

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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January 21st & 28th, 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: It is hard to imagine that we just came through Christmas and already we are getting ready for the Lenten season. Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of our Lenten journey, is on February 14th. This, of course, is also Valentine's Day, so we will need to do our Valentine celebration before our 7:00 pm service.

What is Lent, and, why is it so important in the Christian Church? Lent is the Christian season of spiritual preparation before Easter. In Western churches, it begins on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial, and spiritual discipline. The purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—to consider his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection. Now, we also begin our preparation for Lent the day before Ash Wednesday, on *Shrove Tuesday* or *Pancake Day*. Again, this year we will have our *Pancake Supper* in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre, starting at 6:30 pm. A sign-up sheet will be available soon for this event, and posters will be placed around the church building and local stores. You can also call the parish office at 709-895-0715 to register. (Cost will be the same as last year \$10 but free to children 6 and under. It will include pancakes, sausages, tea/coffee/juice).

Why Are Pancakes Eaten on Shrove Tuesday Before Lent? Many churches that observe Lent, such as the Anglican Church, celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Traditionally, pancakes are eaten on Shrove Tuesday (the day before Ash Wednesday) to use up rich foods like eggs and dairy in anticipation of the 40-day fasting season of Lent. Shrove Tuesday is also called Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras, which is French for Fat Tuesday.

During the six weeks of self-examination and reflection, many Christians who observe Lent typically make a commitment to fast 895or to give up something—a habit, like smoking, watching too much television, or a food or drink, such as sweets, chocolate, or coffee. Some Christians also take on a Lenten discipline, like reading the Bible and spending more time in prayer to draw nearer to God.

Strict observers of Lent might not eat meat on Fridays, often opting for fish instead. The goal of these spiritual disciplines is to strengthen the faith of the observer and develop a closer relationship with God. **What is the significance of 40 days?** The 40-day period of Lent is based on two episodes of spiritual testing in the Bible: the 40 years of wilderness wanderings by the Israelites after the exodus from Egypt (Numbers 33:38 and Deuteronomy 1:3) and the Temptation of Jesus after he spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13).

In the Bible, the number 40 holds special significance in the measurement of time, and many other important events revolve around it. During the flood, it rained for 40 days and 40 nights (Genesis 7:4, 12, 17; 8:6). Moses fasted on the mountain for 40 days and nights before God gave the Ten Commandments (Exodus 24:18; 34:28; Deuteronomy 9). The spies spent 40 days in the land of Canaan (Numbers 13:25; 14:34). The prophet Elijah traveled for 40 days and nights to reach the mountain of God in Sinai (1 Kings 19:8).

Whatever significance Lent holds for us, and whatever traditions we observe, the most important thing to bear in mind is that it is our penitential season in the church that takes us from the last Sunday of Epiphany or *Transfiguration Sunday* into *Holy Week* and the great celebration of Easter. It is a time when we, both individually and collectively, focus on our broken relationships with God, and make the effort to grow spiritually in our walk with Christ. We focus very much on the humanity of Jesus, especially as we remember his wilderness experience and the temptations he faced from Satan, and how he was able to overcome them by remembering who he truly was and remaining faithful to his calling. We focus on the temptations and challenges we all face as human beings, how we too are tempted by Satan at our weakest points, and how we can overcome them by remembering who we truly are. We don't always think about it, but it is true that there is a divine part to us as well. When we were baptized with the baptism of Christ, it was a very spiritual event, and because that Holy Spirit lives within us, we have the ability to defeat Satan as well. As we journey through Lent, I invite you to join us every Wednesday evening for a short Lenten worship service. This year we will use a program titled *By His Stripes – Healing Wounded Relationships*. Even if we aren't in the practice of giving up or taking up certain habits during Lent, we might make it a bit of a discipline to gather each Wednesday evening. We have just a few Sundays more to go before Lent, so it gives us time to think about it and how we will observe it this year. Blessings!

Rev. Randy

January 21st

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of South India, and its bishop the Rt. Rev. Dr. K. Reuben Mark.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for: the Parish of Bay L'Argent, its clergy and 6 congregations; the Parish of Bay of Islands, its clergy and 2 congregations and for the Parish of Bay Roberts/Coley's Point, its clergy and 2 congregations.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Bishop John Watton, Archdeacon Terry Caines and Synod Office staff.

Parish Families: We pray for our parish families: This week we remember: Ernest & Barbara Mercer, Mildred Mercer, Milicent Mercer, Ronald & Lori Mercer, Rose Mercer and their families.

January 28th

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of South Africa, Primate – the Most Rev. Thabo Makgoba.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Bay St. George, its clergy and 4 congregations. The Parish of Belleoram, its clergy and 4 congregations. The Parish of Bell Island, its clergy, congregation and shared ministry with Portugal Cove and Pouch Cove.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the diocese of Montreal – The Right Reverend Mary Irwin-Gibson, Archdeacon and Vicar General of Montreal – Robert Camara, and Synod Office staff.

Parish Families: We pray for our parish families: This week we remember – Vera Mitchell, Renee & Jerred Moore, David Moores, Canon Don and Florence Morgan, Wesley Morris and their families.

**THE BULLETIN FOR THE
Weeks of
Jan. 21st & Jan. 28th**

**IS GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF GOD**

**IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
Husband & Father**

Bob Halfyard

**Who passed away
January 26, 2022**

**Given By:
Lorraine & Susan**



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.

Our choir and organists have resumed their weekly practices. If you have an interest in joining the choir we would love to have you. What a joy it would be to have enough in the choir to need to use the seats on the other side of the chancel. We welcome people of all ages.

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.

There is still a small number of 2024 Church Calendars for sale. They cost \$5 each and can be picked up from the parish office.

Ballicatter - We are pleased to report that they have a full program, with an extensive waiting list of children wanting to attend. This is great news for them and great news for our parish, as they are the main renter of the parish hall. This year, because of increased operating expenses, we had to increase their rent by \$250 making it \$2250 per month from September to June. They are very understanding of this and it is the first increase since they began using our space. 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.

Envelope drop-off box is located in the foyer. Anyone coming by the office to drop off weekly envelopes, and the office is not open, please use the box on the wall next to the nursery room in the foyer. Normally, Monday to Friday the main church door is open because the after-school group is using the parish centre. This box is checked daily and any envelopes in there are safely locked away until Sunday's count. You may also call the office to arrange a time to drop your envelopes in.

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.

Still boxes of 2024 church envelopes in the foyer. We will do an analysis this year of the number of boxes of envelopes we actually need to order for 2025. Some people are signed up for electronic offerings through regular bank deductions, and probably don't make use of the envelopes. Some people may still like to have their boxes so they can make use of the special envelopes, such as PWRDF, Maintenance, cemetery, Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. If this is the case we still want you to have your boxes; however, if you make all your contributions via E-Giving, or don't use any of the box envelopes, please let us know. We want to be good stewards of our financial resources and don't want to pay for envelopes that aren't used.

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.

Maintenance Fund. The work we undertook this summer was possible because we had a very healthy maintenance fund, therefore, we did not need to borrow the money. Now that the work is done, we need to rebuild our fund again for future work that arises. We have been using the maintenance fund as well for the past 7 years to repay the loan we acquired to install the geo-thermal heating system. We are happy to say this will be paid off fully this coming November, for which we give thanks. We can't stress too much the importance of building up our maintenance fund, because it enables us to look after the physical structure of our building, so that necessary work gets done in a timely fashion because we have the money to do it. Please keep being generous with your contributions to our parish maintenance fund.

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

NOTICES /MEMORABLE DATES

January 28th – DAMA (Diocesan Anglican Men’s Association) will hold their meeting in our parish on Sunday, January 28th. This will include supper, meeting and a church service after. Our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Sam Rose will be our guest. Any men of the parish are invited to join us for the meeting and supper, and everyone is invited to come for the worship service (Holy Eucharist) at 7:00 pm. **Any of the men in our parish that would like to join us for the meeting and supper, please let Harvey Hiscock or Gary King know**, so that we can prepare the meal for the right number. This will be a great time of fellowship indeed.

February 7th – ACW Annual General Meeting will be held on Wed. Feb. 7th at 7:30 pm in the Boardroom.

February 13th - **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** will take place on February 13th at 6:30 pm in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre. The cost will be \$10 and free to children 6 and under. If you plan to attend, please signup at the church or call the parish office at 709-895-0715.

February 14th – **Lent is just around the corner.** We will begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, at 7:00 pm. Throughout Lent this year we will use a series of worship services titled *By His Stripes – Healing Wounded Relationships*. These services will be every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. The Ash Wednesday service will also consist of the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist.

February 25th - The annual meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday, February 25th following the 10:30 morning worship. We will have a pot-luck lunch and go right into our meeting. All those who are responsible for year-end reports should have them submitted to the rector by February 15th .

March 17th - Confirmation in 2024 will take place on Sunday, March 17th at the 10:30 am worship. The next class will be January 28th following the 10:30 am service. Those getting Confirmed are expected to be regular in church attendance.

Congratulations! to Archdeacon Ed Keeping on the announcement of his retirement from active ministry on June 30th of this year. Best wishes for a very long, happy and healthy retirement.

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

January 21st

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Scriptural Sentence

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

1st Reading

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Psalm 62: 5-12
Pages: 782-783
(Lori Gosse)

2nd Reading

1st Corinthians 7: 29-31
(Reegan Gosse)

Gospel

Mark 1 : 14-20
(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; 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 – Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

January 28th

4th Sunday after Epiphany
The Presentation of the Lord (Feb. 2nd)

Scriptural Sentence

“This is a light to reveal God to the nations and the glory of his people Israel.”

1st Reading

Malachi 3: 1-4

Psalm 84
Pages: 817-818
(Todd Martin)

2nd Reading

Hebrews 2: 14-18
(Betty Lewis)

Gospel

Luke 2 : 22-40
(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen