

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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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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 Alternative Services* (adapted).

## **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” CP 223**

- 1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!  
Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:  
All creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding,  
See, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding  
Bring a taste of love unknown.
- 2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
From the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning.  
See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection,  
Not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion.  
Joy and peace shall never end.

- 3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
Nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation  
Where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:  
Christ is risen! Get you gone!  
God the First and Last is with us,  
Sing Hosanna, everyone!

*Text* Brian Wren (1936-)

*Tune* POLISH CAROL (W ZLOBIE LEZY), harm. David Hugh Jones (1900-1983)

## 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.**

### **Song of Praise** *“He is Lord”*

He is Lord, He is Lord,  
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord. *Repeat*

### **Collect of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

### **First Reading** Acts 9:1-20

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ <sup>5</sup> He asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The reply came, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.’ <sup>7</sup> The men who were travelling

with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' [NRSV-A]

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

### ***Psalms 30***

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord,  
because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 **O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \***  
**and you restored me to health.**
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 **Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \***  
**give thanks for the remembrance of his**  
**holiness.**

- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favour for a lifetime.
- 6 **Weeping may spend the night, \***  
**but joy comes in the morning.**
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,  
“I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, Lord, with your favour, made me as strong as  
the mountains.”
- 8 **Then you hid your face, \***  
**and I was filled with fear.**
- 9 I cried to you, O Lord; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 **“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the  
Pit? \***  
**will the dust praise you or declare your  
faithfulness?**
- 11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O Lord, be my helper.”
- 12 **You have turned my wailing into dancing; \***  
**you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me  
with joy.**
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

## **Second Reading**     Revelation 5:11-14

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels  
surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they  
numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> singing  
with full voice,

‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honour and glory and blessing!’

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and  
under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,  
‘To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might  
for ever and ever!’

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ And the elders  
fell down and worshipped. [NRSV-A]

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

**Gradual Hymn “King of Glory, King of Peace” CP 345**

1 King of Glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
And that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast,  
Thou has spared me.

2 Where-fore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
And the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
Thou didst clear me;  
And alone, when they replied,  
Thou didst hear me.

3 Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
In my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
To enroll thee:  
Even eternity's too short  
To extol thee.

*Text George Herbert (1593-1633)*  
*Tune GWALCHMAI, Joseph David Jones (1827-1870)*

**Gospel Acclamation and Reading**

**John 21:1-19**

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.**

<sup>1</sup> After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' <sup>6</sup> He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you



used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’<sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ [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.

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, 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.**

## **Invitation, 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** *"We Have Heard God's Trumpet Summons"*

- 1 We have heard God's trumpet summons;  
We have seen Christ's banners rise.  
We have seen Salvation riding  
On a cloud-white steed today.  
He, our Captain, clothed in splendour,  
He, our Morning Star and Friend.
- 2 On this day the Son arises,  
Stirs Himself and darkness flees.  
Kings and armies run before Him,  
Fly from His colossal might;  
While with singing and rejoicing  
Comes behind the blood-bought band.
- 3 Hear the chanting hosts around us,  
Those that praise their Saviour's name;  
Armed with all their heav'nly armour,  
Brother, sister, parent, friend;  
One in Christ and in His gospel,

On to glory they are led.

- 4 Hear our song for all the ages:  
Worthy! Worthy is the Lamb!"  
Worthy is the world's Redeemer;  
Son of God and Son of Man.  
"Blessing, honour, glory, power!"  
Crown Him now and ever more.

*Text* David Mitchell, 2024  
*Tune* NEREPIS, David Mitchell, 2024

## **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 always right to give you thanks,  
Heavenly Father, loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

**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.*

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.  
**Jesus Christ has died.**

Jesus Christ is risen.  
**Jesus Christ is risen.**

Jesus Christ will come again.  
**Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us

that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever. **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**

### ***“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” CP 508***

#### ***“Oh How He Loves You and Me”***

- 1 Oh how He loves you and me.  
Oh how He loves you and me:  
He gave His life—what more could He give?  
Oh how He loves you, Oh how He loves me,  
Oh how he loves you and me!
- 2 Jesus to Calv’ry did go;  
His love for sinners to show.  
What He did there brought hope from despair.  
Oh how He loves you, Oh how He loves me,  
Oh how he loves you and me!

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## **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.

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
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 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” CP 438

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Master and my Friend.  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art at my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

- 2      O let me feel thee near me;  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer  
and shield my soul from sin.
- 3      O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end!  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.
- 4      O let me see thy footmarks  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone.  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

*Text* John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)  
*Tune* WOLVERCOTE, William Harold Ferguson (1874-1950)

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## Those serving for today's worship and learning:

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<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Susan D., Nancy K. & Lori M.
<i>Sunday School</i>	Laura Janes
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Ann Stone & Don Cormier
<i>Layreader &amp; First Reader</i>	Joyce Mitchell
<i>Second Reader</i>	Margaret Penchoff
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Layreader
<i>Organist &amp; Choir Director</i>	David Mitchell
<i>Presider &amp; preacher</i>	Keith Joyce
<i>Guitarist</i>	Shayne Galbraith
<i>Counters</i>	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
<i>Building care</i>	Terry Ricketts

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## Those serving in our outreach this week:

<b>Sun, May 4, 11:45 am</b>	Susan Jack
HVHS Lunch Programme preparation	Deanna Morrison
(Large Hall kitchen)	Lina Toole
	Judy Mae Gallant
<b>Mon, May 5, 11:30 am</b>	Janet Brown
HVHS Lunch Programme delivery	David Brown
(from Large Hall)	

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

## THIS WEEK

<b>Mon, May 5, 6:30 pm</b>	<u>Tintinnabula Hand Bell Choir</u> (Small Hall) For more info contact Lynn Adams at 506 635-8474
<b>Mon, May 5, 7:00 pm</b>	<u>Westside A.A. Meeting</u> (Mezzanine)
<b>Tues, May 6, 4:00 pm</b>	<u>Confirmation Class</u> (Rector's Office)
<b>Wed, May 7, 10:00 am</b>	<u>Saint John and District Senior's Shuffleboard</u> (Large Hall) For more info contact Pauline Wilson at 506 738-8677

<b>Wed, May 7, 7:00 pm</b>	<u>Choir practice</u> (Small Hall) For more info contact David Mitchell at 506 738-2798
<b>Wed, May 7, 7:00 pm</b>	<u>Westside A.A. Meeting</u> (Mezzanine)
<b>Thurs, May 8, 2:00 pm</b>	<u>L.I.F.T. [Ladies in Fellowship Together]</u> (Small Hall) For more info contact Janet Brown at 506 721-6574
<b>Sat, May 10, 7:00 pm</b>	<u>Westside A.A. Meeting</u> (Mezzanine)

## LOOKING AHEAD

<b>Sat, May 17, 9:00 am</b>	<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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## CONFIRMATION COMING!

We look forward to **Sunday, May 25 at 10:30 am** when **Livna Prabin Dassan and Laura Janes will be confirmed!** Let us keep them in our prayers.

## FOR OUR WORSHIP and LEARNING

### Notes on Today's Readings

Acts 9:1-20 Luke, the author of Acts, has told us that in Jerusalem "Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison." Now we see his great transformation: from persecutor to evangelist. In the early days, Christianity was known as The Way.

Revelation 5:11-14 This book is an inspired picture-book, intended to make a powerful appeal to the reader's imagination. John writes in a style familiar in his time, especially in Jewish circles, but as strange to us as the novel or detective story would be then. A key question at that time was: what will life after death be like?

John 21:1-19 Since his resurrection, Jesus has twice appeared to the disciples in the house where he hosted the Last Supper. Now he appears to seven disciples near the Sea of Galilee. "Tiberias" was the Roman name for the lake.

**Next Sunday – May 11 *Fourth Sunday of Easter -Good Shepherd Sunday*** Scripture readings Acts 9:36-43; *Psalm 23*; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

## **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 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, importantly, we will remember the Ascension of our Lord ten days before Pentecost as we travel that journey.

### **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.



#### ***Happy Birthday this Week to:***

Judy Mae Gallant, May 7

Katie MacDonald, May 10

***“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, Joe Totton, Robbie Wong.

### **Parish Cycle of Prayer for Week of *May 4-10***

**Mon:** Kevin & Holly Fitzpatrick, Meredith & Andrew

**Tue:** David Flewelling

**Wed:** John and Lynn Flewelling, Kate and Michael

**Thur:** Daryl and Marilyn Galbraith and Family

**Fri:** Our Parish Advisory Committee

*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 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 Blessed and  
HAPPY  
EASTER SEASON  
to All!!**

