

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
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!***



**CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
**PARISH OF LANCASTER**

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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*.

### **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.

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## **THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP**

### **Scripture Sentence and Welcome**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia. 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 made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Opening Hymn "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"**

**CP 374**

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him,  
When the forty days were o'er  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia! Here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day;  
intercessor, friend of sinners  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own,  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
Thou on earth both priest and victim  
In the Eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia, his the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like the mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation  
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

*Text: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)*  
*Music: Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887)*  
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**Collect for Purity**  
**Mutual Salutation**  
**Collect of the Day**

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**ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that it be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may forsake those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **THE WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED**

**First Reading** Acts 2:32-41

A reading from Acts.

<sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,  
‘Sit at my right hand,  
<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.’”

<sup>36</sup> Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. [NRSV-A]

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

## *Psalm 116*

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of  
my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever  
I called upon him.
- 2 **The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.**
- 3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: \*  
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”
- 4 **Gracious is the Lord and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.**
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 **Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
for the Lord has treated you well.**
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 **I will walk in the presence of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living.**
- 9 I believed, even when I said,  
”I have been brought very low” \*  
In my distress I said, ”No one can be trusted.”
- 10 **How shall I repay the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?**
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 12 **I will fulfil my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people.**
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 **O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your  
handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 16 **I will fulfil my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people.**
- 17 In the courts of the Lord’s house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

**Second Reading**    1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from First Peter.

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. [NRSV-A]

Hear God's word for God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** *"The King of Glory Comes"*

**CP 632**

**Gospel** Luke 24:13-35

Hear the Holy Gospel written in the twenty-fourth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke beginning at the thirteenth verse.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' <sup>19</sup> He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word

before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. [NRSV-A]

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Sermon** Fr. Chris Ketch  
***Brief quiet time held for reflection***  
**The Nicene Creed**

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**THE EUCHARIST IS CELEBRATED**

- Offertory Sentence** *for Easter* p. 073
- Offertory Hymn** “*Come and Journey with a Saviour*” **CP 482**
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**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:*

**“Open Our Eyes Lord” MP 545**

- 1 Open our eyes, Lord,  
We want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him  
And say that we love Him.
  
- 2 Open our ears, Lord,  
And help us to listen;  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
We want to see Jesus!

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**“He Will Hold Me Fast” TSH 598**

- 1 When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold:  
He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Saviour loves me so  
He will hold me fast*

- 2 Those He saves are His delight;  
Christ will hold me fast;

Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

- 3 For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast,  
Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last!

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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**The Blessing**

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**THE CHURCH DEPARTS TO WITNESS AND TO SERVE**

**Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Recessional Hymn** *"In Christ Alone"*

**MP 1072**

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2 In Christ alone! Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save;  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied

3 For every sin on Him was laid  
 Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 There in the ground His body lay,  
 Light of the world by darkness slain;  
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
 Up from the grave He rose again!  
 And as He stands in victory  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
 For I am His and He is mine  
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
 This is the power of Christ in me;  
 From life's first cry to final breath  
 Jesus commands my destiny.  
 No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
 Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
 Till he returns or calls me home,  
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

*Stuart Townend*  
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### **Those serving today's worship and learning:**

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<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Bev, Sharon & Carol
<i>Sunday School</i>	Laura Janes
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Bill Sherriff & Judy Galbraith
<i>Layreader &amp; First Reader</i>	Paul Desjardins
<i>Second Reader</i>	Bruce MacLeod
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Layreader
<i>Organist &amp; Choir Director</i>	David Mitchell
<i>Presider &amp; preacher</i>	Chris Ketch
<i>Guitarist</i>	Shayne Galbraith
<i>Counters</i>	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
<i>Building care</i>	Barry MacQueen

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**Those serving in our outreach this week:**

<b>Sun, April 19, 11:45 am</b> HVHS Lunch Programme preparation (Large Hall kitchen)	Susan Jack Susan Dole Nancy Kerrigan John Kerrigan
<b>Mon, April 20, 11:30 am</b> HVHS Lunch Programme delivery (from Large Hall)	Janet Brown David Brown

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

**THIS WEEK**

- Wed, April 22, 10:00 am** Saint John and District Senior's Shuffleboard (Large Hall) For more info contact Pauline Wilson at 506 738-8677
- Wed, April 22, 7:00 pm** Choir practice (Small Hall) For more info contact David Mitchell at 506 738-2798

**FOR OUR WORSHIP and LEARNING**

**Next Sunday – April 26** *Fourth Sunday of Easter* Scripture readings Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

**NOTICES**

**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:***

- Lynn Flewelling, April 20  
Ginny Abbott, April 21  
Tim Ricketts, April 24

***“Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism”***

## PRAYER

### **Prayer for folks in nursing or special care homes**

Ginny Abbott, Frances Finley, Ann Hoben, Ruth Northeast, Elizabeth Parks, Arlene Trask

### **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, Pam Melanson, Michael Penchoff, Susan Penchoff, Carol Price, Margaret Ann Reid, Lois Shaw, Bob Sherwood, Mykayla Spinney, Norm Toole, Dennis Totton, Joe Totton, Robbie Wong.

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: **Parish Cycle of Prayer for Week of April 19-25** :  
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- **Mon:** Carol Patterson and Family

- **Tue:** Margaret Penchoff

- **Wed:** John and Jean Pickel

: **Thur:** Mary-Beth & Don Cole, Kaitlyn Pickel-MacD :  
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: **Fri:** Our Altar Guild and its ministry :  
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*Please pray for these parishioners and ministry this week.*  
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### **Saint John Mission to Seafarers Prayer Cycle:**

In April, we pray for shipping companies and ship managers, that they may conduct business that is profitable and offer employment that is fair to the seafarers.

### **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**