

## 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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 6, 2018



**Be ready! Let the truth be like a belt around your waist, and let God's justice protect you like armor. Your desire to tell the good news about peace should be like shoes on your feet. Let your faith be like a shield, and you will be able to stop all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Let God's saving power be like a helmet, and for a sword use God's message that comes from the Spirit.** (Ephesians 6:14-17 CEV)

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: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98 (BCP p4545; BAS p836); 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

**COLLECT Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

### **Hymns for 10:30 Service**

*Presentation of Colours - National Anthem*

Opening: (#312) Sing a New Song Unto the Lord

Gradual: (#631) The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

Offering: (#487) Where Charity and Love Prevail

Communion: (*Praise Book*, #29) Only a Shadow

*Receiving of the Colours - The Queen*

Closing: (#503) Fight the Good Fight

### **Today's Short Message**

“Fight the Good Fight.” This has been the motto of the CLB since its beginning. The phrase itself is found in the *First Letter to Timothy* (1:18 and 6:12) which has been traditionally ascribed to St. Paul. The items in the official logo are part of the Christian purpose as described in the *Letter to the Ephesians* (6:14-17).

St. Paul was born in Tarsus, an ancient city about 300 kilometres from Ephesus, in the country we call Turkey. At that time all the countries around the Mediterranean Sea were part of the Roman Empire. Although many people did not like being controlled by the Romans, the empire with its powerful army did maintain a long period of relative peace and built roads making it easy for people

like St. Paul to travel to many countries. From his early life and throughout his missionary journeys, St. Paul would have seen many military parades and been in the company of soldiers.

The purpose of the CLB, then, is to help young people not simply to learn about the Christian way of life but to practice it. Truth, justice, peace and faith stand out like guideposts along that highway of life.

On behalf of the congregation of St. Peter's, I welcome the CLB and thank the officers who volunteer their time and concern for the welfare of our young people. Like many officers before them, the best thanks they can receive is seeing the fruit of their sacrifice being lived out in the lives of the girls and boys their corps.



### **Prayers of the People**

*Leader:* Let us pray together saying, "God of Love, hear our prayer."

*Response:* **God of Love, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* God of Love, you are the creator of life in all its forms. We give thanks for the beauty and wonder that we experience every day.

*Response:* **God of Love, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* God of the Rainbow, help us respect the dignity of every human being and live in harmony with all parts of your creation. As people of many cultures, religions and opinions, help us see what is good in everyone and work together as one big family.

*Response:* **God of Love, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* God of Jesus, we thank you for the way of life he asked us to live. We pray for Christians everywhere, for our bishop Geoffrey, our priest Irving, and all the people who share in the work of St. Peter's Church. Support each person in our witness and love for others.

*Response:* **God of Love, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* God of Peace, we pray for all people who suffer because of war, hunger and poverty. Help the leaders of the nations to be wise and patient as they lead their own countries and cooperate in the work of the United Nations and peace of the world.

*Response:* **God of Love, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* God of Health, we pray for those who are sick in mind, body or spirit. We remember especially those who have asked us to pray for them. (*Read the*

*names of those listed in the bulletin.) Let us silently think of someone we know who is hurting at this time. (Pause for 30 seconds.) God, bless us all.*

**Response: God of Love, hear our prayer.**

*Leader: God our Friend, we pray for our families and friends. Bless our homes, our schools and all the places where we work and play.*

**Response: God of Love, hear our prayer.**

*Leader: God of Hope, we thank you that not even death can separate us from your love. We pray for all who mourn and give thanks for the life and witness of our Loved Ones who have died. (Read the names mentioned in the bulletin.)*

*May they rest in peace.*

**Response: God of Love, hear our prayer.**

*Leader: God of Forgiveness, help us recognize where we go wrong, how we hurt others, how we pollute the earth, and how we do not respect your world, where we abuse our own minds and bodies. Accept our confession that we now pray together.*

**All: Most merciful God, forgive our sins against you and against each other. Strengthen us to overcome our weaknesses, that we may live in love as you would have us live, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

*Priest: The Prayer of Absolution.*



**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 [lavarocksumpercamp@gmail.com](mailto:lavarocksumpercamp@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.