2: when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles like the rush of a violent wind, with tongues as of fire dancing on their heads; people from all nations hearing the apostles speaking in their own language, and more than 3,000 responding by being baptized into Christ. It is an amazing story to hear again, isn't it? The miracle of Pentecost. But don't we wonder a little, when we hear this story, whether we are missing something today? After all, I doubt that our celebration Sunday morning will include a violent wind, or fire, or miraculous speech. So are we missing something? Where is the wind and the fire today? Where is the excitement of that first Pentecost? I think that sometimes we fail to see the Spirit working among us because we have this very powerful image of the book of Acts before us, and we forget that the Holy Spirit is not confined to one type of manifestation only, but moves among us in mysterious ways. Let me share with you three ways I believe the Holy Spirit moves among us *whenever we come together in one place.* First, the Holy Spirit is here and comes to us today, through the **Holy Word** – the divinely-inspired, faith-producing, life-changing Word of God – which connects us to all Christians going all the way back to that first Pentecost. The second way that the Holy Spirit comes to us today is through the **gathered congregation**. As Martin Luther put it: *"The Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith".* And we come together in Jesus' name, there is another way in which the Holy Spirit comes to us. And that is through the **Holy Sacraments**. When we gather in the name of Jesus.

Remember our baptisms. Devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching. And to the breaking of the bread, and the prayers. We may not have wind and fire today, but we are here, gathered in the name of Jesus. Doing those very things that the Church has done since that first Pentecost. And that means that the Holy Spirit is present among us now, just as it was then. The Church may be changing, and we may well be dismayed and disheartened by many of these changes, especially as we see people fall away from the faith, and cling wholeheartedly to the secular world, but one thing is for certain – the Church of Jesus Christ is built on a solid foundation, and Jesus said – *the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* As we look at churches quarter full, half full, or churches closing because not enough people attend and support, it's easy to be discouraged; however, as we are reminded all the time, the Church is much more than a building, Christ continues to build his Church in the hearts of working among us because we have this very powerful image of the book of Acts before us, and we forget that the Holy Spirit is not confined to one type of manifestation only, but moves among us in mysterious ways. Let me share with you three ways I believe the Holy Spirit moves among us *whenever we come together in one place.* First, the Holy Spirit is here, and comes to us today, through the **Holy Word** – the divinely-inspired, faith-producing, life-changing Word of God – which connects us to all Christians going all the way back to that first Pentecost. The second way that the Holy Spirit comes to us today is through the **gathered congregation**. As Martin Luther put it: *"The Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith".* And we come together in Jesus' name, there is another way in which the Holy Spirit comes to us. And that is through the **Holy Sacraments**. When we gather in the name of Jesus. Remember our baptisms. Devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching. And to the breaking of the bread, and the prayers. We may not have wind and fire today, but we are here, gathered in the name of Jesus. Doing those very things that the Church has done since that first Pentecost. And that means that the Holy Spirit is present among us now, just as it was then. The Church may be changing, and we may well be dismayed and disheartened by many of these changes, especially as we see people fall away from the faith, and cling wholeheartedly to the secular world, but one thing is for certain – the Church of Jesus Christ is built on a solid foundation, and Jesus said – *the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* As we look at churches quarter full, half full, or churches closing because not enough people attend and support, it's easy to be discouraged; however, as we are reminded all the time, the Church is much more than a building, Christ continues to build his Church in the hearts of people. The primary purpose for the existence of any church building is to proclaim a crucified, resurrected and ascended lord, who sits at the right hand of God and will come again. In the meantime, as we await his coming, we are not alone, we have the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide us in our

THANK YOU TO JOYCE KEEPING & ADA LOCKYER for hosting this month's *Coffee Hour* today. It is always an opportunity to share and get to know one another better. Our next one will be Sunday, June 2nd, and this will be the last one until September.

Youth gathering in the Fall. Brenda Gavin-Harding and Rev. Randy are interested in bringing together the young people of our parish to plan some form(s) of youth ministry. We are asking parents/grandparents etc., to talk to the youth in your family and encourage them to sign up for participation. We would love to have a list of interested youth now to do some groundwork over the next few months.

As Summer approaches we remind everyone of the need to keep our cemetery grounds as tidy as possible, including the columbarium section. As more of the niches are in use there is no room for flowers and other memorial items, and often they get blown around and broken. Please adhere to the regulations in place. Let's keep it looking beautiful there.

To those who hold keys to the building we want to stress the importance of ensuring the building is securely locked after every usage. As a rule, if you unlock a door please lock it after, even if someone else is in the building. Ensure all windows are closed and locked, all lights are out and the door locked. Not often, but occasionally a door gets left unlocked all through the night, so please be extra vigilant in securing the building.

Canon Shirley continues to look after our Sunday readings and reader lists. In the past year we added a couple of new readers to the list, but would love to have even more. If you would like to be one of our readers on a Sunday morning please speak to Canon Shirley.

Altar Servers are needed. We welcome any young people in our congregation that would like to serve at the altar to please speak to Rev. Randy. Duties include things such as lighting and putting out the candles, carrying the cross, helping with Communion, etc. Canon Morgan did some extensive training with a group of adults as well in the past year, so we would like to get them involved in this ministry as well this year.

Columbarium niches are nearly all sold. Of the 48 available 45 of them have already been sold. There are plans to purchase and install more units in the coming year, and the cost of those individual niches will depend on the cost of the units.

As Summer gets nearer (it will arrive), many people will be doing work on family graves in the cemetery. We remind everyone that there are regulations governing the cemetery, so please check with the rector or vestry if you have questions. We do hope to have a student again this Summer, but that will depend on whether or not we receive a government grant. Please help keep our cemetery, including the columbarium area of it, looking beautiful. Also be safe while doing work on family graves, there may be areas where one could fall or twist an ankle.

Parish Recycling program is something we are very proud of in our parish. This is a project taken on by our men's group (ACM) many years ago and still going strong. Residents of the town drop off their bottles and cans at several designated sites, our men pick it up and take it to the recycling trailer, where it gets sorted, counted and bagged every Monday night. Once we have enough its placed on a trailer and taken to the recycling depot in St. John's. In addition to keeping a lot of stuff out of the landfill, it brings much needed money into our parish budget. There is a need for extra volunteers that can spare about two hours on a Monday night (7-9 pm) to come along and help out. If you can do this, please speak to our ACM president, Gary King at 709-895-6239.

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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NOTICES /MEMORABLE DATES

May 19 - Sunday, May 19th, we welcome into the church, and into the family of God, by way of the sacrament of baptism, *Katelyn Renee Barrett*, daughter of Sarah King & Allister Barrett.

May 19 - is Pentecost Sunday. We celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church. As recorded in the book of Acts, once Jesus ascends to heaven, he pours the Holy Spirit upon his disciples and commissions them to take the Gospel into all the world. It really is the institution of the Church, and a reminder to us to continue the work started with the pouring out of the Spirit, the same Spirit that has guided the Church for over 2000 years.

May 19 and May 26 - The next services of baptism in our parish will be both May 19th and May 26th. We try not to schedule them together, but occasionally it is necessary so as to accommodate travel and work schedules.

May 28 – ACW Card game will be held on Tuesday, May 28th at 8:00 pm. Please bring your own cards and baskets – tea and coffee will be provided. This will be the last card game until September.

June 2 – is our monthly COFFEE HOUR! We hope you will join us just before the 10:30 am worship service in the foyer for coffee/tea (juice for the kids) and refreshments. This month's coffee hour is sponsored by Florence Morgan and Winnie Lynch. The monthly coffee hour is meant to help our parishioners get to know each other more, and to welcome visitors.

June 11 - Upcoming Ordinations in our diocese: God Willing, the Rt. Rev. Samuel Rose, Bishop of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, intends to ordain the following to the Sacred Order of Deacons: Ms. Gail Dick, Ms. Maxine Drover, Mr. William Haynes; and to the Sacred Order of Priesthood, the Bishop intends to ordain the Rev. Tracy Lynn Sullivan on the Feast of St. Barnabas the Apostle being Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, St. John's. For clergy able to attend, the liturgical colour is Red. Your prayers are welcomed for the Ordinands and the Bishop as they prepare for this ordination.

July 28 - This year's annual Flower Service will be held on Sunday, July 28th at 3:00 pm. If the weather does not cooperate the service will be held inside.

Congratulations to Rev. Russell Osmond who celebrated the 33rd anniversary of his ordination as Deacon on May 14th.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION! This year the Anglican Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador is joining forces with the Anglican Foundation of Canada's (AFC) *Say Yes! to Kids* campaign to raise funds to revitalize youth ministry in our Diocese. Whether we are sponsoring delegates to CLAY, supporting the Church Lads Brigade, or actively discerning where God might be calling us to new ministry with children, youth, and young adults, these activities are evidence of our faith in action. Together we are doing the work, planting the seeds, and praying all the while that these efforts will help to grow strong and vibrant communities of faith as more young people come to know and love Jesus Christ.

Your gifts to this year's *Say Yes! to Kids* fundraising effort will help to nurture many of the seeds of youth ministry and outreach that are already growing in this diocese, and to help us plant some new ones! And for every \$20 in support of our campaign, \$4 will support national youth-centred grants through AFC. You can support the [Anglican East NL Says Yes! to Kids](#) team in three ways:

- Celebrate a *Say Yes! to Kids* Sunday in your church on June 2, or any other Sunday in June, with the help of [the liturgical resource developed by AFC](#).
- Make a donation to our [Anglican East NL Says Yes! to Kids](#) team. [DONATE ONLINE HERE](#).
- **Pray for the success of this year's *Say Yes! to Kids* campaign** and for youth ministries in your community, in our diocese, and across the Anglican Church of Canada.

Please give generously to the [Anglican East NL Says Yes! to Kids](#) team today and help to grow a brighter future for young people in the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador and beyond. Thank you!

*The Rt. Rev. Sam Rose
Bishop of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador*

faith and ministry. When we get up Sunday morning and come to church, it is because we are prompted by that same Spirit. When we drop our envelope into the collection plate, or make those electronic offerings regularly to support the mission of the church, that is the Holy Spirit at work. When we offer ourselves in the ministry of the church, its mission and outreach, that's the Holy Spirit. Easter Sunday is now 50 days past, we enter the next season of the church year *Pentecost* (and next Sunday also Trinity). There may not be any violent wind or fire today. But we're not here for the wind and the fire. We are here to worship the God behind that wind and fire, to give thanks for the gift of God's only Son, who died to save us and forgive us, and we are here to receive again the promised Holy Spirit, who unites us to our God in ways beyond what we can even imagine.

May God bless each one of us and place upon our hearts a true desire to eradicate the darkness of the world by shining as beacons of light for Christ. Amen!

Rev. Randy

Help needed in our Sound Room on Sunday mornings? There is a real need for volunteers to control the microphones, etc. during our morning services so that we have the right volume and everyone can hear what is being said. This would be a great thing for some of our young people to get involved with, they have lots of technical ability for sure. We would also like to get back to using our screens on a more regular basis as well. Speak to Rev. Randy about it.

Youth in our parish are invited to be part of our diocesan move to revitalize youth ministry in our diocese. This Fall, as part of our *Set Sail – Charting The Course For Christ's Church* parish plan, Rev. Randy and Brenda Harding will be reaching out to the young people of our parish to invite them to be part of the church in visible and tangible ways.

Our Food Bank boxes are still in the foyer and we welcome donations of non-perishable food items to be dropped into them. Once they are full we take them to the Pop-Up Pantry (food bank) at St. Lawrence's church.

Ballicatter - As a reminder, because of government regulations under which they operate, we must ensure that when they are using the space, which includes the parish centre and washrooms, no other persons are allowed access. Their usual hours of operation are from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm Monday to Friday.

Funding for a Summer student has been approved once more. Our church warden, Gloria Earle, will be posting the position soon, and more information will be provided in the coming days.

Do you know that parishioners can sign-up for E-Giving? This helps ensure that your parish receives your regular offerings on a biweekly or monthly basis through regular deductions from your bank account. This is especially helpful to the parish during the summer months when many of our parishioners are away for long periods of time. Further information about this is available from the parish office as well as the proper forms to set it up.

Set Sail – Charting The Course For Christ's Church is a strategic diocesan program, which looks at ways to strengthen parishes and better equip them to do ministry in the church and in the wider communities. It is a 4-part program consisting of (1) Deepening Relationships, (2) Transforming Discipleship, (3) Renewing Stewardship and (4) Engaging Partnerships. Under these headings are 6 goals – (1) Renewal of faith by regular examination of our Baptismal Covenant, (2) Develop our congregations to be more inclusive, supportive, and non-judgmental communities of faith, (3) To enable baptized persons to explore and express their faith in relationship with Christ, (4) To renew our understanding of true, holistic nature of our stewardship and responsibility to all of God's creation, (5) To examine our environmental footprint in light of the climate emergency and take tangible action to reduce the negative impact both as individuals and a faith community, (6) Recognize God in and through others, to partner with others outside our faith communities to support and engage in shared work, witness and ministry, and help bring dignity to every human being. As we move along with the rest of the diocese in this program, we hope in this year to engage in some tangible work as a parish to bring about some of these goals.

Prayer Cycles

May 19th

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Canada, its Primate, the Most Rev. Linda Nichols (retiring in September).

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Harbour Breton (3 congregations) - the Rev. Jonathan Durdle, Rector.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador – The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rose, Bishop; Archdeacon Charlene Taylor and Church House staff.

Parish Families: We pray for our parish families: This week we remember: Margaret Tucker, Mark & Sharon Tucker, Moses & Linda Tucker, Rhonda & William Tucker, Victor Tucker and their families.

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Weeks of May 19th & May 26th
IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MADGE MAJELLA SHARPE
July 25th, 1943 – May 21st, 2022

Forever Loved & Sadly Missed By
Steve, Children & Family

Prayer Cycles

May 26th

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa – The Most Rev. Albert Chama, Primate.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Harbour Grace (2 congregations) (awaiting appointment) and the Parish of Heart’s Content, its congregation – The Rev. Verna Chislett, Priest-in-charge.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Western Newfoundland – The Rt. Rev. John Organ, Bishop; Archdeacon Charlene Kaing and Synod Office staff.

Parish Families: We pray for our parish families: This week we remember: Walter & Susannah Tucker, William & Rebecca Tucker, Shirley & Marguerite Tucker-Thorne, Kelli Tucker-Tizzard, Thomas Tulk and their families.

May 19th

Pentecost Sunday

Scriptural Sentence

1st Reading
Acts 2: 1-21
Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b
Pages: 844-845
(Joyce Keeping)

2nd Reading
Romans 8: 22-27
(Debbie Collis)

Gospel
John 15: 26-27 / John 16: 4b-15
(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending to us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth his gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

May 26th

Trinity Sunday

Scriptural Sentence

1st Reading
Isaiah 6 : 1-8
Psalm 29
Page : 738
(Lori Gosse)

2nd Reading
Romans 8: 12-17
(Reegan Gosse)

Gospel
John 3 : 1-17
(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – Living God, receive all we offer you this day. Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit, we may share in your divine life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion - Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the glory of your majesty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen