

## Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Wilbert & Laura Taylor, Rick & Linda Thomas, Mark & Didi Todd, Jason & Krista Trask, Abner & Fanny Tucker and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of England.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Churchill Falls (Joint Ministry) - Rector -The Ven. Julie Brace; and the Parish of Cow Head (6 congregations) – Priest-in-Charge – The Rev. Terry Rose; Cathecist – Ms. Nora Shears.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Western Newfoundland, Bishop John Organ.

## Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>

Collect for the Day: (The Procession) Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it is for us the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(At the Eucharist) 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.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) 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.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) 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.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Carol Ann Tucker, Darcy & Winnie Tucker, Darlene J. Tucker, Douglas & Judy Tucker, Edmund Tucker and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Cox's Cove/McIver's (2 congregations) – Deacon-in-charge – The Rev. Dcn Terry Loder; and the Parish of Deer Lake (2 congregations) – Priest-in-Charge – The Rev. Canon Paulette Bugden.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for National Indigenous Archbishop Mark McDonald and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples.

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**Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> and Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> 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:** As I write this reflection for the bulletin of March 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, I am keenly aware that, in many ways we are in the same position as last year, but yet very different at the same time. As we headed toward Easter last year we were all in a state of disarray, fear and anxiety, because this new and frightening virus, known as Covid-19, had caused our world to come to a grinding halt. Practically every facet of our lives changed or was put on hold, including our ability to meet together in our church buildings as the family of God. We are now in year two of the global pandemic, and, at this time (March 18<sup>th</sup>) we really don't know what Easter will look like this year either. What is different about this year is that we have had the experience of living and adapting to Covid-19 for an entire year, and we are not in the same state of confusion and panic as last year. In addition to that we now have effective vaccines that are being rolled out across Canada and the world, albeit not as quick as we would like. So there is a newfound sense of hope and optimism that was absent for many this time last year. We now know that, in the not too distant future, everyone that wants to be vaccinated will be, and this will enable the world to start waking up again and resuming the normal day-to-day activities that ceased at the declaration of this pandemic. We are so tired and worn out after a year of living this way that we just can't wait for some sense of normalcy once more. Good news is – we are getting very close to that day. Next Sunday, Palm Sunday (March 28<sup>th</sup>), will mark the beginning Holy Week, normally a very busy and solemn week in the Christian Church. It begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, where he is hailed as "King". Later in that week he is arrested, beaten, put on trial and crucified on a cross. That was a despairing time for the followers of Jesus and those closest to him, they had given up so much to follow him, and now he appears

to be gone. This "King" who promised them a better life, went to the Cross without any resistance, how could their lives be better now? They lost any hope they had, and now they were totally exposed and vulnerable to the same treatment by those who nailed Jesus to the Cross. It was indeed a dark time for those who had sacrificed everything to follow Jesus, and it must have appeared to be the end of this new movement that was spreading quickly through the known world. That was Good Friday, and, then there was Easter Sunday, and that was the day where despair gave way to hope, darkness gave way to blinding light, and death gave way to new life. We are an Easter people, the resurrection of Christ over two thousand years ago is what gives us hope even in the midst of turmoil and uncertainty in life. Even though at this moment we aren't sure what this Holy Week and Easter will look like, we don't know if our building will be open to allow us to come together inside or not, we do know that we will commemorate Holy Week and celebrate Easter Day. The celebration of Easter is as natural to us Christians as breathing itself, it is the very foundation of our faith, and we will indeed celebrate. There will be worship services here at St. Philip's in Holy Week, on Wednesday, Maunday Thursday, and Good Friday. If we cannot do so inside the church building, we will do so outside. We will also worship on Easter Sunday, as we have been doing every Sunday. The donation of an FM Radio Frequency now makes it possible for the services to be broadcast through car radios as people park in the lot. So hang in there everyone, God is providing a way for us to be the body of Christ in these challenging times, and there is profound hope that soon this virus will be under control and our lives will improve. Blessings on you all!

(Rev. Randy)

**THE BULLETIN FOR  
THE WEEKS OF  
Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> and Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Derek Mercer  
(April 16, 1953 – June 13, 2019)**

*"To everything there is a season, and  
a time to every purpose under heaven"*

Lovingly Remembered and  
forever in our hearts,

***Carol, Matthew, Brittany and Calla Ann***

~ & ~

**Edwin Collis  
(December 8, 1930 – March 28, 2015)**

*"Forever in our Hearts"*

Remembered by:

***Debbie, Marie, Randy & Nicole***

***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.**

## NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

**The FM Radio Frequency is up and going!** For the past couple of weeks we have been availing of this new way of worshipping together safely, and keeping warm as we do so. Simply park in the church lot and tune your radio to 98.5 FM and the service will be heard through your car radio. It can also be heard by those who live in the immediate vicinity of the church building. This gift to the church was donated by the following families in memory of their loved ones:

**IN MEMORY OF Arthur W Squires** (By sisters, Florence Morgan (Canon Don), Winnie Lynch, Dorothy Clarke (Lewis))

**IN MEMORY OF Edgar Clark** (By wife Joyce and family)

**IN MEMORY OF Leila Tulk** (By husband Tom and family)

We thank them for this generous contribution to St. Philip's parish and we will be able to make excellent use of it.

**Sunday Services in the parking lot** are being done once more by Rev. Randy every Sunday at 10:30 am. Because we are in Winter of course means that we will be governed by weather conditions.

**The midweek Lenten services began on Ash Wednesday** with an outdoor service. Because the church building is closed for public worship now the services will be posted to Facebook each Wednesday. This year we will be using a series titled *Living Lent As People Of The Resurrection*. We invite you to observe a holy Lent and join us weekly for the journey through Lent to Holy Week and Easter.

**Rev. Randy is available for prayer** – during this time of separation and isolation many people may be feeling lonely. If you would like prayer, please contact the office (895-0715) and Rev. Randy will pray with you on the phone.

**Who is an ACW member or an ACM member?** The short answer is, every woman of our parish is an ACW member and every man is an ACM member. We would love to get the numbers of active members up that attend regular meetings. Contrary to what some might think, it's not always about meetings and planning fundraisers, it is also about fun and fellowship together. We would love to see more of our ladies and gentlemen meeting together, getting to know one another better and growing our parish.

**ACW Lenten Sock Project** is being done again this year. Anyone wishing to participate please take one of the tiny socks, and, over the course of the Lenten season fill it with loose change, or if you prefer include cash. Once you have it ready return it to the offering plate where it will be passed on to the ACW. This is a very important project for the ACW because with Covid-19 restrictions they are very limited to what they can do as fundraisers. Last year they collected almost \$1100 from the socks, let's make it even more successful this year. If you need a sock please call the church office.

**Parish Finances** is always a concern for us as we endeavor to keep up-to-date on our commitments. Last year (2020) turned out to be an excellent year for the parish financially, as all of you, parishioners of St. Philip's parish rallied to ensure the bills could be paid in the midst of the pandemic as our building was closed. We are very grateful for that, and, not many parishes in the diocese had this experience, and it happened here because of your faithfulness to God and your devotion to this parish. We are now coming to the end of the first quarter of 2021, and we want to remind everyone that the challenges of the global pandemic are still with us, our building continues to be closed down for inside worship and fundraising is non-existent at the moment. We ask everyone to be mindful of our situation and to help us keep up financially by being regular in your financial support of the parish. God bless you for all you do in the life of our parish.

**New Vestry members are needed for the upcoming annual meeting.** Each year several members go off Vestry having served their 3 year term, which leaves openings for new members. Please give this some thought and speak to the rector or wardens if you would like to offer yourself this year. If you served on Vestry before and have been off for at least one year you are eligible to be nominated again.

**There are still some 2020 tax receipts in the foyer.** If you have not received yours yet please call the church office at 895-0715 to arrange pickup.

**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](mailto:lockyerrandy@gmail.com).

**What is the status of parish hall rentals?** At this time The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is not available for general rentals. As of September, we made the hall available to our major renters - Ballicatter and Eastern Health group - as long as they had documentation from Eastern Health showing their start-up plan.

**Did you know that you can advertise your business in Anglican Life?** Our Tri-diocesan newspaper goes out to thousands of homes all across Newfoundland & Labrador every month, and thousand more view the online publication. You can purchase half pages or full pages. For more information please contact The Rev. Fred Marshall, the Tri-diocesan Joint Committee Officer at: [fred.marshall@nljointcommittee.com](mailto:fred.marshall@nljointcommittee.com) or by telephone 709-727-4346 By advertising you reach a greater number of potential customers while at the same time providing much needed revenue to our church newspaper.

**The annual meeting of the congregation**, originally scheduled for Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, will now take place whenever we have permission to gather for worship again. Because we will be very cautious whenever we reopen, in our efforts to keep everyone safe, the meeting will be very short and deal with only vital items. With the closure of the building for over 6 months, and limited activities even after we reopened, there will not be a lot of church activities to report on for last year.

**Hospital visitation is limited to only the appointed chaplain.** Whenever any of our parishioners are admitted to hospital, parish clergy are prohibited from visiting because of Covid-19 guidelines. So please ask for the Anglican Chaplain, and, he will be most happy to visit you regularly during your hospital stay.

**Rev. Randy is now accepting names for Confirmation.** Last year we were about to call for registration for Confirmation when the pandemic was declared and we had to close down. Because we are still closed we are only accepting the names for now. If you have a child for Confirmation please let the rector know. Once we have a definitive number, Rev. Randy will acquire a Confirmation date from Bishop Rose as soon as we are able to safely gather again.

**March 21<sup>st</sup> is "International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination".** In Advent 2020 the group known as *Churches Beyond Borders*, which includes the Anglican Church of Canada, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, The Episcopal Church, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, vowed to work together to combat racism and white supremacy in our society. In the past year we have seen an alarming number of racial incidents in our world, where people are singled out for violence against them simply because of the color of their skin or ethnicity. It is hard to believe that in this day and age racism is still with us, but it is very much alive and well in our world, in our nation, in our province and in our communities. May we work toward a time when all of God's children will be equal, and the evil of racism and supremacy will be wiped from the face of the earth.

## Notes

**Bulletins** will continue to be printed every second week for the foreseeable future. Due to the church being closed again because of Covid, we do encourage parishioners to go online at: [stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn](mailto:stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn) to read the bulletins.

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

**St. Lawrence's Pop-up Pantry** will continue to operate during this difficult time. As you can imagine, there are a number of vulnerable people in our community who are in need. We are anticipating an increased demand for the pop-up pantry and as such we are asking those of you who are able, to continue to donate. Donations may be dropped off between 10 am and 1pm Mondays and Tuesdays at St. Lawrence's Anglican church. Please note that we now accept frozen items as well. Though it is at St. Lawrence's church it is a community venture supported by other churches and community organizations including our own parish of St. Philip.

**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>

**Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra to Rebroadcast *The Messiah*.** Celebrate a magical Easter weekend as the NSO rebroadcasts Händel's Messiah - sponsored by Cox & Palmer, from the beautiful Basilica of St. John the Baptist. The NSO is joined by a special choir of local singers, soloists including: Maria Lacey, soprano; Abra Whitney, contralto; David Pomeroy, tenor; and Brandon Olsen, baritone under the direction of conductor Kathleen Allan. We are delighted to be presenting the complete Messiah - a Christmas tradition, but a work which was originally written for performance at Easter time. The concert will premiere at **7:30pm on Saturday, April 3** on the NSO website, and with ticket purchase will be available to watch as many times as you wish for 30-days. Get all the info at [www.nsomusic.ca](http://www.nsomusic.ca) or email Lynn Ann at [lp@nsomusic.ca](mailto:lp@nsomusic.ca).

**The food collection container is still being used.** As an Advent project in 2020 we placed a food donation container in the foyer of the church, and encouraged parishioners to make regular donations of non-perishable food items. Each time the box was full we took them to the "Pop-up Pantry" at St. Lawrence's parish, which is a community food bank. We determined that this would be a good outreach ministry to be involved with regularly. So we want to remind everyone that they can still bring the food items for the box as often as they want.

**Anyone with children for baptism** is asked to speak to Rev. Randy. Because of the restrictions and very limited numbers around gathering, we continue to do baptism outside of the regular Sunday worship times.

## The Scriptural Sentence for our worship as appointed in our BAS Lectionary.

<b>Mar. 21<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Fifth Sunday</b> <b>of Lent</b>	<b>Mar. 28<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Sunday of the Passion</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>
<b>Page 294-295</b>	<b>Page 297</b>
<b>Anyone who serves me must follow me, says the Lord, and where I am, there shall my servant be also.</b>	<b>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the Highest</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>
<b>Jeremiah: 31</b> <b>31-34</b>	<b>Isaiah 50</b> <b>4-9a</b>
<b>Psalms 51:</b> <b>1-13</b>	<b>Psalms 118</b> <b>1-2, 19-29</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>
<b>Hebrews: 5</b> <b>5-10</b>	<b>Philippians 2</b> <b>5-11</b>
<b>Gospel</b> <b>John 12: 20-33</b>	<b>Gospel</b> <b>Mark: 11</b> <b>1-11</b>

## Church Chuckle

**Q.** What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

**A.** Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the garden in a Fury! David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord!

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## Stewardship thought for the Week

***"Stewardship is not God taking something from us; it is His method of bestowing His richest gifts upon His people."***

St. Philip's parish is set up to receive E-Transfers. With the church building closed some people are looking for ways to make their weekly, biweekly or monthly contribution to the parish. After being closed down now for 7 Sundays the parish really does need those offerings. These days many of us do online banking and send e-transfers, so this is another way to make your contribution to the parish. Simply go online and use the parish email address as follows:

[stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com](mailto:stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com) and please enter your name and envelope number (if you have a number) into the message box. The parish will receive your offering instantly and a message will be sent to our treasurer and she will ensure the amount gets added to your envelope offerings for tax purposes. It's very easy and convenient.