

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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February 18th & 25th, 2024 (Year B)

A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR PARISHONERS 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: Greetings in the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. As I reflect today (Feb. 15th), we are just beginning to emerge from a two - day winter storm, which practically shut down our region. This time of the year is extremely difficult to make plans, and, when we do, we have to be mindful of the possibility that our plans can very well get foiled or changed. Newfoundland and Labrador winter weather is very often unpredictable, and subject to all kinds of variables. Ada and I spent a week (Feb. 5-12) in Ontario, and we were so very pleased with the beautiful weather we had there, and especially the absence of any snow. We got back just in time, and ahead of the storm.

Thank you to those who supported the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, it was a great success. The pancake supper is a real reminder of what comes the very next day – *Ash Wednesday*, the beginning of Lent. For the next 40 days we will make that Lenten journey with our Lord, as we commemorate his forty-day wilderness experience, where he fasted and was tempted by Satan. This journey will take us to the beginning of Holy Week, Palm Sunday, where we will remember with an aura of sacredness, our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the last supper with his disciples, his arrest, mock trial and crucifixion. I hope you will join us on the journey of Lent and Holy Week; before we can shout alleluia on Easter Day, first we have to make the journey to the foot of the cross.

The winter storm this week interrupted our plans to gather for the Ash Wednesday liturgy, which was to be the real start to Lent. This Sunday's liturgy (Feb. 18) will also include the imposition of the ashes for those who wish to receive them. Each year the Church calls us to observe a holy Lent, one of sacrifice and penance, as we allow the sacrifice of Christ to speak to us over and over. Pope Francis gave an excellent sermon this week in Rome, and it is here I wish to share some of his words with you. I think it is wonderful for any Christians that share the same emphasis and liturgies around Lent. Here is what he said:

Lent is a time to look inward at our true selves and to share our deepest desires, worries, and weaknesses with the Lord in prayer.

In a world where "everything has to be exposed, shown off, and fed to the gossip mill of the moment," the Lord is inviting us to "remove the masks we so often wear" and to see ourselves as we truly are in the sight of God.

"Precisely there, where so many fears, feelings of guilt, and sin are lurking, precisely there the Lord has descended in order to heal and cleanse you."

"Let us acknowledge what we are: dust loved by God. We are dust loved by God. And thanks to him, we will be reborn from the ashes of sin to new life in Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit," "Let us return, brothers and sisters. Let us return to God with all our heart."

"During these weeks of Lent, let us make space for the prayer of silent adoration, in which we experience the presence of the Lord like Moses, like Elijah, like Mary, like Jesus."

"Let us not be afraid to strip ourselves of worldly trappings and return to the heart, to what is essential." He quoted advice from St. Anselm of Canterbury, an 11th-century Benedictine monk and doctor of the Church who wrote in 1078: "Escape from your everyday business for a short while, hide for a moment from your restless thoughts. Break off from your cares and troubles and be less concerned about your tasks and labors. Make a little time for God and rest a while in him."

"Enter into your mind's inner chamber. Shut out everything but God and whatever helps you to seek him; and when you have shut the door, look for him. Speak now to God and say with your whole heart: I seek your face; your face, O Lord, I desire." in a spirit of prayer and humility, we receive ashes on our heads. This gesture is meant to remind us of the ultimate reality of our lives: that we are dust and our life passes away like a breath (cf. Ps 39:6; 144:4),"

"The ashes placed on our heads invite us to rediscover the secret of life. They tell us that as long as we continue to shield our hearts, to hide ourselves behind a mask, to appear invincible, we will be empty and arid within."

"When, on the other hand, we have the courage to bow our heads in order to look within, we will discover the presence of God, who has always loved us. At last, those shields will be shattered and we will be able to feel ourselves loved with an eternal love."

These are strong words that I hope we will all take to heart as we begin our Lenten journey together. In addition to the Sundays of Lent, I also invite you to join us each Wednesday in Lent for a shorter mid-week service. Blessings!

Rev. Randy

February 18th

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Province of the Anglican Church of Sudan. Primate – The Most Revd. Ezekiel Kumir Kondo

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for: The Parish of Brooklyn, its clergy and 8 congregations, The Parish of Buchans, served by the Grand Falls Deanery, and its 2 congregations.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Nova Scotia & PEI, The Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, The Rev. Ann Turner, Executive Director, and all the Synod Staff.

Parish Families: We pray for our parish families: This week we remember - Lorraine Parsons, Jim & Barbara Pender, Louise Picco, John & Winnie Piercy, Bruce & Susan Powell and their families.

February 25th

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania Primate – The Most Rev. Maimbo Mndolwa.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Burin, its clergy and 3 congregations, The Parish By The Sea, its clergy and 4 congregations, The Parish of Carbonear, its clergy and congregation.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for our Primate, The Most Rev. Linda Nichols, giving thanks for her guidance and ministry to the national church, as she nears the end of her primacy, and for all the national church staff and Council of General Synod.

Parish Families: We pray for our parish families: This week we remember – Greg & Jennifer Power, Elizabeth Pretty, Val & Karen Puglisevich, Joy Quilty, Mary-Lou Quilty and their families.

**THE BULLETIN FOR THE
Weeks of
Feb. 18th & Feb. 25th**

**IS GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF GOD**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Parents:

Alma Earle

Dec. 24, 1925 – Feb. 25, 2015

Charles Earle

Jan. 12, 1925 – Feb. 21, 2018

Given By:

David & Gloria Earle

New Vestry members will be needed at the annual meeting February 25th. Membership on the Vestry is open to anyone in the congregation with an interest in serving. Vestry meets once per month, on the second Tuesday, to deal with the business of operating our parish, and to plan and carry out many things. Please prayerfully consider giving of your time for this very important decision-making group.

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.

This year's annual Flower Service will be held on Sunday, July 28th at 3:00 pm. If the weather does not cooperate the service will be held inside.

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

Thank you to those who supported the annual Pancake Supper. About 65 meals were served, a few takeouts but most were eaten in the parish centre. The meal consisted of sausages, a variety of pancakes, beans, tea/coffee. It was also a great time of fellowship.

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.

Envelope drop-off box is located in the foyer. Anyone coming by the office to drop off weekly envelopes, and the office is not open, please use the box on the wall next to the nursery room in the foyer. Normally, Monday to Friday the main church door is open because the after-school group is using the parish centre. This box is checked daily and any envelopes in there are safely locked away until Sunday's count. You may also call the office to arrange a time to drop your envelopes in.

All annual reports for next week's annual meeting should now be already submitted to the rector. All the reports will be printed and made available at the meeting for those who wish to attend.

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.

Anyone wanting to sign up for Electronic Givings there are forms available from the parish office. This takes the place of the regular offering envelopes on Sunday morning and ensures that even if you are away or can't make it on a particular Sunday the parish still receives your regular offering. This helps the parish to keep up with its financial obligations.

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. www.facebook.com/stphillipsanglicanchurch

NOTICES /MEMORABLE DATES

Our next Confirmation class will be held on Saturday, February 24th at 12:00 noon. This change is because on Sunday we have the annual meeting of the congregation following the service. The Confirmation group are asked to be there on Saturday at precisely noon, we will have pizza for lunch and go into our class. We are just one month away from the actual Confirmation service so it is very important to take in the remaining few classes. It is also strongly encouraged that those getting confirmed be in attendance for the morning services, even on Sundays when there is no class scheduled.

Sunday, February 25th, will be the annual pot-luck lunch and congregational meeting. A time to look back at 2023 and to look forward to the year now before us. If you plan to attend, please bring along something for the pot-luck.

The next available Sunday for baptism will be March 3rd. Anyone desiring to have their child baptized should contact Rev. Randy so as to be included in the baptismal preparation necessary.

March 17th - Confirmation in 2024 will take place on Sunday, March 17th at the 10:30 am worship. The next class will be January 28th following the 10:30 am service. Those getting Confirmed are expected to be regular in church attendance.

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.

February 21st

Lenten Midweek Service

1st Reading

Jeremiah 17: 5-14
(Harvey Hiscock)

2nd Reading

Romans 5: 1-11
(Ruth Hiscock)

3rd Reading

Matthew 27: 27-31
(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

February 28th

Lenten Midweek Service

1st Reading

Isaiah 45: 9-25
(Canon Don Morgan)

2nd Reading

1st John 1-2:2
(Dr. Greg Brown)

Gospel

John 18: 28-40
(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

February 18th

1st Sunday of Lent

Scriptural Sentence

"We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God"

1st Reading

Genesis 9: 8-17

Psalm 25: 1-10

Pages: 733-734
(Canon Don Morgan)

2nd Reading

1st Peter 3: 18-22
(Debbie Collis)

Gospel

Mark 1 : 9-15
(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; 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 – God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. Amen

February 25th

2nd Sunday of Lent

Scriptural Sentence

"I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

1st Reading

Kings 2: 1-12

Psalm 50: 1-6

Pages: 768-770
(Joyce Keeping)

2nd Reading

2nd Corinthians 4: 3-6
(Dr. Greg. Brown)

Gospel

Mark 9 : 2-9
(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 forever. 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.