

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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April 7th and 14th, 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:

The Lord appeared to His disciples after His resurrection and greeted them, saying, "Peace be to you." Many times, in sacred scripture our blessed Lord offers his peace. So it is in our lives, the Lord Jesus stands in our midst and says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:27, NRSV) We are now past Easter Sunday, but we are never past Easter, for we are an Easter people. We are never without hope, for when we lose hope we have lost sight of the resurrected Lord. It's easy in the world we live in to have doubts about the presence of God; whether or not there is even a God is a question that many people ask. The age-old questions about the meaning of life, the power of God to do anything about the evil in the world, and so many more that come from despair and discouragement, are not only asked by people of no professed faith, or even nominal Christians, they are more commonly also being asked by people steeped in church and faith. No doubt, such questions without satisfactory answers given, have contributed to church decline and the near abandonment of faith in God. It seems that the recent pandemic we all suffered through, may have exacerbated this decline to a large degree. Many people, that were regular worshippers in churches of all denominations, failed to return to church once the pandemic was over and it was safe to do so again. My prayer is most simply got out of the habit of going and haven't gotten back to it yet, as is often the case when regularity is broken. However, I can't help but wonder if the fears and stresses of pandemic living weakened some people's faith and trust in an omnipotent and omniscient God?? The challenges experienced with the COVID-19 pandemic will be far reaching: the heavy toll of the illness itself on those who experienced its effects, the loss of human lives, the suffering borne by families and communities, the toll on those providing essential services, and the dutiful acceptance of the routines put into daily practice to promote communal health and safety for the sake of others, at great inconvenience, caused much turmoil and burnout in many lives. Then, as we emerged from the pandemic, we saw the evil unleashed by Russia in

the devastation in Israel and Gaza, thousands dead and severely injured, which continues on daily. The world is full of human misery, and often we are at a loss to explain it as people cry out to God – WHY?

In this Easter season there is no better time to proclaim hope and peace. Easter, in our world for many, may have been an unsettling and challenging time to celebrate and witness to the joy, peace and hope that is so central to this feast. However, I encourage you to recognize in these times the blessings, graces, and consolations of God which may have been hidden from view in the usual routines of life. With eyes of faith, we see our life experiences as occasions that can draw us closer to God. Sometimes it is clear to us how this happens, and at other moments we wonder how God could possibly use the particular circumstance of our life for God's purpose. However, we know from the frightened disciples huddled together in a room in great fear, that God uses these moments to reveal God's presence to us. Though we don't have all the answers to the questions of life, we do know with the certainty of our faith, that God does, and if the world seems dark, it was very dark on that Friday when Jesus died, and light was restored on Easter Day. For us, that light of Easter continues to shine bright in our lives. Amen!

Rev. Randy

With Summer around the corner, we ask for your continued support. Typically, the summer months are very slow for parishes, as people are traveling, spending time at the cottage, etc. However, the financial needs of the church are still very much there. It would be wonderful if all our parishioners could make the effort to keep their support consistent all through the summer. If you are going to be away maybe you might consider post-dated cheques, sign up for electronic giving, make e-transfers. Our parish treasurer would especially be grateful. Thank you for your commitment to our parish.

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.

Congratulations to Archdeacon Ed Keeping on his upcoming retirement, effective, at the end of June. We wish many blessings of good health and happiness on both you and Joyce for many years to come.

Columbarium niches are nearly all sold. Of the 48 available 44 of them have already been sold. There are plans to purchase and install more units in the coming year, and the cost of those individual niches will depend on the cost of the units.

As Summer gets nearer (it will arrive), many people will be doing work on family graves in the cemetery. We remind everyone that there are regulations governing the cemetery, so please check with the rector or vestry if you have questions. We do hope to have a student again this Summer, but that will depend on whether or not we receive a government grant. Please help keep our cemetery, including the columbarium area of it, looking beautiful. Also be safe while doing work on family graves, there may be areas where one could fall or twist an ankle.

NOTICES /MEMORABLE DATES

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.

April 28 -The next date for baptism will be Sunday, April 28th, at 10:30 am. If anyone has a child to receive baptism at that time, please speak to Rev. Randy very soon.

May 5 - The **Diocesan Anglican Men's Association** (D.A.M.A.) will hold its spring meeting on **Sunday, May 5 at St. Peter's Church, Upper Gullies**. The meeting will begin with **supper at 5p.m. followed by a Meeting at 6 p.m. and then a Church Service at 7p.m.**

The session is open to all men and Men's Service Clubs in the Diocese. One of the topics for discussion will be a new constitution as well as a time of fellowship.

Please **confirm your attendance by April 25 by email to Rev. Bill Strong at wstrong1450@gmail.com** to facilitate meal preparation. **Hope to see you then!**

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 Maxine Jones and Linda Thomas for hosting this month's coffee hour (April 7). The next one is scheduled for May 5.

Thank you to our organists, choir, sidespersons, altar guild, cleaners, readers, litanists, etc. for all the extra work you did during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. All our services were well attended and it was a glorious celebration of Easter.

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.

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.

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 Please note

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

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

IN FOND AND PRECIOUS MEMORIES OF
HUSBAND, DAD, POP AND GREAT POPPY
ON HIS BIRTHDAY, APRIL 8TH

EDGAR CLARK

Lovingly remembered by
Joyce and family.

And

DEREK MERCER

April 16, 1953 – June 13, 2019

Lovingly remembered and forever in
our hearts:

Carol, Matthew, Brittany
and Calla Ann

April 7th

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Fogo Island East, The Church of the Holy Spirit – Rector; Rev. Neal Buffett, Deacon; Rev. Neil Coffin and the parish of Fogo Island West, (2 congregations) – Rector; Rev. Neal Buffett.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the diocese of Nova Scotia and PEI, Bishop Sandra Fyfe and Synod office staff.

Parish Families: We pray for our parish families: This week we remember: Janice Spurrell, Catherine Squires, Randy & Christine Squires, Cynthia Squires, Doreen Squires and their families.

April 14th

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Forteau (4 congregations) – Catechist; Verna Legge and the Parish of Forteau/Lamalaine (2 congregations) – Rector; Rev. Robyn Toal.

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: Gordon & Jackie Squires, Halley Squires, Marion Squires, Richard & Sandra Squires, Rita Squires and their families.

April 7th

**2nd Sunday of Easter
The Annunciation**

Scriptural Sentence
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory.

1st Reading
Isaiah 7 : 10-14
Psalm 45: (pages 762-763)
(Gloria Earle)

2nd Reading
Hebrews 10: 4-10
(Dave Earle)

Gospel
Luke 1 : 26-38
(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – Almighty God, so fill us with your grace, that we in all things may accept your holy will and with the Virgin Mary, full of grace, rejoice in your salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Almighty God, your word proclaims our salvation your table gives us life. Grant us the humble obedience we see in Mary, that we too may respond as willing servants. We ask this in the name of

April 14th

3rd Sunday of Easter

Scriptural Sentence
Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures. Make our hearts burn within us while you speak.

1st Reading
Acts 3: 12-19
Psalm 4: (Pages 707-708)
(Brenda Harding)

2nd Reading
1st John 3: 1-7
(Ruth Hiscock)

Gospel
Luke 24: 36b-48
(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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