

## *Dismissal Songs*

### *Go Now In Peace*

“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*

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**February 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 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:** With just two more Sundays (Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>) before we come to the season of Lent, perhaps it is good for us to now begin to think about what Lent is, its significance in the journey to Easter, and how we can observe a *holy Lent*.

Since Christmas, we have been commemorating the weeks of Epiphany, the manifestation of his glory and majesty to the world. We now find ourselves preparing for a different season of the year – Lent. Time, as we are reminded in that beautiful hymn by Isaac Watt's, *O God our help in ages past*, just moves along so fast. One verse of that ancient hymn is – *Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons (and daughters) away, as a dream dies at the opening day*. Just a few weeks ago we were caught up in the joy of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, and now we must focus on a more somber mood, as we spend almost two months commemorating the solemn and lonely journey that took him to the Cross of Calvary. We go from almost a euphoria of celebration to our hearts being overcome with sadness and sorrow for what Jesus had to endure for our sakes. When we consider the plan of God for salvation, we realize that the rugged cross on which Jesus was nailed is as important as the stable in which he was born, because God was working out a great master plan to save us.

Each year the Church sets aside Ash Wednesday, and, the five weeks of Lent, to give us an opportunity to journey with our Lord. If we only take the time to celebrate his birth and don't pay any attention to his journey in the wilderness, his temptations, his denial by his followers, his loneliness, his arrest, trial and crucifixion, then we are perhaps like some of his earliest disciples and followers – there with him in the great times when he was performing miracles, healing the sick, raising the dead, multiplying food, turning water into wine, but nowhere to be found in his time of greatest need. I invite you come journey with Jesus this Lent, take the time to reflect on what led him to the cross. We have to make that journey to the foot of the cross before we can truly appreciate the glory of the empty tomb

on Easter morning. Lent is also about making our own small sacrifices of self-denial, so that we might better understand the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Perhaps, the greatest sacrifice we can make over the next number of weeks is the giving of a little bit of our time on Wednesday evenings to come together as the parish family of St. Philip's in worship, to make that journey together. Take the whole family and come, it is only by remembering that we can truly appreciate what Jesus did for us. Remembering Jesus' temptations in the wilderness, where Satan came to him when he was weak, hungry and tired, and offered him everything if he would deny God. The great lesson for all of us from the Ash Wednesday liturgy is that often Satan still comes to us at our weakest and most vulnerable time, and, if we are not fortified by a life of prayer, worship and bible study, we are at great risk of falling victim to his crafty deceit. So, again, take the time this Lent to make that journey, which starts Ash Wednesday evening [Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>] at 7:00 pm, and will continue until we celebrate Easter on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Ash Wednesday happens to also be on Valentine's Day this year, but I'm sure we can accommodate both events.

Before Ash Wednesday, we also have *Shrove Tuesday*, which we also commonly call *Pancake Day*. Again, this year we will be having a pancake supper in our parish hall at 6:30 pm. If you would like to join us for that, there is a sign-up sheet in the church foyer, or you can call the church office at 709-895-0715. The cost is \$10 but children 6 and under don't pay anything. We would love to see the whole family. Remember, your church is here for you always, and we hope you will consider becoming a part of the life and ministry as we seek to serve God in this place.

Rev. Randy

**Rev. Randy will be away on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you to Rev. Russell and Canon Don for leading the worship services that morning.

## February 4<sup>th</sup>

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Church of The Anglican Church of South America, Primate – The Most Rev. Brian Williams.

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for: the Parish of Bonavista, its clergy and 2 congregations; the Parish of Bonne Bay North, its clergy and 3 congregations.

**Provincial Prayer Care:** We pray for the Diocese of Quebec, The Rt. Rev. Bruce Joseph Andrew Myers, 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 - Greg & Michele Moss, Barry & Deborah Myers, Dianne Neil, Cynthia Oliver, Lloyd & Jenette Osmond and their families.

## February 11<sup>th</sup>

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Anglican Church of the Province of South Sudan, Primate – The Most Rev. Justin Badi Arama.

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Parish of Bonne Bay South, its clergy and 3 congregations. The Parish of Botwood, its clergy and 3 congregations.

**Provincial Prayer Care:** We pray for the diocese of Fredericton – The Most Reverend David Edwards, Archdeacon Cathy Laskey, and Synod Office Staff.

**Parish Families:** We pray for our parish families: This week we remember – Rev. Russell & Joan Osmond, Kent & Sheila Osmond, Gary King, John & Pheobe Parrell, Wade & Joan Parsons and their families.

## **THE BULLETIN FOR THE Weeks of Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> & Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**

**IS GIVEN TO THE  
GLORY OF GOD**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

***Precious mother and grandmother  
Clemintine MacRoberts  
(May 3, 1923 – Jan. 30, 2012)***

**Given by:**

***Her children and grandchildren  
"Forever in our Hearts"***

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***Harvey Sharpe***

**Given By:**

***Mary, Cheryl & Beverly***

**To those who hold keys to the building** we want to stress the importance of ensuring the building is securely locked after every usage. As a rule, if you unlock a door please lock it after, even if someone else is in the building. Ensure all windows are closed and locked, all lights are out and the door locked. Not often, but occasionally a door gets left unlocked all through the night, so please be extra vigilant in securing the building.

**Our choir and organists have resumed their weekly practices.** If you have an interest in joining the choir we would love to have you. What a joy it would be to have enough in the choir to need to use the seats on the other side of the chancel. We welcome people of all ages.

**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.

**There is still a small number of 2024 Church Calendars for sale.** They cost \$5 each and can be picked up from the parish office.

**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.

**2023 Contribution Receipts will be available very soon.** Our envelope secretary is preparing them and will have them ready to go as soon as possible. We thank you for all your support in 2023, and ask for your continued support in the year ahead.

**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](mailto: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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### **NOTICES /MEMORABLE DATES**

**February 7th** – ACW Annual General Meeting will be held on Wed. Feb. 7th at 7:30 pm in the Boardroom.

**February 13<sup>th</sup>** - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre. The cost will be \$10 and free to children 6 and under. If you plan to attend, please signup at the church or call the parish office at 709-895-0715.

**Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> Portugal Cove – St. Philip’s Winter Carnival** will be happening February 9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be outdoor events, seniors events, family events, community breakfast, skating, and so much more. To get a list of all events, dates, times and venues, please visit the town website, PCSP.CA for all the details. Our pancake supper at the church, February 14<sup>th</sup>, will be listed among carnival activities as well.

**February 14<sup>th</sup>** – Lent is just around the corner. We will begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. Throughout Lent this year we will use a series of worship services titled *By His Stripes – Healing Wounded Relationships*. These services will be every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. The Ash Wednesday service will also consist of the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist.

**New Vestry members will be needed** at the annual meeting February 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**February 25<sup>th</sup>** - The annual meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 morning worship. We will have a pot-luck lunch and go right into our meeting. All those who are responsible for year-end reports should have them submitted to the rector by February 15<sup>th</sup> .

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

**Congratulations to Fred Hutton**, on his election to be the next MHA for our district. Thank you to David Brazil for serving the people of Portugal Cove – St. Philip’s so well for the past 13 years, and thank you to all the other candidates that offered themselves as well. We are blessed to live in a free and democratic society where we can go and cast our vote for the person of our choosing without fear or persecution. Many in our world do not have that freedom, may we always appreciate it.

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

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

### **February 4<sup>th</sup>**

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

#### **Scriptural Sentence**

**“He took our infirmities and bore our diseases”**

#### **1st Reasing**

Isaiah 40: 21-31

*Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c*

*Pages: 906-907*

***(Allie Wheeler)***

#### **2nd Reading**

1st Corinthians 9: 16-23

***(Glenda Winter)***

#### **Gospel**

Mark 1 : 29-39

***(Deacon Ed Bonnell)***

#### **Collects & Prayers**

**Collect** – Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 compassion and forgiveness receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

**Prayer after Communion** – Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

### **February 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Last Sunday after Epiphany  
Transfiguration Sunday*

#### **Scriptural Sentence**

**“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”**

#### **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, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Prayer over the Gifts** – Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Prayer after Communion** – Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name. Amen.

