

## 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22, 2018



**The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it.** (Psalm 24:1)

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: Sermon, April 22, 2018, Easter 4

Genesis 1:1-13; 104:25-35 (BCP p463; BAS p844); Rev.22:1-2; Mark 4:26-32

**COLLECT** Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS** Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HYMNS FOR 10:30 SERVICE**

Opening: (#355) All Creatures of Our God and King (vv1-4)

Youth Choir: Called by Earth and Sky

Gradual: (#415) All Things Bright and Beautiful

Offering: (See below) God of This Great Creation

Communion: (#429) For the Beauty of the Earth

Closing: (#412) O God, Beyond All Face and Form

1 God of this great creation  
Washed by eternal tides  
Make us a faithful people,  
Knowing your love abides.  
Bless and inspire invention,  
Guide us in skills and arts,  
God who bequeaths such beauty,  
Give us believing hearts.

3 Endless our land's resources,  
Gifts to be used with care.  
Spacious and long our borders,  
Land we are called to share.  
We who possess such bounty,  
Dwelling in worlds of need,  
Grant us the grace of giving,  
Guard us O God from greed.

2 You who are called Great Spirit  
By our First People named,  
Grant where we dwell together  
Justice shall not be shamed.  
Walk in our weeping cities,  
Lighten our shadowed skies,  
God who has made us wealthy,  
Make us, we pray you, wise.

4 Christ of the shining mountain,  
True and transfigured king,  
Songs of your grace and glory  
We your creation sing.  
From your eternal altar  
Come with your holy fire,  
Make us and all things human  
One with creation's choir.

## Today's Short Message

Earth Day is celebrated worldwide each year on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement that began in 1970. This year April 22<sup>nd</sup> falls on a Sunday.

Earth Day is noted on our Canadian Church Calendar and many biblical scholars and theologians have written books on this subject. It is number five of "The Five Marks of Mission" which have been an important guiding document of in the Anglican Communion for the last thirty years – **"To strive to safeguard the integrity of and sustain and renew the life of the earth."** Our Primate, The Most Revd Fred Hiltz, the National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; The Revd Susan C. Johnson, and our National Indigenous Bishop, The Rev. Mark MacDonald, in recognition of Earth Day 2018, have invited us **"to join in praying for the humility and discipline to use Earth's resources wisely and responsibly."**

An important part of every clergyperson's weekly schedule is preparing for Sunday services. For me the week usually begins with reflection on the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. Normally I accept without much question the appointed readings in the Common Lectionary which is used by many churches today. The lectionary theme for this Sunday is "The Good Shepherd." Unable to content myself with trying to match this theme with the call of the Primate, the leadership provided by the United Nations and other agencies throughout the world this week, I have made Earth Day concerns the theme of today's service. I hope you appreciate this and find some inspiration reflecting on the Bible passages and hymns being used today.

As I searched for appropriate hymns I came across #412 that was written by my good friend, The Rev. Canon Herbert O'Driscoll. Herb was born in Ireland and educated at Trinity College, Dublin. After his ordination in 1953 he practiced ministry for a short time in his homeland, but soon came to Canada where he served in several locations and has become one of the most highly regarded preachers in Canada and throughout the world.

Thinking of Herb as I chose his hymn for today, I decided to call him on Wednesday and was delighted to find him and his wife doing well in Victoria, BC. What a delight to connect by telephone with this mesmerizing storyteller and dynamic preacher. He was happy to hear from me, too, and sent me some of his newer hymns which have not been published. Among them is "God of This Great Creation." As we share in this service today let us pray **"Make us and all things human one with creation's choir."**



**Lavrock Summer Camps:** It's that time of the year again. What are your children going to do this summer? There will be two camps for youth this summer – **Girls Camp (Ages 8-13) from July 9-13** and **Coed Camp (Ages 8-13) July 16-20**. Brochures including an application form are available on the table at the back of the church for anyone interested. For further information, please contact the parish priest or

email [lavrocksummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:lavrocksummercamp@gmail.com). Before sending in a camp application, please pick up at the parish office a Health History form which must be completed and mailed with the application. Young people who are at least 15 years old and has some experience as a camper or working with children and can meet the physical demands of the camping program are invited to apply to be a Counsellor in Training. More details are available with an application form available at the parish office.

### **Town Hall on Parish Renewal and Viability All Saints, Foxtrap**

The Diocesan Commission on Parish Renewal and Viability is holding a Town Hall information session on Saturday May 5, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon for the parishes of: Holy Innocents, St. John the Evangelist, All Saints, St. Peter's. LOCATION: All Saints Church Foxtrap, Conception Bay South, NL. The Commission was established in 2017 to look at "future ministry trends among parishes" with the hope of developing new models of ministry and setting guidelines for parish viability and is a process of discovering new ways of being God's church in the world. The Commission is being chaired by Canon Greg Mercer. Please mark this date on your calendar and make a special effort to attend.

