

Dismissal Songs

"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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March 24th and 31st, 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 reflect today (March 20th) we are just 11 days from Easter. Just recently, a few of us were engaged in a very informal conversation around how Easter was celebrated in the church traditionally, relative to our own culture. We discussed how women and girls would go out and buy themselves a very lovely Easter bonnet (hat), and men and boys would be sure to have a new suit, and everyone would be dressed in their very finest for Easter Sunday, and the church would be full of worshippers. Sometimes, when we look back, we see things the way we want to see them, or through rose-colored glasses so-to-speak. In reality things may not always be the way we remember them. Perhaps the expectations of the day placed a lot of stress on families to conform to traditions. Maybe some families couldn't really afford all these Easter bonnets for the girls, and suits for the boys, especially at a time when it was not uncommon for families to consist of 10 or more children. Maybe Easter expectations placed a financial burden on some families, and for those who couldn't afford to keep up, maybe they didn't come out on Easter morning to worship. Maybe the church also placed too many expectations on people to conform and keep up with traditions, many of which we have happily done away with. There are all kinds of stories in our history of women reduced to tears because they went inside the altar rail without a hat on, or they came to church on Easter morning without a new bonnet, or the children came in tattered clothing. It is true that many people in the church have not always been kind to others, and, we have failed to represent Christ inside church doors. That does not apply to the past only, even today the church often fails to be all that it can be to others. When I say "the church", I mean people who are involved in the life and mission of the church, for we always say – "the church is the people".

So, as we think back to the past, especially as we approach Easter, it's good to reflect on what was good about it, but certainly with the thought that perhaps not everything was done properly. Indeed, some years from now perhaps others will be talking about the good old days of 2024, and

viewing them through those rose-colored glasses.

The one thing that has never changed throughout the ages and generations, is that once we strip away all the human-made expectations, and traditions, many of which we have already discarded, Easter means the same now as it always did. That it is a celebration of our faith in the risen Christ, it is our hope for eternal life, and it is the very foundation of the Christianity, and it is deserving of our very best offering. It doesn't mean you have to buy fancy, and, expensive clothing, it doesn't mean you have to buy a new bonnet, in order to celebrate. Jesus often spoke about the importance of the heart over the outward appearance, and that sacrifices of animals means nothing. (Matthew 9:13) *But go and learn what this means: 'I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.*" This Sunday (March 24th) we will begin, as we always do, the journey through Holy Week, which will take us from Jesus's entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, to the last supper with his disciples, where he institutes the Eucharist and tells us to do it to remember him, where he washes the feet of his disciples to show us what it means to be a humble servant of him, to his betrayal, arrest and crucifixion on Good Friday. To truly celebrate and appreciate the glory of Easter, we must first find ourselves at the foot of the Cross of Good Friday, and it is there that everything in our lives is stripped bare, and we realize that what we thought to be of great significance in our lives, pales in comparison to the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

I invite you to journey with us here at St. Philip's church this Holy Week. The palm crosses are being made for Jesus' triumphal entry this Sunday, we will have worship services on Wednesday, as we use our solemn service of "Tenebrae" (shadows around the cross); on Thursday night as we celebrate Eucharist and remember Jesus' act of humbleness as he washed the feet of others; and Good Friday, as we face the Cross of Jesus. Then I hope you will join us on Easter Sunday, as we celebrate his victory over death by his resurrection. There are no traditions to focus on, there is simply the story of the Cross, and the joy of resurrection, which is where all our hope is grounded. Please consider making worship this Holy Week and Easter a part of your tradition. Have a blessed Easter!!

Rev. Randy

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.

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.

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.

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

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Parents – Lewis & Ethel
Rees**

*Given by:
Gloria & Family*



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Warwick Smith Tucker
(Passed away March 30, 2021)**

*My lips cannot speak how much I miss you
My heart cannot tell what to say
God only knows how I miss you
in our home that is lonesome today
A Dad's love is special, a gift beyond compare.
You only know the meaning, when he is no longer
there. A special time, A special face, A special Dad
we can't replace, with aching hearts, we whisper
low, we miss you Dad and love you so.*

**Loved too much to be ever forgotten
Wife – Louise
Daughter – Maple & Family
Son – Clarence & Family**

NOTICES /MEMORABLE DATES

Holy Week & Easter services will take place on the following days and times:

- Palm Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am
- Wednesday (March 27th) at 7:00 pm
- Maunday Thursday (28th) at 7:00 pm
- Good Friday (29th) at 12:00 Noon
- Easter Sunday (31st) 7:00 am (followed by breakfast) 8:30 am, 10:30 am.

We hope you will join us through Holy Week and Easter.

March 31 - **Easter Sunday breakfast** will follow the 7:00 am worship service. If you would like to come at 7:00 am or come early for the 8:30 am service, you are welcome to share breakfast with us. There is no cost, but you should sign-up on the sheet in the foyer, so that we know how many to prepare for.

April 3 – The next ACW meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3.

April 17 - **ACW Sub-Sandwich sale** will take place on Wednesday, April 17th. The ladies will soon be taking orders, and would greatly appreciate your support in making it a very successful fundraiser once again.

May 9 - **Queen’s College Convocation** is scheduled for May 9 at the Parish of the Ascension, 58 Smallwood Drive, Mount Pearl. Convocation Speaker for 2024 will be The Most Rev Chris Harper, National Indigenous Archbishop and Presiding Elder of the Sacred Circle. Archbishop Harper has many years of ministry experience among and with Indigenous Anglicans, and a deep passion for the work of reconciliation. Speaking of the role of National Indigenous Archbishop, Harper said it a ministry that is, “More than just to the Indigenous alone; it is a ministry that reaches out to both sides of the Christian conversation, seeking to find paths of healing in the shared legacy we all inherit, seeking to find a common language and identity, wherein we might begin to see and acknowledge each other as equals in the family of God.” He sees his role as a balance between offering pastoral healing to Indigenous peoples and communities, especially Residential School Survivors, but also as an advocate for justice and equity for Indigenous peoples with the church and the wider society. He is Plains Cree and a member of the Onion Lake Cree Nation. Born in Paradise Hill, Saskatchewan, Archbishop Harper is the son of a Residential School Survivor. Before his call to ordination, he worked as an emergency medical technician.

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

Thank you to all those who helped with Confirmation last week. We had a wonderful service as 7 of our young people came forward for the laying on of hands, and to confirm the faith of their baptism. We are very interested in inviting these young people and others to get involved in the life of their parish, as we think about what we can do in the area of youth ministry. Rev. Randy, and Brenda Harding are exploring how this might come to fruition for this coming Fall.

Church Receipts for 2023 are now available in the foyer. Please take yours and if you would like to deliver others to family or friends, please do so.

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.

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.

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.

Please note Church Bulletins will be printed on a bi-weekly basis until further notice.

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.
www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch

Lenten Mid-week Services

March 27th - Tenebrae

March 28th - Maundy Thursday

1st Reading

Exodus 12: 1-4

Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 (pages 864-865)

(Dr. Greg Brown)

2nd Reading

1st Corinthians 11: 23-26

(Joyce Keeping)

Gospel

John 13: 1-17

(Deacon Bonnell)

March 29th - Good Friday

1st Reading

Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12

Psalm 22: 1-17 (pages 728-731)

(Canon Don Morgan)

2nd Reading

Hebrews 10: 16-25

(Gary King)

Gospel

John 18: 19-42

(Deacon Bonnell)

March 24th

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa, Primate and Bishop of Asante-Mampong The most Rev. Dr Cyril Kobina Ben - Smith.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Cox's Cove - Mclvers, its 2 congregations and clergy, and, the parish of Deer Lake, its 2 congregations and clergy.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the diocese of Western Newfoundland, the Rt. Rev. Bishop John Organ, and the newly appointed archdeacon, the Rev. Charlene Laing.

Parish Families: We pray for our parish families: This week we remember: Steve Sharpe, Tony & Sharon Sharpe, Howard Sheppard, Margaret Sheppard-Boone, Derek & Barbara Skinner, Ruby Skinner and their families.

March 31st

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies – Primate, the Most Rev. Howard Gregory.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of The Epiphany (Shared Ministry with Heart's Content) and the Parish of Flower's 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 and Synod Office Staff.

Parish Families: We pray for our parish families: This week we remember: Derek & Jean Smith, Steve & Stephanie Smith, Michelle & Darryl Snow, Fern Somerton & David Ryan, Donna Spurrell, Glen & Lisa Spurrell and their families.

March 24th

Palm Sunday

Scriptural Sentence

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest*

1st Reading

Isaiah 50 : 4-9a

Psalm 31: 9-16 (pages 740-742)

(Rev. Russell Osmond)

2nd Reading

Philippians 2: 5-11

(Joan Osmond)

Gospel

Mark 15 : 1-39

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – 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 for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – 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 – 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 for ever. Amen

March 31st

Easter Day

Scriptural Sentence

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.*

1st Reading

Acts 10: 34-43

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Pages: 866-868

(Harvey Hiscock)

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

(Ruth Hiscock)

Gospel

John 20: 1-18

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – 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 for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – 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