

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

1219 Conception Bay Highway  
Conception Bay South, NL A1X 4E9  
(709) 744-2648 - admin@stpeterscbs.ca

[www.stpeterscbs.ca](http://www.stpeterscbs.ca)

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

MOTHER'S DAY/ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

JERUSALEM SUNDAY

May 13, 2018



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

Jim Howell and Albert Morgan

Office Administrator:

Jack Morgan

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

LECTIONARY: 1 Samuel 1:12-18; Corinthians 13:4-13; Psalm 122 (BCP p498; BAS p882); Matthew 28:1-10

**COLLECT** Most gracious and gentle God, from the womb of your love you gave birth to all creation. In your Son Jesus Christ you reveal a loving-kindness that longs to gather up your children under the shadow of your wings. Bless, we pray, all mothers. Give them patience and wisdom, gentleness and grace. Affirm them in the nobility of their calling. May our children always find in the embrace of mothers an outward and visible sign of your never-failing love and care. And with thanksgiving for the love and care of our mothers who have died, we pray that we may know the warmth of your tender mercy and the constancy of your unconditional love. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Adaptation of a collect by Father Bryan Owen, an Anglican priest in the US)

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS** God of grace, receive all we offer you this day. We give thanks for Hannah, Ruth, Mary and Martha, and other biblical women of faith. Help us like them to follow you as caring people and use all that you have given us with gratitude, and with respect for all people and your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HYMNS FOR 10:30 SERVICE**

Opening: (#425) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee  
Gradual: (Youth Choir) To be announced  
Offering: (See below) Would You Bless Our Homes and Families  
Communion: To be announced  
Closing: (#399) Now Thank We All Our God

Would you bless our homes and families;  
Lord of life, who calls us here  
In our world of stress and tension,  
teach us love that conquers fear.  
Help us learn to love each other  
with a love that constant stays;  
Teach us when we face our troubles  
love's expressed in many ways.

When our way is undemanding,  
let us use the time that's ours  
to delight in simple pleasures,  
sharing joys in gentle hours.  
When our way is anxious walking  
and a heavy path we plod;  
Teach us trust in one another  
and in you our gracious God.

From the homes in which we're nurtured,  
with the love that shapes us there,  
teach us Lord to claim as family  
every one whose life we share.  
And through all that life may offer  
may we in your love remain.  
May the love we share in families  
be alive to praise your name.

Let us reach beyond the boundaries  
of our daily thought and care  
'till the family you have chosen  
spills its love out everywhere.  
Help us learn to love each other  
with a love that constant stays;  
Teach us when we face our troubles  
love's expressed in many ways.

### **Today's Varied Themes**

**Mother's Day:** The second Sunday of May has been celebrated in society as Mother's Day for over a century. Most churches have for years had special activities to honour and celebrate motherhood on this Sunday. Let us give thanks for the special place that women play in our homes, community and the church. With thanksgiving for our mothers who have died, we give thanks for all that was great and pray that they rest in peace.

**Jerusalem Sunday:** At the 2013 Joint Assembly of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church a resolution was passed to "observe the Seventh Sunday of Easter, commonly known as the Sunday after Ascension Day, as Jerusalem Sunday." The two churches jointly ask us to include the Jerusalem Church in our prayers today.

**Ascension Day:** Thursday was the 40<sup>th</sup> day after Easter, traditionally acknowledged as the day that Jesus ascended into heaven. The various manifestations of the resurrection of Christ among the disciples of Jesus in the Bible all appeared during the 40 days following Easter Day. Next Sunday (the fiftieth day after Easter Day) is the Day of Pentecost. *Because Ash Wednesday was on February 14<sup>th</sup> this year, Holy Thursday was on May 10<sup>th</sup>, the Thursday before Mother's Day. The last time Ash Wednesday was on Valentine's Day was in 1945. Ash Wednesday will not fall on February 14<sup>th</sup> again until 2024?*

# On Children

And a woman who held a babe against her bosom said,  
Speak to us of Children:

And he said: Your children are not your children.  
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for  
itself.

They come through you but not from you,  
And though they are with you yet they belong not to  
you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,  
For they have their own thoughts.  
You may house their bodies but not their souls,  
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,  
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.

You may strive to be like them,  
but seek not to make them like you.  
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children  
as living arrows are sent forth.  
The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,  
and He bends you with His might  
that His arrows may go swift and far.  
Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;  
For even as He loves the arrow that flies,  
so He loves also the bow that is stable.

Source: *The Prophet*, by Kahlil Gibran (*Published 1923*)

Kahlil Gibran (1883-1931), painter, poet and philosopher, was born in Maronite Catholic family in Lebanon and immigrated to the US with his mother in 1895. He considered himself to be mainly a painter but he is best known for writing *The Prophet*. You can find an easy-to-read story of his life at [www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/kahlil-gibran](http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/kahlil-gibran).