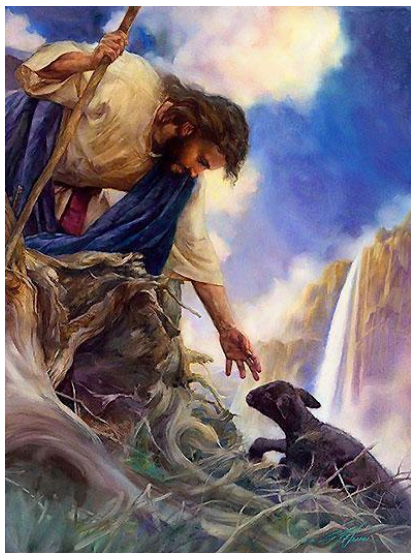


FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

May 11th, 2025



in the
**GREAT FIFTY
DAYS OF EASTER**
to Celebrate Jesus
Rose from the Dead!

**Alleluia! Christ is
risen!**

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We acknowledge that the land on which
we gather is the traditional unceded
territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet)
and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

The liturgy is according to *The Book of Common Prayer* and other sources.

Easter Season Liturgical Expression

To reflect our celebration of Easter in our liturgies during the Easter Season a few elements will be different. As in today's worship, we will be omitting the *Summary of the Law*, the "*Lord, have mercy upon us*" (*Kyrie*), and the Anthem "*Lamb of God*" (*Agnus Dei*). Also, other expression from other sources will be included from time to time.

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**he has given us new life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.**

The tomb is empty, Christ is risen.

**Jesus is alive, now, and always!
Glory to God in the highest!**

Processional Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" CP 429

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies'
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.
- 2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,

hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this is our sacrifice of praise.

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

5 For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

Text Folliot Sandford Pierpont (1835-1917)

TUNE ENGLAND'S LANE, adap. & harm. Geoffrey Turton Shaw (1879-1943)

Easter Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

Collect for Purity

Let us pray.

KNEELING OR SEATED

**ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all
desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and**

worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father;
this we pray in your name. **Amen.**

THE WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

First Reading Acts 9:36-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. [NRSV-A]

Hear God's word for God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
 and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul *
 and guides me along right pathways for his name's
 sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
 death, I shall fear no evil; *
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
 who trouble me; *
 you have anointed my head with oil,
 and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all
 the days of my life, *
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for
 ever.**

Second Reading Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!’

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹² singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’

¹⁴ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’

Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’

- ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne
will shelter them.
- ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
- ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the centre of the throne
will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away
every tear from their eyes.’ [NRSV-A]

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” CP 520

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spread’st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever!

Text Psalm 23 para Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

Tune DOMINUS REGIT ME, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) desc. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Gospel John 10:22-30

Hear the Holy Gospel written in the tenth chapter
of the Gospel according to Saint John
beginning at the twenty second verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'

²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.' [NRSV-A]

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Easter Anthems

While standing, and in celebration of our Lord rising from the dead, let us say together the Easter Anthems.

CHRIST our Passover is sacrificed for us: / therefore let us keep the feast;

Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness; / but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5. 7.

CHRIST being raised from the dead dieth no more; / death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once: / but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, / but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Romans 6. 9.

CHRIST is risen from the dead, / and become the first-fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, / by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, / even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
1 Corinthians 15. 20.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

Sermon

Fr. Keith Joyce

Nicene Creed

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-be-gotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the

**Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come.
Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence – *for Easter*

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Revelation 5. 12.

Offertory Solo “*You Will I Love*”

Soloist Susan Taylor

PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE OFFERTORY

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

BLESSED be thou, LORD God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

1 Chronicles 29. 10, 11, 14.

Prayers of the People

Confident that the Lord’s love for us has no end, we bring forward our needs and the needs of the whole world. Kneeling or seated, let us pray.

For those who serve and lead in the Church, remembering David our bishop and chief shepherd, Keith our interim priest, that they may follow the example of Christ, the Good Shepherd (*pause for silent prayer*).

For this we pray. **Lord, hear us.**

For all the members of the caring professions, in so many different settings, and for those who care for older or younger family members or friends, especially those with special needs, that the Lord’s compassion may be visible in them (*pause for silent prayer*).

For this we pray. **Lord, hear us.**

For young people deciding how they will spend their lives, remembering Laura and Livna as they prepare for their confirmation,

that they may consider living lives of service of God's people and this world (*pause for silent prayer*).

For this we pray. **Lord, hear us.**

For farmers, shepherds, and those who work on the land, and for all who work in industry, that they may show respect and care for all of God's creation (*pause for silent prayer*).

For this we pray. **Lord, hear us.**

For people who call on the name of the Lord Jesus in their sufferings, that they may experience God's healing power in body, mind and spirit. (*pause for silent prayer*).

For this we pray. **Lord, hear us.**

For all who have gone before us in faith, that they know God's mercy and love, in the joy of his immediate presence. (*pause for silent prayer*).

For this we pray. **Lord, hear us.**

God of beauty and compassion, you love us as a shepherd loves all the flock: continue to enfold your people with your grace, we pray, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Invitation, Confession and Absolution

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life,

To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

‘Comfortable Words’

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

COME unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St Matthew 11. 28.*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *St John 3. 16.*

Thanksgiving and Consecration

THE Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts;
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;
It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**HOL Y, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**BLESSED is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.**

BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the

merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Silence is held for a time.

The Peace

THE peace of the Lord be always with you;
And with thy spirit.

Prayer of Humble Access

Let us pray.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The Communion

While the church receives communion in silence, take the time to reflect or pray or sit quietly and to enable others to do so, and/or at any time to join in the singing of the following music:

“I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life” CP 56

“Worthy is the Lamb that was Slain”

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain;

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
To receive Power and riches
And wisdom and strength,
Honour and glory and blessing!
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb,
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.
Worthy is the Lamb!

"Worthy is the Lamb that was Slain"
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AFTER COMMUNION

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray. **KNEELING OR SEATED.**

**OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive
us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass
against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver
us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the
glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

And together we pray,

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee
that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with
the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy
Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy
favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living
members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company
of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy
everlasting kingdom.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord,
ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and
living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet
we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service,

not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

“Glory be to God” *STANDING, WE SING TOGETHER*

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and rest upon you, now, and forevermore. **Amen.**

THE CHURCH DEPARTS TO WITNESS AND TO SERVE

Dismissal

**Alleluia! Go in the joy of the risen Lord!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia!**

Recessional Hymn *“Now thank we all our God” CP 399*

- 1 Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;

who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word,
who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Text Martin Rinckart (1596-1649) trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)
Tune NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger (1598-1662)
harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Postlude

Those serving for today's worship and learning:

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Susan Dole, Nancy Kerrigan &
<i>Lori Maker</i>	
<i>Sunday School</i>	Laura Janes
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Margaret Penchoff
<i>Layreader & First Reader</i>	Brenda Clayton
<i>Second Reader</i>	Sherry Desjardins
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Layreader
<i>Organist & Choir Director</i>	David Mitchell

<i>Presider & preacher</i>	Keith Joyce
<i>Guitarist</i>	Shayne Galbraith
<i>Counters</i>	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
<i>Building care</i>	Janet Brown

Those serving in our outreach this week:

Sun, May 11, 11:45 am HVHS Lunch Programme preparation (Large Hall kitchen)	Lori McGovern Art VanWart Susan VanWart Ann Stone
Mon, May 12, 11:30 am HVHS Lunch Programme delivery (from Large Hall)	Bruce MacLeod Robert Green

Who's serving next week is on the Narthex bulletin board.

THIS WEEK

Mon, May 12, 6:30 pm	<u>Tintinnabula Hand Bell Choir</u> (Small Hall) For more info contact Lynn Adams at 506 635-8474
Mon, May 12, 7:00 pm	<u>Westside A.A. Meeting</u> (Mezzanine)
Tues, May 13, 4:00 pm	<u>Confirmation Class</u> (Rector's Office)
Wed, May 14, 10:00 am	<u>Saint John and District Senior's Shuffleboard</u> (Large Hall) For more info contact Pauline Wilson at 506 738-8677
Wed, May 14, 7:00 pm	<u>Choir practice</u> (Small Hall) For more info contact David Mitchell at 506 738-2798
Wed, May 14, 7:00 pm	<u>Westside A.A. Meeting</u> (Mezzanine)
Sat, May 17, 7:00 pm	<u>Westside A.A. Meeting</u> (Mezzanine)

LOOKING AHEAD

Wed, May 21, 7:00 pm	<u>Vestry</u> (Small Hall) For more info contact Terry Ricketts at 506 672-4696 or Susan Jack at 506 333-9931
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We look forward to **Sunday, May 25 at 10:30 am** when
Livna Dassin and Laura Janes will be confirmed!

Let us keep them in our prayers.

Luncheon will follow the service!

FOR OUR WORSHIP and LEARNING

Notes on Today's Readings

Acts 9:36-43 Peter is visiting the coastal region to the northwest of Jerusalem. He is near modern Tel Aviv. There he meets people who are already Christians. In Lydda, he has been instrumental in healing a paralysed man. He has said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you!"

Revelation 7:9-17 The Lamb, whom we recognize as Christ, has, in opening six of the seven seals on the scroll, revealed events in God's plan for the end-times. Our reading is a vision of the fate of the faithful. While they will suffer during the final events of this era, they will survive; in fact, God will give them eternal life.

John 10:22-30 It is the time of Hanukkah, when Jews commemorate the rededication of the Temple after it had been desecrated. Jesus has earlier told people that he is divine and that he existed before Abraham. While what he does witnesses to his oneness with God, only those who believe can understand his Messiahship.

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Next Sunday – May 18 *Fifth Sunday of Easter* Scripture readings Acts 11:1-18; *Psalm 148*; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

NOTICES

Prayer Shawls - if you know someone in our parish who is in great need for prayer and would find comfort in a shawl made with love and care. Contact Ngaire Nelson at 506-672-8666 or the church office at 506-635-8145.

Food Bank

Please remember the **West Side Food Bank** with a toonie or a loonie in the can in the Narthex, or a donation in a special envelope marked with your name or number. We aim to support the Food Bank by at least \$ 200/month!



Happy Birthday this Week to:

Gerald Miller, May 17

“Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism”

PRAYER

Prayer for folks in nursing or special care homes

Ginny Abbott, Diane Cormier, Frances Finley, Ann Hoben, Ruth Northeast, Elizabeth Parks, Elsie Rusling.

Prayer for those in hospital or sick at home

Andrew Aalund, Paula Baldwin, Diane Basque, Margaret Boyer, Edith Chilton, Shelly Clark Collins, Linda Cunningham, Jo-Ann Diamond, Bonnie Dean, Wendy DeWitt, Ernest Ellingwood, Barb Ellis, Debbie Green, Kaye Mallory, David Maxwell, Pam Melanson, Michael Penchoff, Susan Penchoff, Carol Price, Margaret Ann Reid, Lois Shaw, Bob Sherwood, Mykayla Spinney, Norm Toole, Arlene Trask, Dennis Totton, Joe Totton, Robbie Wong.

Parish Cycle of Prayer for Week of May 11-17

Mon: Shayne and Dawn Galbraith
Tue: Judy Mae Gallant
Wed: Doug and Leonie Goss
Thur: Robert Green
Fri: Programs of Gentle Path Counselling Services

Please pray for these parishioners and ministry this week.

Saint John Mission to Seafarers Prayer Cycle:

In May, we give thanks for the naval and merchant naval personnel who in the wars kept the sea-lanes open, shipped food and vital supplies; and we pray for the ships and personnel who defend our coasts and those vessels that sail upon our waters, and when disaster strikes we pray that those who engage in search and rescue operations will be successful.

OUR PARISH PRAYER TREE

A team of volunteers is available upon request, to pray for you or your loved one (with their permission) daily, for two weeks. These prayers will be treated with the strictest confidence. Prayer-requests should be short and to the point and will be passed on verbatim. The Lord knows best what we need! A follow-up of thanks or an update encourages our intercessors in their ministry.

To initiate the prayer-tree ministry please call your request to our “Captain”, Ngaire Nelson 672-8666

A Prayer for Mothers – HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!

O Lord God Almighty, who, with the infinite breadth of your love cares for us as a mother cares for her child, we pray for your blessing upon all mothers everywhere. May your Holy Spirit draw them deeply into your peace, your joy, and your hope. Bless them in what may be success or failure within the high calling you have given them as mothers.

We thank you for our own mothers, offering to you all that is part of our relationship with them, including both difficult memories and times of joy. With deep gratitude we remember Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus and her humble devotion to the purposes of your kingdom.

This we pray, Holy Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and in the name of your only Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**A Blessed and Happy
Easter Season to All!!**

