

## Dismissal Songs

### “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.*

### “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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**March 2026 (Year A)**

**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*

As I reflect today (February 25th), it follows our Ash Wednesday liturgy, which, because of the weather, we had to transfer to Thursday evening. Then, again because of weather, we had to cancel our services for the first Sunday of Lent, I hope everyone is getting shoveled out from, what has been so far, a brutal winter. This year, for our mid-week worship services, we are using a Lenten series titled *The Trials of Jesus*, in which we look at the various characters leading up to Jesus' passion. We hear the voice of Satan as he tempts Jesus in the wilderness, the voice of Judas as he betrays Jesus into the hands of his tormentors, the voice of Annas, a powerful Jewish High Priest, as Jesus is brought before him for interrogation, the voice of Caiphas, High Priest of Israel, who presides over the Sanhedrin trial of Jesus, the voice of Peter, especially when he falters and denies Jesus three times, and the voice of Herod, who mocks Jesus and sends him to Pilate for crucifixion. In all of these characters, who played a part in the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus, we look at our own lives to see if there are times when we see these characteristics in ourselves. By the end of the series we will have reached Holy Week, starting on Palm Sunday, from there we will make the week-long journey to Easter. For the next six weeks or so we will be very much focused on the Cross of Christ, and how it has shaped who we are as Christians in a very challenging and oftentimes hostile world to Christ and the work of the Gospel. Lent is a time for us to do two very important things, first to focus inward on our own lives, to search who we were, who we are, and who we are called to be as baptized Christians in the world. Secondly, to look outward at the world around us, to explore what it has become and to find ways that we can change it for the greater good. We live in a world of great trial and tribulation, where evil tends to rise to the surface, especially by what we continue to see in Ukraine, the Middle East, and even in the United States. Lent is a time for us to be fervent in prayer, scripture reading and worship, so that we are strong enough to change the world, for if we are not fortified in faith, the dangerous outcome is that we will be changed by the world. Lent always begins with Jesus' journey into the wilderness for 40 days, where he is both hungry and thirsty in a physical way, and, we can imagine how difficult that would be to go so long without food and water. It is at that time, and in that weakened state that the devil comes to him, tempting him with food, and offering to him the kingdoms of the world, if only Jesus would serve him. Let us think back upon our own lives, and reflect upon the times when we faced our own temptations in life, and, in all likelihood, we will find that it was at a time when we were in a weakened state, going through some kind of episode that shook the foundation of our lives and faith. We may have succumbed to the temptation, or we may have found strength and grace to resist at the time. Evil is very real in our

world, we see it all the time. When we turn our televisions and hear about violence, war, murder, and all the other terrible things that go on daily, we are confronted by evil in a powerful way, and sometimes it is very near to us, in our neighborhoods, in our communities, in our province or nation. As the devil came to Jesus promising him wealth and power, and to satisfy his physical needs, so too the devil is still at work, and has the ability to often present himself to us in seemingly good and innocent ways. It's when we are strong in faith that we have the power of Christ to resist.

When I see the state of affairs in our world today, I see many reasons why we need to keep faith alive and well within us and around us. In the past four years the greatest personification of evil I see is in the form of Russian president Vladimir Putin, who continues to aggressively and violently impose his will upon the independent nation of Ukraine, and despite being heavily scolded and sanctioned by the rest of the world, has not so far relented in his bloodthirsty onslaught, bombing and killing innocent men, women and children as he moves deeper into the country, a war now into its fifth year. The world is shocked that in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we still have such evil people in places of power and leadership. Putin joins the ranks of a few more like-minded world leaders with the potential to imitate his ways. The good we see from this is the solidifying of unity by the majority of the world in condemning this kind of behavior, and trampling of democratic values. We see so much evil emanating from the US, once our friend and ally, but now we are mocked and threatened by a world class bully named Trump. My prayer is that the war in Ukraine will end, that the Ukrainian people will establish peace and prosperity, and that Putin will be held accountable by the International Court of Justice, and the US will awaken to the dangerous path their current president is taking them down and take back their nation again.

What can you and I do to combat this evil, and other forms of evil around us? We can continue to support Ukraine in any way possible, because it truly is a war between good and evil, this determination is the power of Christ at work within us. We are strong when we live in unity, whether it's in our families, in our nation or in our church. The devil seeks to divide us, for then he has the power to tempt us and we often don't have the strength and grace to resist. I like the words in the baptism service, found in the baptismal covenant, where it says, *will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?* We respond emphatically with the words, *I will, with God's help!* That is the essence of the Lenten season, the knowledge that as we fall, we have the power to rise again and resist, and we can turn weakness into strength, but to do so, we need one another. The journey of faith is not a one-person venture, on our own we will fail over and over again, but, together as the Church, we will be stronger. Will we still fail and fall? Yes, we will, but we will have the help we need to stand strong again. I invite you to journey with us, your church family, through this Lenten season, let us walk together, pray together, worship together, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

**Rev. Randy**

**Columbarium niche sale update.** The new units were installed back in November, giving us an extra 48 niches, for a total number of 96 niches on site. To date, approximately 59 of those niches have been sold, with 37 remaining for sale. It is the parish intent to add additional ones once we get down to a certain number remaining, however, the purchase price of new ones will be determined by the cost of placing more columbarium units on site. For example, once we sold the first 48 niches at \$3000 each, the new units cost more to purchase, which meant we had to increase the niche sale price to \$4000 (no tax) We will continue to give updates as we go along.

**Fundraising will cease in Lent.** This means that for about 7 weeks we will depend on our envelope offerings (also E-Giving & EMT) only to meet the financial obligations of the parish. We ask our parishioners to be mindful of this and would really appreciate a special effort to get your offerings into the parish on a regular basis. Once we get past Easter Sunday (April 5<sup>th</sup>) we will resume our normal activities. Thank you for your faithful support of the 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.

**Envelope boxes are still available for pickup** in the foyer. Most of them are already taken but there are still some. If there are any there belonging to your family or neighbors please deliver them. If you did not receive your box of envelopes, or you are new to our parish and would like a box, we have some available. Call our Envelope Secretary, Marie Chafe at 709-895-2562 or the parish office at 895-0715.

**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 2025 receipts are available in the main entrance of the church.** These are the ones you will need for your 2025 income tax returns. If you do not see yours there, please speak to Marie, our envelope secretary, or Rev. Randy.

**We need some new members for vestry.** Each year some vestry members complete their term and move off so that new ones can come on. At our annual meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>, we hope that you will consider offering yourself to serve, if so, please speak to Rev. Randy and let him know you are interested in serving.

**The rector and vestry, on behalf of the congregation,** want to express our appreciation for the volunteer ministry of our late brother in Christ, Gary King. Gary, as you know, passed away on February 16<sup>th</sup>, after a long -hard- fought battle with cancer. Gary, at the time of his passing was still the People's Warden, a position he held for about 10 years, president of our men's group (ACM), and member of our choir. He was constantly around the church doing whatever needed to be done, and was always available for whatever we needed him to do, he will be missed by us all. We express our sincerest condolences to Mary and all of Gary's family. Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon him. Amen.

**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.

**Our monthly Coffee Hour has now resumed.** From now until June 2026 we will have our coffee hour on the first or second Sunday of each month, just before the 10:30 am worship. Come along a little earlier and join us for tea/coffee and refreshments. If you would be interested in hosting one (available months are: **May or June**) please contact Lisa Brown by email: [llake99@hotmail.com](mailto:llake99@hotmail.com).

**We will need a few more volunteers for Vestry.** Each year several members complete their 3 - year term and move off vestry, and at the annual meeting they are replaced by others. We would love for you to consider offering yourself for this very important work of being involved in the running of our parish. Please pray about it.

**Annual Congregational meeting has been rescheduled** to Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, following the 10:30 worship service. That is also the Sunday for our next Coffee Hour, to be hosted by Ada Lockyer and Brenda Harding. Therefore, following a shorter service we will immediately move into our annual meeting without the need for sandwiches and cookies. Coffee/tea and items left on the table after the coffee hour will be available after the service as well.

**The ACW Lenten Sock project has started again.** Last year this again was a very successful project, and we hope it will be again this year. The little socks are available for pickup at the church; they contain a little piece of paper with information on it. If you take one please be sure to let the ACW ladies know so that they can keep track of who has them. Throughout Lent place your money in them and when you have them ready just drop them into the offering plate on Sunday. This will help the ACW in their fundraising efforts this year. Thank you to Dawn Cheeseman for providing those socks and looking after the project.

## **NOTICES /MEMORABLE DATES**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>** – Wednesday midweek Lenten Services – 7:00 pm.

**March 8** – This month's coffee hour will be on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, prior to the 10:30 am worship and hosted by Brenda Harding and Ada Lockyer. This is always a time for fellowship and getting to know each other better, you are always welcome to bring a friend as well.

**March 8** – Annual Congregational Meeting following 10:30 am service.

**March 10** - The next regular Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the boardroom. Because stormy weather has impacted our services recently, we ask our parishioners to help us stay on top of our financial commitments, so that our offerings are able to keep up with our expenses.

**March 17** – *Congratulations!* To our Deacon Rev. Ed Bonnell on the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of his ordination as a Deacon.

### **Church of the Good Sheppard:**

#### **Italian Dinner**

Mark your calendar for our Italian Dinner Fundraiser **Friday, March 13, 6:30pm**, tickets are \$25.00 and are available from the church office or email transfer [cotgs@nf.aibn.com](mailto:cotgs@nf.aibn.com).

#### **Steve Bell Concert**

Get your tickets now to our Steve Bell concert, **Sunday, March 29th at 7pm** at Church of the Good Shepherd. Tickets are \$25 and available at: <https://stevebell.com/venue/church-of-the-good-shepherd/>

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

***Gary King***

(May 10, 1955 – February 16, 2026)

***Given By:  
St. Philip's Parish Family***



## **March 1st**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

### **Scriptural Sentence**

*"The Son of man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."*

### **1st Reading**

Genesis 12: 1-4a  
Psalm 121 / Page: 882  
*(Todd Martin)*

### **2nd Reading**

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17  
*(Debbie Collis-Best)*

### **Gospel**

John 3: 1-7  
*(Deacon Ed Bonnell)*

### **Collects & Prayers**

**Collect** – Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Prayer over the Gifts** – God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion** - Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **March 8<sup>th</sup>**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

### **Scriptural Sentence**

*"Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world. Give us living water, that we may not thirst."*

### **1st Reading**

Exodus 17: 1-7  
Psalm 95 / Page: 833  
*(Rev. Russell Osmond)*

### **2nd Reading**

Romans 5: 1-11  
*(Joan Osmond)*

### **Gospel**

John 4: 5-42  
*(Deacon Ed Bonnell)*

### **Collects & Prayers**

**Collect** – Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life, may we always thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Prayer over the Gifts** – Spring of life and Source of goodness, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to the living water, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion** – God of our pilgrimage, we have found the living water. Refresh and sustain us as we go forth on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord Amen.

## **March 15<sup>th</sup>**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

### **Scriptural Sentence**

*"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; those who follow me will have the light of life."*

### **1st Reading**

1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 16: 1-3  
Psalm 23 / Page: 731  
*(Ruth Hiscock)*

### **2nd Reading**

Ephesians 5: 8-14  
*(Harve Hiscock)*

### **Gospel**

John 9: 1-41  
*(Deacon Ed Bonnell)*

### **Collects & Prayers**

**Collect** – Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; 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 light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept your offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion** – Father, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

### **Scriptural Sentence**

*"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."*

### **1st Reading**

Ezekiel 27: 1-14  
Psalm 130 / Page: 888  
*(Jennifer Cross)*

### **2nd Reading**

Romans 8: 6-11  
*(tba)*

### **Gospel**

John 11: 1-45  
*(Deacon Ed Bonnell)*

### **Collects & Prayers**

**Collect** – Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer over the Gifts** – Giver of life, your Son has destroyed the power of death for all those who believe in him. Accept all we offer you this day and strengthen us in faith and hope; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion** - God of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son, also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

## **March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday  
Liturgy of the Palms

### **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  
*(Harve Hiscock)*

### **2nd Reading**

Philippians 2: 5-11  
*(Ruth Hiscock)*

### **Gospel**

Matthew 27: 11-54  
*(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 sacrifice, we may receive your love and mercy. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion** – God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with his eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.