

## The Parish of St. Peter (Upper Gullies)

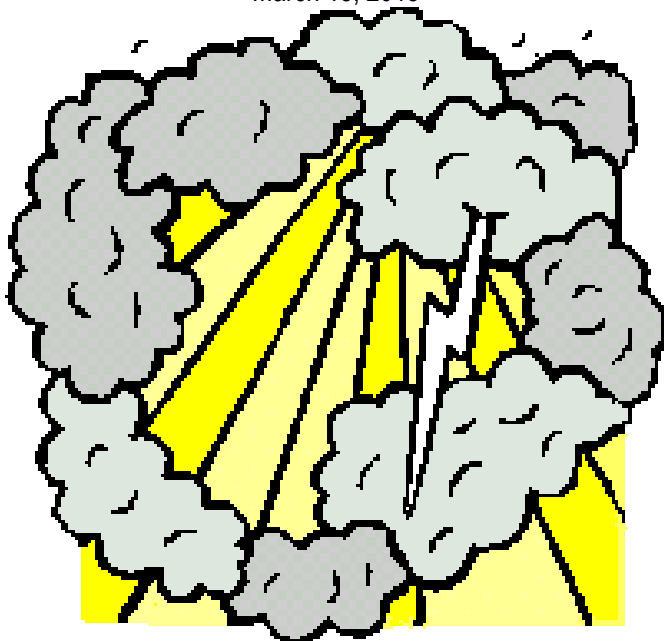
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“You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.” Matthew 16-18

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 18, 2018



**Jesus said, “Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ (Johnn 12:28,29)**

Diocesan Bishop:

The Right Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Peddle

Rector:

The Reverend Jean Smith (On Leave)

Interim Administrator

The Reverend Irving Letto

Parish Deacon:

The Reverend Dr. Bonnie Morgan (On Leave)

Organist/Choir Director

Andrea Powell

Parish Wardens

Ralph Drover and Robert Hilliard

Office Administrator:

Jack Morgan

**8:30am Book of Common Prayer: 10:30am Book of Alternative Services**

LECTIONARY: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 119:9-16 (BCP p485; BAS p869);  
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

**COLLECT** Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS** Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**HYMNS FOR 10:30 SERVICE**

Opening: (#614) **Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive**  
Gradual: (#397) **Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**  
Offering: (#628) **O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High**  
Communion: (#56) **I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life**  
Closing: (#6, Praise Book) **Bind Us Together**

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**Today's Short Message**

Earth's crammed with heaven,  
And every common bush afire with God;  
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;  
The rest sit round and pluck blackberries.

"The rest sit round and pluck blackberries." I can understand how they feel. Sometimes life is like that, a monotonous routine of the same old thing.

I thank God for poets like Elizabeth Barrett Browning who are able to see the touches of beauty reflected in common things. Even plucking blackberries can be a pleasant thing to do when you can appreciate the smells, sounds and sights around you.

In today's gospel reading, the future was dark for Jesus, but in the darkness he could see a light. His soul was "troubled," but he was able to say, **"Father, glorify your name."**

Many of the people in today's gospel story lacked the imagination needed to understand what Jesus was about. They heard his words, but they were unable to see the faith that inspired them. The "voice from heaven" was simply thunder to some of them, but to others it was the voice of an angel.

The world is full of mystery and wonder for anyone who takes time to notice. Prayer in its simplest and purest form is just that, taking time to meditate on what is happening around us. Instead of asking God to change things, we should spend more time looking for the mystery and wonder in things as they are. When we are able to experience the presence of God in our everyday experiences, we can see miracles happening all the time and every "common bush" begins to blaze with the fire of the Holy Spirit.



## **Easter Service Schedule**

**Palm Sunday** – 8:30 am & 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist "Blessing of Palms and Palm Crosses"

**Maundy Thursday** – 7:00 pm  
Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

**Good Friday**  
11:00 am – Family Service (Children's Liturgy & Drama)

2:00 pm – **Good Friday Liturgy** Deacon Rev. Bonnie Morgan will be presenting short meditations on the Seven Words from the Cross. The meditations will be given in the setting of selected verses from appropriate hymns, short scripture readings, and brief prayers that will help us to meditate on the meaning of the Cross. The service will last about an hour.

700 pm – Holy Saturday--Easter Liturgy with Holy Eucharist.

**Easter Sunday** – 8:30 am & 10:30 am. Holy Eucharist

**This week we are praying for:**

All Church Leaders, especially +Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; +Fred, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; +Ronald, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, +Geoffrey, our Bishop; Jean+, our Rector; Bonnie+, our Deacon, and Irving+, our interim administrator.

In the Anglican/Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, Bishop Bruce Meyers, people and clergy of the Diocese of Quebec. ELCIC Bishop Elaine Sauer, people, and rostered ministers of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.

In the Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, the people and clergy of the Cathedral Parish of St. John the Evangelist and all Hospital Chaplains.

In the CBS Ministerial Cycle of Prayer we pray for the unity of all Christians; and for all clergy and members of the church communities of Conception Bay South.

**We pray for those who are sick or otherwise in need, especially:** Rodney Andrews, John Bradbury, Janet Butler, Mary Dawe, Muriel Fowler, Brian Gosse, Deneal Haines, Mackenzie Jones, Glenys O'Brien, Pat Reid, Lucy Thistle, Mary Bussey, Eileen Shaw (N.B.), Violet Batten, Les McDonald, Fred Kelly, Lyndon Letto, Rev. Jean, Elizabeth Crews, Frances Hilliard, Payton Best, Charlie Morgan, Rod Ward and Pamela Ennis.

**Today's bulletin is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:**

**Heather Marie Kennedy** (remembering her passing on March 15). By Her Dad Don

**James Ade and Hubert Lear** (remembering their birthdays this month) From Calvin, Brenda and families.

**Annie and Bert Morgan and Aggie Scott** (remembering the anniversary of their passing this month). Jack and Brenda

**With Sympathy**

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the family of the late **Bernice Haines** of Kelligrews who passed away on March 14, 2016. Bernice is the sister in law of Phyllis Warford (Charlie).

**“+Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.”**