

Dismissal Songs

“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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March 3rd – 17th, 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:

At the time of this writing (Feb. 29th), we are approaching the 5th Sunday of the Lenten season, and only 4 Sundays before we arrive at Easter Sunday (March 31st), so time is indeed moving along very quickly. During the weeks of Lent, we are focused on the events in Jesus' life, from the time after his baptism in the Jordan River, when he spends 40 days in the wilderness, fasting and praying, being tempted by Satan, to the beginning of Holy Week, with his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Each year the church recounts these events, not because they are nice stories to remember, but because we are moved by God's great love for humanity, that God would send Jesus Christ to endure so much pain, humiliation, and death on a cross for our sakes. The Passion story is a living story, it never grows old, it is as relevant to our lives as it was to the lives of those who witnessed it over 2000 years ago. The sacrifice Jesus made once, and for all, was for us as well, and for every generation that will come after us. When Jesus died and rose again on that first Easter Day, he did it for us as much as for those who visited the empty tomb that morning. We were already part of God's great master plan for salvation, we still are.

Perhaps one of the major challenges facing the Church today (the whole Christian Church), is to find ways that makes this great truth of God's love and salvation relevant and exciting in the lives of people. There is no doubt, we live in an age where many people have fallen away from the church for all kinds of reasons. Some because they no longer see the church as being relevant to their lives, some because the church has been a source of hurt and pain to them, and perhaps some that no longer profess the faith of Christ crucified and risen. Whatever the reason, it does not diminish the reality of God's love, and it does not change the story of the cross, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, and his promise to return again.

When Jesus stood before Pilate, just before his death sentence was pronounced, he was asked a number of questions, as Pilate tried to ascertain the validity of the trumped-up charges against him. Pilate asked Jesus if he

was a king, to which Jesus replies yes, but not of this world. Pilate didn't understand what Jesus meant, and that Jesus' kingship was a spiritual one, and his kingdom that of heaven. Pilate goes on to ask Jesus – *What is truth?* Pilate didn't grasp at all who Jesus was, and even though *truth* stood before him, he was blind to it. Jesus in John's gospel (14:6) says it plainly – *I am the way, the TRUTH, and the life.* Just as Pilate didn't grasp it, so too, in this age in which we live, many still don't get it, and for many the shine has disappeared from what they once had. How can we show the world the truth of Christ?

What the future of the Church will look like, right now is known to God alone. What we can be assured of is that it remains the Church of Jesus Christ, and he has promised that the gates of hell will not prevail against it. The mission of the Church has not changed in over 2000 years, it is still to *go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit* (Mt. 28:19) or in the words of Mark's gospel (16:15) – *go into all the world and preach the gospel to everyone.* No doubt about it, the world is not, generally speaking, as receptive to the message of the gospel, and neither as open to receiving the church, as it once was, but truth does not bend, the reality of Christ has not changed. Whether we accept this truth or not does not lessen its validity and reality.

We are the world too. Pilate's question can be turned back on us as well – *What is truth?* Is there truth staring us in the face, and we don't comprehend it, or we ignore it? Lent is that time for us to consider the truth of Jesus' life, his journey to the cross, and his victorious rising from the grave. The truth for us, though the world might beg to differ, is that he is still alive, and he continues to extend his offer of mercy and grace to all who choose to receive it. I invite you to join with us for the last couple of weeks of this Lenten season, join us in the journey through Holy Week, and join us as we shout *Alleluia, the Lord has risen, the Lord has risen indeed,* on Easter Sunday. This is our story to recount, but, more than that, this is our story to live out in our daily lives, for Jesus doesn't live only in the Kingdom of Heaven, he also lives, through the power of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. May our lives reflect this truth and glory in all that we are, in all that we do, and in all that we can be. Amen!!

Rev. Randy

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.

March 3rd

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of the Province of Uganda, Primate – The Most Rev. Stephen Kaziimba.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Catalina, its clergy and 6 congregations; the Cathedral Parish of St. John the Baptist (St. John's), its clergy and congregation – especially as they celebrate 325 years as a parish.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the dioceses of Montreal, Quebec, Fredericton, Nova Scotia, PEI, Western, Central and Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, for our bishops, clergy and lay people in the hundreds of congregations in our Ecclesiastical Province of Canada. Pray for the unity of the church, and all that draws us closer together as the body of Christ.

Parish Families: We pray for our parish families: This week we remember: Jeanette & Stephen Reid, Eve Roberts, Baxter & Catherine Rose, Violet Ruelokke and their families.

March 10th

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Episcopal Church of the United States, Presiding Bishop – The Most Rev. Michael Curry.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Cathedral Parish of St. John the Evangelist (Corner Brook), its clergy and congregation. All of our hospital chaplains in our three dioceses. For St. Luke's Ecumenical Congregation (St. Luke's Home) and the Ven. Christopher Fowler.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Montreal, the Right Rev. 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 Sam Russell, Shirley Scott, Beverly Sharpe, Dawn & Eddie Sharpe, Dean & Lisa Sharpe and their families.

March 17th

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Wales – Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Andrew John.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Churchill Falls (Joint Ministry with United Church), its clergy and congregation and the Parish of Cow Head, its clergy and 6 congregations.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Quebec – The Rt. Rev. Bruce Joseph Andrew Myers, the Ven. Dr Edward Simonton, Archdeacon and Vicar General of Quebec, and Synod Office Staff.

Parish Families: We pray for our parish families: This week we remember: Edward & Jill Sharpe, George & Shirley Sharpe, Madonna & Boyde Sharpe, Mary Sharpe, Shirley Sharpe and their families..

NOTICES /MEMORABLE DATES

March 3 - Our monthly Coffee Hour will be held this Sunday, March 3rd prior to the 10:30 am worship service. There will be tea/coffee/juice and refreshments available in the foyer and everyone is welcome to fellowship together. Greg and Lisa Brown are sponsoring this month's coffee hour. April and May have already been sponsored, but there is an opening for the one in June. If you would like to do this one, please contact Lisa Brown or Rev. Randy. The coffee hour time is meant for us to get to know one another better, and also to welcome visitors. Why not come and invite a friend to join you?

March 3 - Confirmation class schedule. Because we are such a short time away from the actual date of Confirmation (March 17th) the following information is very important. There will be a Confirmation class on Sunday, March 3rd and Sunday, March 10th, immediately following the 10:30 am worship service. In addition to that, there will be a rehearsal on Saturday, March 16th, at 10:00 am. Parents should also attend the rehearsal.

March 3 - Lenten Performance Meditation Series Every Sunday In March @ 4PM: Beginning this Sunday, March 3rd, 2024 at 4:00 PM, at St Mary's Anglican Church, 1 Cornwall Crescent, in St. John's, presents "Reflections" a multimedia meditation in the Parish's Lenten series of concerts, *Sundays @ Four*. Featuring music composed by Louis Vierne, Arvo Pärt, Carole Bestvater, and Nadia Boulanger, and performed by Carole Bestvater (*violin*) and David Buley (*organ and piano*). The musical offerings will include interpretations in movement offered by Sanchita Chakraborty. Join us as we explore the idea of *reflection* as a structure and a spiritual process through these different media. All Are Welcome. Exquisite Music: Absolutely Free.

March 6 – The next ACW meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6 following the weekly Lenten Service.

March 17 – CONGRATULATIONS! To The Rev. (Deacon) Ed Bonnell on the 20th anniversary of his ordination as a Deacon.

March 17 – Confirmation, Sunday – March 17th at the 10:30 a.m. worship.

March 23 - St. Philip's ACM will be having a Salmon Dinner on Saturday, March 23rd at 6:00 pm. The cost of tickets is \$25 and can be purchased from Harvey Hiscock at 709-697-5280 or Gary King at 709-691-3902. They can also be purchased from the parish office by calling 709-895-0715.

Our next pot-luck lunch. We had a pot-luck lunch, followed by our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, February 25th. We had kind of forgotten how good it is for us to do this occasionally, as we were doing prior to the pandemic. It was such a good time of fellowship, and it certainly falls within the objectives of the diocesan strategic plan – *Set Sail, charting the course for Christ's Church*, under the first ship – *Deepening Relationships*. Part of building relationships is getting to know one another better, and we can do this when we share meals together. Our bishop will be coming for Confirmation on Sunday, March 17th, at 10:30 am. Following the service we will have another pot-luck lunch in the parish centre. All are welcome.

St. Philip's parish extends condolences to Bishop Sam Rose on the passing of his mother. Bishop Rose's mother, the late Elaine Dalton, died last week after a short period of illness. Her funeral service was held on Thursday, February 29th, at St. Michael's Roman Catholic church on Bell Island. Rest eternal grant unto her O' Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. Amen!

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.

Church Receipts for 2023 are now available in the foyer. Please take yours and if you would like to deliver others to family or friends, please do so.

2023 annual reports are available. Following our annual meeting of February 25th, anyone wanting to read the annual reports for last year, including the financial statements, there are sets of them located on the table in the foyer.

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.

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.

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

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.

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Lenten Mid-week Services

March 6

1st Reading

2nd Samuel 26: 12-13
(Gloria Earle)

2nd Reading

Ephesians 4: 22-32
(Dave Earle)

3rd Reading

Galatians 5: 18-25
(Debbie Collis)

Gospel

Matthew 26 : 69-75
(Deacon Bonnell)

March 13

1st Reading

Isaiah 53:1-12
(Betty Lewis)

2nd Reading

Romans 8: 22-39
(Gary King)

Gospel

Luke 23: 32-34
(Deacon Bonnell)

March 20

1st Reading

Genesis 4: 1-15
(Canon Shirley Gosse)

2nd Reading

James 5: 13-20
(Brenda Harding)

Gospel

Luke 23: 39-43
(Deacon Bonnell)

March 3rd

3rd Sunday in Lent

Scriptural Sentence

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

1st Reading

Exodus 20: 1-17
Psalm 19
Pages: 725-716
(Todd Martin)

2nd Reading

1st Corinthians 1: 18-25
(Canon Shirley Gosse)

Gospel

John 2: 13-22
(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

March 10th

4th Sunday in Lent

Scriptural Sentence

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

1st Reading

Numbers 21: 4-9
Psalm 107
Pages: 852 – v. 1-3
853-854 – v. 17-22
855 (prayer at end)
(Allie Wheeler)

2nd Reading

Ephesians 2: 1-10
(Glenda Winter)

Gospel

John 3: 14-21
(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

March 17th

5th Sunday in Lent

Scriptural Sentence

“Anyone who serves me must follow me, says the Lord, and where I am, there shall my servant be also.”

1st Reading

Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Psalm 119 v. 9-16
Pages: 868-869
(Lori Gosse)

2nd Reading

Hebrews 5: 5-10
(Regan Gosse)

Gospel

John 12: 20-33
(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – 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. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – 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. Amen

Prayer after Communion – 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. Amen