

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.*

“Go Now in Peace”

*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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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.

Message from the Rector:

Well, it seems that summer is finally in the air, at the time of reflection today (June 3rd) the sun is shining and the temperature has risen a little higher than we have been used to thus far this Spring. Having been through a very cold and stormy winter, a cold and wet spring, we are eagerly anticipating the arrival of summer. The weather really does impact our moods and emotions, but piled on top of that we have the other things going on in our world that causes us a great deal of stress and anxiety. Given the nearly 5 year war going on in Ukraine, the conflict in the Middle East, the conflict between the USA and Iran, causing the huge spike in gas and the overall cost of living, we are so exhausted from it all that we become vulnerable to negativity and passiveness, even indifference. Many, including Christians, begin to question faith and where God can be found in the chaos of our world. I believe God can be found, as God has always been, in the midst of the chaos, using us to be sparks of divine light to others, replacing scepticism, despair, and hopelessness with a profound sense of The Holy One. As much as we know, think we know, and have even proven scientifically, there is so much more to experience, so that even in our life-time we shall never know fully the mind of God, and the mysteries of the universe, or the complexities of life on this one small planet amongst many. As I said last Sunday, Trinity Sunday, so much of God remains, and shall always be, a mystery, and those who proclaim to know fully the mind of God are delusional at best, for God, by definition defies logic and transcends all human comprehension. I think the one thing we need to understand about God, and it is not shrouded in mystery or open to various interpretations, is that *God is love*. Whatever language we speak, wherever we live, love is universal and at the very heart of God. There is not a more powerful word in scripture, that

perfectly describes God than *love*. Imagine a world where love is a way of life. There wouldn't be war, there wouldn't be hunger and homelessness, there wouldn't be loneliness, there wouldn't be oppression and injustice, because we would be taking care of one another in a way that brings the gospel alive. Since the beginning of human time there has been war, there has been violence and hatred, and the absence of love has been the darkest cloud of our existence. Since the very beginning God has been calling us to love, and humanity has been rebelling against it. Certainly, when we look at the world we live in currently, there is an absence of good will and a spirit of peace and reconciliation. When we narrow that down to our own local situations, we also see evidence of that as well, and the question must always be – *what are we doing, and what can we do to make a difference?* The reality is that God is calling us into relationships, and that in essence we are one human family living together, in the words of Eucharistic prayer number 4, on *this fragile earth, our island home*. Somehow or other we must break free from the notion that we don't have a duty to others, and that we can live in isolation from others. When Jesus sent his followers into the world, he didn't send them alone, they were sent forth in pairs or small groups. When he called together his disciples, he called them together as a group of 12 and he prepared them to be the foundation of the church as a community of believers in relationship. We are, together, the body of Christ, and when one part of the body is injured, we all hurt, and when one rejoices, we all rejoice. When every part of the body is healthy and working well, much can be accomplished.

We believe that the love of God for us was so great that God came in human flesh and dwelt among us. What great love, undeserving as we are, but given freely by grace. We can never do enough to earn salvation it is the free gift of God for all who will receive it – Amazing grace! Love is the key to fixing our world.

Rev. Randy

Thank you to parishioners who continue to contribute to the food bank boxes in the foyer. Whenever the boxes are full Gloria Earle takes them to St. Lawrence's Pop-up Pantry, where it is used in food hampers for those in need. They are very happy to receive the food items, and we will continue to collect for this very worthy cause.

All parish forms can be found in the large rack standing in the foyer. These include the Sanctuary Flower Fund, Memorial Bulletin, Columbarium Niche Purchase, Queen's College Envelopes, Leaving a Legacy Brochures, Christmas Tree of Remembrance (Dec. 15th), Cemetery Envelopes, Daily Bread Devotionals, E-Giving forms, etc. There are also a few books there that anyone can take and read. This large rack was generously given to us by the former St. Augustine parish.

Community Connector – A Mobile Place of Welcome and Belonging – YOU can help! This Mobile Ministry Bus, an initiative of the Diocese of Easter Newfoundland & Labrador, will help meet the needs of people from all communities in our province who come to St. John's for basic services. It is our hope that this endeavor will provide a space for those living on the streets to get warm in the winter, cooled in the summer, to provide a simple hot meal, coffee & tea or a cold drink, and provide basic clothing and hygiene & toiletry items. We are getting very close to being on the road. Thank you to those from all over Newfoundland and Labrador who have contributed with so many items and financial donations. How can you help? You can send or drop off donations to Church House, 22 Church Hill, St. John's, NL A1C 3Z9. Financial donations to "Mobile Ministry Bus" can be sent to the address above. A receipt for tax purposes will be issued. E-transfers and credit card donations can be made by contacting Rev. Fred Marshall. If you would like further information please contact:
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Additional Sides persons are needed! Currently we have about 5 teams that alternate, which means each group is on duty one week out of 5. A couple of the teams need additional help because their numbers are smaller. Duties include greeting parishioners and visitors on Sunday morning, raising and taking down the flags (when weather permits), passing out service books and bulletins, taking up the offering, ringing the bell, etc. If this is something you would consider please speak to Rev. Randy. Youth are also invited to be a part of this important ministry.

Rev. Randy is always available for the blessing of homes. Some people, especially as they move into their new home, like to have a blessing of the home. If this is something you would like to have you can speak to the rector and he will be happy to do this.

The EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is available for rentals. Anyone interested in renting the parish hall should contact Donna and Janice Spurrell to arrange booking. All rental inquiries, such as rental costs should also be directed to Donna and Janice. They can be contacted at 709-895-3581 or 709-725-1057.

Let us ensure we keep our church contributions up-to-date. This winter has been a very harsh one, and on a couple of occasions we had to cancel our worship services. Whenever we cancel, or whenever the attendance is impacted by the weather, it has an effect on our offerings. We are very mindful of our financial obligations monthly and strive to keep everything up-to-date. We are very grateful for the generosity of our parishioners, which enables us to remain both viable and sustainable, even as other churches struggle. Thank you for your support, we are blessed by your generosity.

NOTICES /MEMORABLE DATES

June 7 – This month’s coffee hour will be on Sunday, June 7, at 9:30 a.m. Thank you to Donna and Janice Spurrell for hosting. This will be the last one for the summer and all are invited.

June 9 - Vestry meeting will be held Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS! to Canon Don Morgan on the 66th anniversary of his ordination as deacon on June 19.

CONGRATULATIONS! to Father Reuben Hatcher on receiving an honorary Doctorate degree at the Queen’s College 2026 convocation, held at the Church of The Ascension, Mount Pearl, June 4th. This is an expression of the deep appreciation the church, and the college has for Father Reuben’s profound contribution to the life of the church for many years.

The Annual Flower Service will be taking place on Sunday, July 26th at 3:00 pm. If the weather does not cooperate, we will hold the service inside the church.

The current Provost of Queen’s College, The Rev. Dr. Joanne Mercer, will be retiring at the end of June. As a parish which supports the work of Queen’s College, we thank her for her service to the college and to the whole church, and wish her every blessing on her retirement. The current Dean of Theology, the Rev. Dr. Robert Cooke, on July 1st will assume the role of Interim Administrator. We also wish Robert well in his new role.

Cemetery update. We are thankful again this year to receive government funding to hire a student for approximately 8 weeks. We are in the process of finding a suitable person for the position, and hope to do so in the next week or so. We are also aware that additional work needs to be done, such as clearing out some of the trees that have grown wildly, filling in some of the holes that pose a risk while walking around the area. We have hired a person to do some of this work, and he will be starting very soon. We ask those that are in the cemetery tending to family graves to be careful. We hope to have the cemetery looking nice again this summer, as it was last year. Please help us by picking up any garbage you see and plastic pots, etc. that may be blowing around.

**THIS BULLETIN
IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

**Randy Chafe &
Edwin Collis**

*“We miss you both every day”
Marie, Nicole, Debbie & Bob*



James Lilly

*“Always Remembered”
Trudy & Jimmy*



Lisa Lockyer

Given by : Mom, Ches & Family



**Cyril Hiscock, Hubert Mercer,
Derek Mercer, Fred Sharpe
Charles Puglisevich & Val Puglisevich**

*“Forever Loved & Sadly Missed”
Harve, Ruth, Carol, Karen & Families*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Lewis Rees

Given by: Gloria Myles & Family



Thomas James Skinner, Jr.

(June 9, 1949 – Jan. 24, 1984)

“Always Loved, Always Remembered”

Lorraine Whelan & Family



Robert Tucker

Husband, Father, Grandfather
& Great-Grandfather
(May 16, 1934 – June 5, 2006)

“Always in our hearts”

Margaret & Family

June 7th

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptural Sentence

“The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives.”

1st Reading

Genesis 12: 1-9

Psalms 33 : 1-12 / Pages : 743-744

(Allie Wheller)

2nd Reading

Romans 4: 13-25

(Glenda Winter)

Gospel

Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts – Merciful God and Father, in Adam’s fall we were born to death; in the new Adam we are reborn to life. In all we offer you this day may we share a taste of your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – O God, we have shared in the mysteries of the body and blood of Christ. Nourish us by this feast, that we may live the risen life and serve you faithfully in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

June 14th

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptural Sentence

“The kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.”

1st Reading

Genesis 18: 1-15

Psalms 116: 1, 10-17 / Pages: 864-865

(Jennifer Cross)

2nd Reading

Romans 5: 1-8

(Brenda Harding)

Gospel

Matthew 9: 35 – 10:8

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts – God of reconciliation and forgiveness, the saving work of Christ has made our peace with you. May that work grow toward its perfection in all we offer you this day. We ask this in his name. Amen.

Prayer after Communion - Holy and blessed God, as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

June 21st

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Birth of John the Baptist (June 24)

Scriptural Sentence

“The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord; and you also are witnesses.”

1st Reading

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Psalms 85: 7-13 / Page: 819

(Debbie Collis-Best)

2nd Reading

Acts 13: 14b-26

(Betty Lewis)

Gospel

Luke 1: 57-80

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts – Eternal God, you have made our Saviour Jesus Christ the head of all creation. Receive all we offer you this day and renew us in his risen life, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Almighty God, guide and protect your people who share in this sacred mystery, and keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

June 28th

5th Sunday after Pentecost

St. Peter and St. Paul (June 29)

Scriptural Sentence

“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.”

1st Reading

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

Psalms 87 / Page: 821

(Dr. Greg Brown)

2nd Reading

2nd Timothy 4: 1-8

(Canon Shirley Gosse)

Gospel

John 21: 15-19

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; 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 – God of wisdom, receive all we offer you this day. Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit, that we may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ, and serve one another in freedom. We ask this in his name. Amen

Prayer after Communion - God of power, we are nourished by the riches of your grace. Raise us to new life in your Son Jesus Christ and fit us for his eternal kingdom, that all the world may call him Lord. We ask this in his name. Amen