

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.*

"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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May 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: We are now a few weeks removed from Easter Sunday, but we are still in the Easter season, at least for a little while longer. I suppose, as Christians, grounded in the resurrection of Christ, the cornerstone of our hope, we are always in the season of Easter for we are Easter people. As we experience the events of our world, given the continuing war in Ukraine, the conflict between Israel and Lebanon, the conflict between the USA and Israel against Iran, the economic turmoil caused by weak and unpredictable decisions by the USA, which we are keenly aware of and affected by in Canada, it might seem difficult to hold onto hope. We can only imagine the hardship of so many in our world, the poor, the marginalized of society, those whose suffering has gone from tremendous to unbearable. Where do they look to find comfort and hope when all they experience is pain and misery?

For many, they look to the presence of the Church in their lives, the one bright light that somehow manages to penetrate the darkness, and give them a ray of hope. We may not be able to understand the depth of despair, pain and suffering of a mother who loses her husband and son from Russian aggression in Ukraine, or a parent who lost nearly all of their family through war or natural disaster in Africa or Asia, but we get some sense of their situation, and we feel some of their pain. Whether it's any of those places and situations, or something closer to home, such as the provincial fires of 2025, which brought so much destruction, including the loss of homes and communities, or the increase in violent crimes in our communities, how can we, as the church, be a bright light of hope to others in pain and anguish?

All we can really be assured of is that Jesus calls us to be his eyes, mouth, ears, arms, feet and heart in a hurting world. Easter gives us hope that he will never abandon us, and that we are now his ambassadors in the world, we are all he has to carry out his mission of love and service. In the month of May, a time when we can see the cold dead of winter giving way to the new life of spring, we are called to reflect on the glory of God, and be reminded that there is indeed, in the words of Ecclesiastes, a time and a season for everything in creation, including ourselves. In this month we commemorate Jesus' ascension back to heaven, we celebrate his Pentecost gift of the Holy Spirit upon his disciples, and his great commission to them, to leave that room where they were gathered in fear and

despair, and go into the world to share the good news of the gospel. The church too can be paralyzed by fear, immobilized by the uncertainty of what awaits us on the other side of the door. Jesus challenges us to swing wide open those doors, and bolt out in enthusiasm to confront the world, embrace others, and change despair into hope, darkness into light, and deliver the age-old message that God is still in control, Jesus is among us, and everyone is welcome to join us on this journey through the church. May we all find joy together in this church of St. Philip, may we greet one another, find a place for everyone, and be strengthened and nourished by our fellowship together, and by word and sacrament. Amen!

Rev. Randy

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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Thank you to parishioners who continue to contribute to the food bank boxes in the foyer. Whenever the boxes are full Gloria Earle takes them to St. Lawrence's Pop-up Pantry, where it is used in food hampers for those in need. They are very happy to receive the food items, and we will continue to collect for this very worthy cause.

Let us ensure we keep our church contributions up-to-date.

This winter has been a very harsh one, and on a couple of occasions we had to cancel our worship services. Whenever we cancel, or whenever the attendance is impacted by the weather, it has an effect on our offerings. We are very mindful of our financial obligations monthly and strive to keep everything up-to-date. We are very grateful for the generosity of our parishioners, which enables us to remain both viable and sustainable, even as other churches struggle. Thank you for your support, we are blessed by your generosity.

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.

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NOTICES /MEMORABLE DATES

May 3rd is baptism Sunday in our parish. We welcome into the church, and into the family of God, *Landon Wallace Farrell*, son of Ronald and Emma. We will have baptism again on Sunday, May 24th.

Confirmation Sunday is May 10th. Our bishop will be here for the laying on of hands to confirm the following young people: *Jenna Marie Howe, Levi Blair Collett Parsons, Haley Beverly Rowena Sharpe, and Alice Renee Collett.* Please pray for these young people, and your presence at worship will be greatly appreciated that morning as we make it a celebration of faith. There will be tea/coffee, cake and sandwiches after. We ask our parishioners to bring along sandwiches or cookies for the occasion.

Happy Mother's Day as well on May 10th. It will be a double celebration that morning, Confirmation and Mother's Day. As is our tradition, we will be honoring our moms that are still among us, as well as those who are no longer present but live on in our hearts and memories.

Next Vestry Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th, at 7:00 pm.

The next ACW card game will be held on Tuesday, May 26th, at 7:30 pm. It is always a time of fun and fellowship, and a great way for our ACW to achieve their fundraising goal for the year. All are welcome.

Congratulations to our own Father Reuben Hatcher as he receives and honorary doctorate degree at the upcoming Queen's College Convocation. Father Hatcher is being honored for his contribution to the life of the church in Newfoundland & Labrador. The convocation will be held on Thursday, June 4th, at 2:00 pm in the parish of The Ascension, Mount Pearl. All are welcome to attend.

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.

Youth Employment Opportunity

The Anglican Church of St. Philips has received funding to employ:

- 1 Individual (15-30 Years of Age) for 8 weeks, 35 hours/week
- Anticipated start date: June 08, 2026

Resumes can be emailed to gloriajoyearle@gmail.com

Application Deadline: May 22, 2026

REMINDER: A reminder to anyone who haven't returned the Lenten socks to do so soon.

The geo-thermal heating system has been fixed. For the past few months, we have been waiting for this work to be completed to ensure our Sunday morning worship services are held in a warm and comfortable place. The cost of this repair was, taxes included, \$7907.89 We have sufficient funds in our maintenance fund to look after this, but we always want the congregation to be aware of major expenditures incurred. Another major item we have next is the annual cost of our insurance, which this year will be approaching \$13,000 We ask our parishioners to be mindful of the needs of the parish annually, and to help us remain financially healthy and sustainable.

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

Our Sister

Louise Picco (nee Squires)

May 6, 1943 – May 30, 2024

*Love and miss you:
Susie, Grace & Families*



**Darling Son & special brother
Clayton Benjamin Tucker**

October 1, 1975 – May 20, 2007

*Always loved, always remembered:
His mom Grace and sister Sandy*



Ruby & George Spurrell
Ruby: **Aug. 24, 1928 – April 4, 2025**
George: **Nov. 27, 1928 – Oct. 11, 1998**

*Given By:
Janice & Donna*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Ernest Jones

(Dec. 11, 1947 – May 16, 2025)

*Forever in our Hearts and dearly missed
Maxine, Nadine, Kaelyn, Evann & Ashley*



*In loving memory of our two beloved
mothers on Mother's Day*

**Phyllis Squires
Mary Gosse**

Till we meet again

Shirley & Charlie



A dear son and brother
Stefan E. Gibbons

*Given By:
Parents – Bill & Daisy
Sister - Melanie*

May 3rd

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scriptural Sentence

“Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, says the Lord; that the Gather may be glorified in the Son.”

1st Reading

Isaiah 30: 18-21

Psalms 119: 33-40 / Pages: 870-881

(Harve Hiscock)

2nd Reading

2nd Corinth. 4: 1-6

(Ruth Hiscock)

Gospel

John 14: 6-14

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, you gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth. Grant that we, mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts – Almighty God, to know you is to have eternal life. Grant us to know your Son as the way, the truth, and the life; and guide our footsteps along the way of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer after Communion - Holy God, in Jesus Christ we find the way to you. May we who have met him in this banquet be kept in your unending love, and see you working through your Son, for he is Lord forever and ever. Amen

May 10th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Scriptural Sentence

“If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.”

1st Reading

Isaiah 61: 1-9

Psalms 139: 1-9 / Pages: 896/898

(Canon Don Morgan)

2nd Reading

Ephesians 4: 7, 11-16

(Todd Martin)

Gospel

Luke 4: 16-21

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts – God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. Amen

Prayer after Communion - Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

May 17th

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Scriptural Sentence

“Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age.”

1st Reading

Acts 1: 1-11

Psalms 47: Pages: 764-765

(Rev. Russell Osmond)

2nd Reading

Ephesians 1: 15-23

(Joan Osmond)

Gospel

Luke 24: 44-53

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts – Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion - Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

May 24th

Day of Pentecost

Scriptural Sentence

“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.”

1st Reading

Acts. 2: 1-21

Psalms 104: 25-35, 37 / Pages: 843-845

(Gloria Earle)

2nd Reading

1st. Corinth. 12: 3b-13

Gospel

John 20: 19-23

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts – Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion - Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit that we may show forth his gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen