

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.

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August, 2021 (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:

It seems like only a few days ago the kids finished up the school year, and we wished them a safe and happy summer vacation. Even though there is still much of summer yet to enjoy, we realize that with the arrival of August month comes too preparations for the new school year. With our three sons all attending Memorial University, it is my hope and prayer that this school year will bring with it a greater sense of normalcy than the last year. We have every indication that we are going to embrace a much better year, vaccine rates are high and Covid-19 infections in the province are presently non-existent. Does that mean we are out of the woods? Not at all, what it means is we can safely begin to move cautiously toward normal lives. Our children can go back to school, college and university and work and study in a pre-pandemic fashion. It means we can travel to see our family members, they can travel to be with us, without fear of making each other sick with a potentially deadly virus. It means that we can interact and engage with each other in an up-close and personal way. It means we can resume much of our daily routines that got changed or ceased altogether at the beginning of the pandemic. That includes our faith living and our life together as a church family. The last 18 months has not been easy for any of us, we missed out on so much, and there is a deep yearning for life as we knew it to return once more. As human beings, made in the image of God, we are not created to live unto ourselves, we are physical, spiritual, emotional and social beings that live our lives in relationship with God and with each other. The bible speaks of several events and eras when God's people were separated from God and from the ability to worship God in freedom. Perhaps two of the best known examples is the story of Adam and Eve when they were expelled from the Garden of Eden, and the story of the Israelites wandering 40 years in the wilderness trying to get back home to God. The history of God and humanity shows how destructive our lives are when that relationship with God is broken or strained. It's the story of the Prodigal Son in Luke's gospel (15), and not just the Prodigal Son but also the son who stayed home and was faithful to God. Like the father welcoming home the wayward son, so too, God welcomes all of us back when we are lost and separated from the fold. I'm thinking that for a lot of people in the last 18 months, it must feel something like a wilderness experience, when our lives became so affected by the pandemic that even our ability to worship in community was lost. I have heard a number of people speak of how much they have missed being able to get

out to church, or attend a lot of the church activities that got put on hold. We have to remember that though we are open every Sunday morning for 8:30 am and 10:30 am worship, some people still don't feel safe to go to public spaces such as church. Many are elderly with underlying health issues and immune-deficiencies that put them at greater risk than most of us. But, thanks be to God, we are arriving once more to a time when even higher risks members of our congregation can feel safe to come back to church. There is no real substitute for the ability to gather together on a Sunday morning to hear the scriptures proclaimed and expounded upon, to rise and sing hymns of praise in united voices, to gather around the Lord's Table to partake of the great Eucharistic Feast. It is my prayer that as we transition from summer to Fall, we will experience a resurgence of faithful parishioners and families returning to normal church worship and activities. Once we have a clearer picture of how things are shaping up in the Fall we will even designate a special Sunday and call it *Back to Church Sunday*, a time to reclaim our pre-pandemic ability to attend church freely, and nourish our spirits in a way that we can only do when we are in fellowship and community with one another. Please join me in this new sense of profound hope and visioning for a non-pandemic future that is just around the corner for us all.

Rev. Randy

Services for August:

Aug. 1 – 8:30 am – Holy Comm.

(BCP)

10:30 am – Holy Euch. (BAS)

Aug. 8 – 8:30 am – Holy Comm.

(BCP)

10:30 am –Baptism/Holy

Euch. (BAS)

3:00 pm – Flower Service

Aug. 15 – 8:30 am – Holy Comm.

(BCP)

10:30 am – Holy Euch. (BAS)

Aug. 22 – 8:30 am – Holy Comm.

(BCP)

10:30 am – Holy Euch. (BAS)

Aug. 29 – 8:30 – Holy comm.

(BCP)

10:30 – Holy Euch. (BAS)

(Note: Flower service is scheduled for August 8, 2021 at 3:00 pm. If inclement weather, service will be held in the church)

Please note that this bulletin will be the only one for the month. As mentioned above, the months of July and August are slower months in the life of the parish with most activities recessed, therefore we won't require a weekly bulletin. For the next 4 Sundays, this bulletin will also include the relevant collects and other prayers that change each week. If there are any items of information that arise they will be announced at the Sunday morning worship service.

The Student Summer Employment job was awarded to Aiden Osmond. We did receive a small number of applications, however, it was only one job for 20 hours per week. Aiden is concentrating his efforts at the moment in preparing the cemetery for the Flower Service on August 8th, at least when the weather permits.

The Canon E.B. Cheeseman Parish Centre is available once more for rentals. This is for relatively small groups of people that are in the same bubbles. If you are interested in renting the hall for a shower or birthday party please speak to Donna or Janice Spurrell and they will be able to provide you with the current restrictions for rentals.

Flowers on the Altar for Flower Service are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Leila Tulk. Forever remembered by Tom, Renée, Jerred and Alexis.

Our annual Flower Service will take place on Sunday, August 8th at 3:00 pm. It is our hope to hold the service inside the cemetery, however, in case of inclement weather it will be held inside the church. We do caution everyone that we are still in a pandemic time, so whether inside the church building or in the cemetery we must still follow the rules of wearing a mask and staying inside our own bubbles. For those who find it difficult to leave their vehicles and walk into the cemetery, we remind you that every service can be heard on your car radio on 98.5 FM, as long as you are in the vicinity of the church.

Thank you to our Sunday morning prayer leaders for all their dedication to the work of preparing the prayers of the people every Sunday. We have not scheduled them for the month of August so as to allow them the opportunity to enjoy a month of rest and recreation. We look forward to their return to duty in September. We appreciate the hours of work they do each week to prepare the prayers in such a way as to reflect the world, the nation, the province, the wider church and our local parish family. Thank you Ruth, Gloria, Joan and Joyce, and to Rev. Russell who prepares their schedule and helps in so many ways with this important ministry.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 1st

1st Reading

2 Samuel 11: 26-13: 13a

Psalm 51: 1-13 – Pages 770-771
(Dr. Greg Brown)

2nd Reading

Ephesians 4: 1-16
(Joyce Keeping)

Gospel

John 6: 24-35
(Deacon Bonnell)

August 8th

1st Reading

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

Psalm 99 – Page 837
(Debbie Collis)

2nd Reading

2nd. Peter 1: 16-19
(Gary King)

Gospel

Luke 9: 28-36
(Deacon Bonnell)

August 15th

1st Reading

Isaiah 7: 10-15
Psalm 132: 6-10, 13-14 – Pages 889-890
(Lori Gosse)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2nd Reading

Galatians 4: 4-7
(Reegan Gosse)

Gospel

Luke 1: 46-55
(Deacon Bonnell)

August 22nd

1st Reading

1st. Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84: Pages 817-818
(Ethel/Ches Barefitt)

2nd Reading

Ephesians 6: 10-20
(Canon Don)

Gospel

John 6: 56-69
(Deacon Bonnell)

August 29th.

1st Reading

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13
Psalm 45: 1-2, 7-10 – Pages 762-763
(Harvey Hiscock)

2nd Reading

James 1: 17-27
(Ruth Hiscock)

Gospel

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
(Deacon Bonnell)

Memorable Dates & Notices

Confirmation names are being accepted. We hope that by this Fall we can begin Confirmation preparation again. Rev. Randy will determine a date for Confirmation in consultation with the bishop once we have a list of names to begin.

Summer is approaching and after a long Winter and wet Spring we look forward to warm and sunny days to come over the next few months. Traditionally it is always a slow time for church finances as parishioners are away, camping and doing all kinds of activities. The majority of parish expenses are spread over 12 months, such as stipend, diocesan assessments, maintenance, utilities, loans, etc. so we want to remind our parishioners of financial obligations we have to meet during these slow months. Many have signed up for Electronic Giving, some make Email Transfers, some send post-dated cheques, etc. If we can all be mindful of our parish needs during the months of June, July and August our treasurer will be very happy.

The Lavrock Camp and Conference Centre will not be open this Summer. Because we are still in the midst of the pandemic traditional camps and other church activities will not be going ahead this Summer. This is unfortunate but beyond diocesan control, we look forward to a time when our youth and other church groups can once more assemble at our beautiful diocesan camp. If there are any virtual diocesan events being offered they will be promoted.

We are now back to indoor worship for our 8:30 am and 10:30 am services. It is still important that you register for Sunday worship by calling Donna or Janice Spurrell at 895-3581. If you attend on Sunday and you plan to be there the next Sunday just let them know at the registration table

Beautification work around the site of the Columbaria has started again. Thank you to Dawn Cheeseman and Joyce Fewer for the work they have been doing there in the past couple of years, and others that have been helping them. Vestry is in the process of having constructed a story-board that will highlight the history of St. Philip's, which is a long history. As more and more columbaria niches are purchased there is a need for us to continue to enhance the area as well as the rest of the cemetery. Summer is always a time when family members are working on the graves of loved ones, we ask everyone working in the cemetery to help us keep it looking good by removing debris, and abiding by the cemetery regulations. If you see a grave nearby not being cared for, by all means cut away the grass and tend to it. Sometimes there are no family members around anymore to attend to the upkeep. Out of the 48 niches in the columbaria we have now sold 24 of them, with 24 more still available for purchase.

ANGLICAN ALLIANCE BIBLE STUDIES - FAITH IN THE TIME OF CORONAVIRUS. As we continue to worship at home perhaps the following link will be useful to you. Go online and give it a look: <https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/sqe-anglican/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/22143718/COVID-19-Bible-studies-FINAL.pdf>

If you would like to receive Rev. Randy's weekly email please provide your email address. Periodically, the Rector sends out emails to all those in the parish whose email he has on file. Please provide him with your email address by emailing him at lockyerrandy@gmail.com.

Summer is a slow time for the parish financially, so we are very grateful when our parishioners are able to get their contributions into the church. We have various options these days, post-dated cheques, dropping into the parish office during the week, E-Giving or Email Transfers. Your regular contributions ensures our parish treasurer is able to meet all of our monthly expenses and commitments.

PWRDF update - Light for Every Birth matching fund at nearly 45%

In June, an anonymous donor offered to match all donations, up to \$100,000, to our program installing solar suitcases in 50 rural health clinics in Mozambique. As of July 28, our generous supporters have donated almost \$45,000. The match ends September 28. So, please, if you would like to support this worthy project just take a plain white envelope, mark it "PWRDF – Light for every birth donation", and drop it into the offering plate before the deadline.

Collects & Prayers for August 1st

Collect – Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of 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 8th

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 Lords. 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 15th

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.

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 our promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

August 22nd

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 that 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.

August 29th

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.

Memorable Dates & Notices

The food collection container at St. Philip's Church is still being used. We want to remind everyone that they can still bring donations of non-perishable food items for the container located in the foyer of the church. Each time the box is full we take the items to the "Pop-up Pantry" at St. Lawrence's parish, which is a community food bank. This is a good outreach ministry to be involved with regularly.

The Anglican Foundation of Canada's (AFC) Say Yes! to Kids campaign received a \$5,000 donation from the Anglican Charitable Foundation for Children (ACFC) boosting AFC's national campaign past the \$85,000 mark, well on its way to achieving the \$100,000 goal. "Little did Bishop Edward Feild [second Bishop of Newfoundland 1844-76] ever think that his desire to help the people of his time in the greatest need would continue for 165 years," says The Rev. Canon John Courage, ACFC Chair and Chaplain, Queen's College Faculty of Theology, "or that it would contribute to the church's efforts to promote pandemic recovery in 2021!" What began as a home for orphans and widows, founded in 1855 by Bishop Feild, has become the ACFC, a provincial legacy of generosity shared by the Anglican Dioceses of Central Newfoundland, Western Newfoundland, and Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador. Since 1974, thanks to an endowment from the sale of the orphanages founded by Bishop Feild, ACFC has provided more than \$8 million in funding to support children and youth: \$5 million in direct assistance to nearly 40,000 children, and an additional \$3 million for organizational efforts including summer camps, counseling centres, shelters, and group homes within the province.

Pandemic restrictions are easing a little. As of July 1st, churches are able to have up to 200 people in worship as long as distancing can be maintained by bubbles. Though there is no longer a requirement to pre-register, the diocese still requires that we maintain a list of those in attendance. Therefore, for the present time we will continue with our practice of pre-registering at St. Philip's if possible. If someone attends that did not pre-register that is ok as well but please pass along your name to the person(s) at the registration table. If things continue to go in the right direction as they are now we hope that by September many other restrictions will be lifted as well.

Many thanks to those who have been helping to keep our building open during the pandemic. We have been blessed to have such great help from our Sidespersons, our registrars, and those cleaning and sanitizing the church after worship each Sunday. We are blessed to have such wonderful people working in our parish during this pandemic to keep everyone safe.

Anglican Cemetery Committee of St. John's and Mount Pearl Online Commemoration Service, Sunday July 11 at 7:00 PM from the Anglican Cathedral will take place on Sunday, July 11 at 7:00 PM. An organ prelude will commence at 6:50 PM. The service will be conducted by Rev. Nancy March and Archdeacon Roger Whalen. Bishop Samuel Rose will give the sermon and the blessing. This Live Streamed only service may be viewed on **either**: The Anglican Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador Face book page **or** The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Face book page.

Church bulletins will be printed once a month for July and August. In September we will go back to either a two week bulletin or a one week bulletin, depending on whether or not regular parish activities have resumed as they were before the pandemic started.

Rev. Randy is available to do the blessing of homes. As a church family, whenever we open a new worship space we have it blessed. Our homes also ought to be places of prayer and sanctity, so if anyone would like to avail of this ministry please speak to the rector. A special liturgy has been prepared for our parish use, and as soon as it is safe to do so in these pandemic times a home blessing can be scheduled.