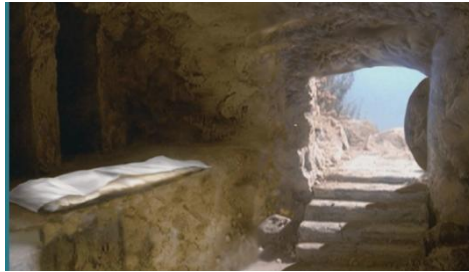


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 18th, 2025
in the
GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER
to Celebrate Jesus Rose from the Dead!

These days are a season of one great celebration
of the resurrection of our Lord,
marking the bringing forth with joy and power
the glory of Christ's death on the cross!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!



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THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Resurrection Introductory Response

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He gave us new life and hope by raising Jesus
from the dead.**

Rejoice, then, even in your distress.

**We shall be counted worthy when Christ
appears.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He called us from our darkness into the light of
his day.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Processional Hymn “Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Risen” CP 220

1 Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
tell it with a joyful voice;
Christ has burst his three days’ prison:
let the whole wide earth rejoice!
Death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

2 Come, ye sad and fearful hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow;
Lent’s long shadows have departed,
all his woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore;
sin and pain can vex no more.

- 3 Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

Text William Henry Monk (1823-1889)
Tune ALL SAINTS, adap. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Greeting

Alleluia! Jesus has risen from the grave.
The Lord is alive and he is here. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**He gave us new life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Rejoice, then, even in your distress.
We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

God has claimed us as his own.
**He called us from our darkness
into the light of his day.**

May his grace and peace be with you.
May he fill our hearts with joy.

Collect for Purity

While still standing, as you're able, let us pray.

Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

“Glory to God on high” CP 365

- 1 Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly king.
We give you praise,
almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.
- 2 Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
the Father's only Son. the sacrificial Lamb,
who saves the world from sin, have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.
- 3 You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign
with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

*Text Glory to God; para. Paul Gibson (1932-2022)
Music DARWALL, John Darwall (1731-1789)*

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

THE WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

First Reading Acts 11:1-18

A reading from Acts.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey,

reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’

⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as he had come upon us at the beginning.

¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?”

¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.” [NRSV-A]

Hear God’s word for God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

- 1** Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.**
- 3** Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.**
- 5** Let them praise the name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**
- 7** Praise the Lord from the earth, *

you sea-monsters and all deeps;
8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
 9 Mountains and all hills, *
 fruit trees and all cedars;
10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
 princes and all rulers of the world;
12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, *
 for his name only is exalted,
 his splendour is over earth and heaven.
14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near
him. Hallelujah!

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from Revelation.

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
 He will dwell with them as their God;
 they will be his peoples,
 and God himself will be with them;
⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
 Death will be no more;
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
 for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. [NRSV-A]

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

Gradual Hymn “Filled with the Spirit’s Power” CP 658

- 1 Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.
- 2 Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire.
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.
- 3 Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care people of every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move,
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

Text J.R. Peacey (1896-1971)

Tune SHELDONIAN, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

John 13:31-35

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Alleluia.

He has defeated the powers of death.

Alleluia.

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

Alleluia.

He has the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." [NRSV-A]

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Fr. Keith Joyce

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,
**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father, while kneeling or seated.

Pause

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his
glorious and life-giving resurrection ...
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches
may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter ...
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility
to be subject to one another in Christian love ...
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food, work,
or shelter ...
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the
world ...

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them ...

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day ...

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, remembering especially Laura and Livna to be confirmed next week, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PLEASE STAND, AS ABLE

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn “Before I Take the Body of My Lord” CP 610

- 1 Before I take the body of my Lord,
before I share His life in bread and wine,
I recognise the sorry things within:
these I lay down.
- 2 The words of hope I often failed to give,
the prayers of kindness buried by my pride,
The signs of care I argued out of sight:
these I lay down.
- 3 The narrowness of vision and of mind,
the need for other folk to serve my will,
and every word and silence meant to hurt:
these I lay down.

- 4 Of those around in whom I meet my Lord,
I ask their pardon and I grant them mine
that every contradiction of Christ's peace
might be laid down
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, Companion at this feast,
I empty now my heart and stretch my hands
and ask to meet You here in bread and wine
which You lay down.

Text John L. Bell (1949-)
Tune LAYING DOWN, John L. Bell (1949-)

Prayer over the Gifts

O God, Creator of all,
you wash away our sins in water,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.
As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.
We ask this
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
The Spirit of God is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you
for the glorious resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord;
for he is the true Paschal Lamb,

who was offered for us,
and has taken away the sin of the world;
who by his death has destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED.

Hear us, heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
through him accept our sacrifice of praise;
and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and blood;

Who in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke 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.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying,
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins,
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

We then proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,
having in remembrance his death
once for all upon the cross,
his resurrection from the dead,
and his ascension into heaven,
and looking for the coming of his kingdom,
we make with this bread and this cup
the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Accept through him this offering of our duty and service;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
fill us with your grace and heavenly blessing;
nourish us by his body and blood,
that we may grow into his likeness
and made one by your Spirit,
become a living temple to your glory.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
from all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,
**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 those who 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread *(for the Easter Season)*

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

Come, humbly, with joy in your hearts:
receive bread, the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
broken for you.
Drink wine, his blood shed for you.
Eat and drink with faith and thanksgiving.

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion music

“Make Us One Lord”

- 1 Make us one, Lord, make us one;
 Holy Spirit, make us one.
 Let Your love flow so the world will know
 We are one in You.
- 2 Make us one, Lord, make us one;
 Holy Spirit, make us one.
 Let Your love flow so the world will know
 We are one in You. We are one in You.

“Make Us One Lord”
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“I Love the Lord” medley
I love the lord, He heard my cry

R. Smallwood & P. Reyes

And pitied every groan.
Long as I live, when troubles rise,
I'll hasten to His throne.

I love the Lord, who heard my cry
And chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair
While I have breath to pray.

I love the Lord, He is filled with compassion.
He turned to me on the day that I called.
From the snares of the dark, O, Lord, save my life,
be my strength.

Gracious is the Lord, and just
Our God is mercy, rest to the weary.
Return my soul to the Lord our God who bids tears away
I love the Lord.

AFTER COMMUNION

Post Communion Anthem (spoken) *"The disciples knew the Lord"*

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.**

The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.
**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.**

One body are we, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread.
**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:

grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

May the God of peace
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
equip you with everything good
that you may do his will,
working in you that which is pleasing in his sight,
through Jesus Christ,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be upon you now and forevermore. **Amen.**

THE CHURCH DEPARTS TO WITNESS AND TO SERVE

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in the joy of the risen Lord!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Recessional Hymn *“I serve a Risen Saviour”*

1 I serve a risen Saviour
 He’s in the world today.
 I know that He is living,
 Whatever men may say.
 I see His hand of mercy;
 I hear His voice of cheer;
 And just the time I need Him
 He’s always near.

*Chorus He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
 He walks with me and talks with me
 along life’s narrow way.
 He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
 You ask me how I know He lives?
 He lives within my heart.*

2 In all the world around me
I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary,
I never will despair;
I know that He is leading,
Through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing
Will come at last. *Chorus*

3 Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him,
The help of all who find,
None other is so loving,
So good and kind. *Chorus*

"I serve a risen Saviour"

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Postlude

Those serving for today's worship and learning:

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Carol Patterson & Patti Vaughan
<i>Sunday School</i>	Laura Janes
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Patti Vaughan & Pam Boucher
<i>Layreader & First Reader</i>	Heather Masson
<i>Second Reader</i>	Shayne Galbraith
<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>	Shayne Galbraith

Those serving in our outreach this week:

Sun, May 18, 11:45 am HVHS Lunch Programme preparation (Large Hall kitchen)	School Closed No Lunch
Mon, May 19, 11:30 am HVHS Lunch Programme delivery (from Large Hall)	School Closed No Lunch

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

THIS WEEK

Mon, May 19, 6:30 pm	<u>Tintinnabula Hand Bell Choir</u> (Small Hall) For more info contact Lynn Adams at 506 635-8474
Mon, May 19, 7:00 pm	<u>Westside A.A. Meeting</u> (Mezzanine)
Tues, May 20, 4:00 pm	<u>Confirmation Class</u> (Rector's Office)
Wed, May 21, 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 21, 7:00 pm	<u>Choir practice</u> (Small Hall) For more info contact David Mitchell at 506 738-2798
Wed, May 21, 7:00 pm	<u>Westside A.A. Meeting</u> (Mezzanine)
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
Sat, May 24, 7:00 pm	<u>Westside A.A. Meeting</u> (Mezzanine)

NEXT SUNDAY - CONFIRMATION!

We look forward to **next Sunday, May 25 at 10:30 am** when **LIVNA DASSAN and LAURA JANES will be confirmed!** Let us keep them in our prayers as we look forward to this important time of worship.

*And our **May luncheon** follows immediately!*

FOR OUR WORSHIP and LEARNING

Notes on Today's Readings

Acts 11:1-18 Peter has been instrumental in the conversion of a Gentile to Christianity. Cornelius, an officer in the Roman army, has received the Holy Spirit and has been baptised – as have members of his household. Peter has now returned to Judea where members of the Christian community who are of Jewish origin seek an explanation as to why Gentiles have become Christians.

Revelation 21:1-6 The book of Revelation is “the revelation of Christ” made through John. It is prophecy which reveals secrets of heaven and earth. In a vision, John has seen the destruction of the old city, and of the old heaven and earth. Now he sees the new creation, of divine origin and free of evil forces – for ultimately God’s love will prevail.

John 13:31-35 Jesus is preparing his followers for his departure. After the Last Supper, he has washed the feet of his disciples, a symbol of servanthood. He has predicted his betrayal. Judas Iscariot has gone out into the night – a symbol of the dark deed he is about to commit.

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Next Sunday – May 25 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Scripture readings Acts 16:9-15; *Psalms* 67; Revelation 21:10,22--22:5; John 5:1-9

EASTER – *history, today and looking ahead*

Easter Day is the oldest and greatest feast of the Christian Church.

Easter is also a season, and again it is the oldest liturgical season in our Church year. This is The Great Fifty Days of Easter which in turn can be referred to as Eastertide. The Fifty Days both celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and anticipate the Feast of the Day of Pentecost which marks the giving of the Holy Spirit to the Church, to form it and empower it to continue the ministry of Jesus in the world. Therefore, readings are from the Book of Acts which tells us of the Holy Spirit-empowered early Church, while the gospel passages speak of Christ’s resurrection appearances. The large Paschal Candle is kept in the Sanctuary and lit at every service up to and including the Day of Pentecost as a reminder of the truth and

significance of Christ's resurrection. Vestments and church hangings are white because white is the liturgical colour for our Lord Jesus Christ and aspects of his life and ministry.

With all this in mind, we are on our way to Pentecost! And, most importantly, we will remember the Ascension of our Lord ten days before Pentecost as we travel that journey.

The story behind the hymn "*I Serve a Risen Saviour*" is rooted in an experience of the hymn's author, Alfred Henry Ackley, in the early 1930s. Ackley, a composer and a pastor, was inspired to write this hymn after encountering a conversation with a man who questioned the truth and significance of Christ's resurrection. The man asked, "Why should I worship a dead Jew?" Ackley was deeply moved by this challenge, and it prompted him to affirm the living reality of Christ's resurrection in a more personal and powerful way.

In response to this, Ackley wrote "*I Serve a Risen Saviour*" in 1933. The hymn's message is a confident declaration of the reality of the risen Christ, emphasizing that He is alive and active in the world, and that believers serve a living Saviour who offers hope, joy, and victory over death.

Ackley's composition is filled with the assurance that Christ's resurrection is not just a past event but something that continues to affect and empower Christians today. This message of a "risen Saviour" was an uplifting and reaffirming theme for believers during that time, especially during a period marked by global struggles, such as the Great Depression.

The hymn's vibrant, joyful melody and lyrics have since made it a beloved and enduring part of Christian worship, proclaiming the eternal truth of the resurrection.

PARISH NOTICES

Happy Birthday this Week to:

Jack Taylor, May 22

Nancy Forbes-Kerrigan, May 23



"Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism"

NON-PARISH NOTICES

YOU ARE INVITED! Camp Medley celebrates 80 years on Saturday, May 24. Registration opens at 10:30 am. Opening ceremony 11 am. Closing service 3 pm. **HIGHLIGHTS:** lunch provided, tuck shop will be open, memorabilia room, videos and slide show, activities and games. Stay the night for \$50, meals included. Church service Sunday at 10:30 am. Visit our website to let us know you're coming. <https://campmedley.ca/> Have a memory or photo to share? Email it to friends@campmedley.ca You are welcome to bring memorabilia to display. Come reconnect, catch up with old friends and learn what's happening at camp in 2025.

“The Carleton Choristers present “Nature Sings”. Tuesday June 3rd, 2025 – 7:30 pm at Portland United Church, (50 Newport Crescent). Concert tickets are Adults \$20, Middle & High School Students - \$10.00, Elementary and younger - Free available at the door or from chorister members. Director: Christopher Lane. Accompanist: Claire Driscoll. Check out our website carletonchoristers.com

PRAYER

Parish Cycle of Prayer for Week of May 18-24

Mon: Blair and Tina Harris
Tue: John and Virginia Higgins
Wed: Floyd and Ann Hoben
Thur: Pam Hoben
Fri: Our Parish Volunteers

Please pray for these parishioners and ministry this week.

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, 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.

Saint John Mission to Seafarers Prayer Cycle:

In May, we give thanks for the naval and merchant personnel who in the wars kept the sea-lanes open, shipped food and vital supplies. We pray for the ships and personnel who defend our coasts and which sail upon our waters. 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 Blessed and
HAPPY
EASTER SEASON
to All!!!**

