

# St. Peter's Anglican Church

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

## Come to Worship – Leave to Serve Third Sunday of Easter



April 26, 2020

**LECTIONARY FOR TODAY, – Third Sunday of Easter - ACTS 2:14A, 22-32; PSALM 16, 1 PETER 1:3-9; JOHN 20:19-31**

### **A message Rev. Bill to our Confirmation Candidates**

Hello Candidates: I regret to report that our Confirmation training will not be completed in time for Confirmation to take place this spring. We will have to wait and see what can take place when the Coved restrictions are lifted in the coming months. Church activities have been curtailed but we are able to offer two worship experiences each week on Wednesday nights at 7p.m. and on Sunday Mornings at 10:30. These can accessed on Facebook and be watched anytime once they are posted. To gain access send me a friend request to William Strong on my facebook page. We hope transfer to a new St. Peter's Facebook page shortly.

In the meantime I encourage each of you to practise your faith by praying daily, setting aside some time for Bible reading, and seeking out things you can do (in

your bubble) to serve others. Feel free to call me at any time with any questions. My number is 325-1278.

Please stay safe, know that God loves us and is with us always.  
Your Friend and Rector  
Rev. Bill+

**National Volunteer Week – Message from Rev. Bonnie**

This is National Volunteer Week in Canada and I wanted to send out a big thank you to all the people in our Parish who give their time and talent to St. Peter's. You give in so many different ways and every contribution, no matter what it is, adds to the whole. Whenever I read St. Paul's reflections on spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12, I think of the great diversity of skills, interests and abilities that we are blessed with: yet we are one in the Spirit and equal as children of God. Everyone's gift of themselves or of their time is important in the life of the church. Some of you, I expect, are spinning your wheels now, anxious to return to volunteer tasks and missing being together with others in fellowship. Some may be enjoying a break and taking this time to reflect on how they would like to serve their community moving forward, once this public health crisis has passed. St. Paul reminds us that there are many ways to share the gifts of the Spirit and every role (just like every part of the body) is vitally important to the functioning of the whole body -- our church and community.

Find below a link to this lesson as written in the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, if you would like to read it for yourself:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+12&version=NRSV>

With loving thoughts and a thankful heart for all you do, or perhaps what you are thinking of doing, in the future life of our church.  
-- Bonnie

<b>Weekly Offering Report</b>		
Sunday	Contributions	Budgeted Weekly Contribution Income
April 12-Easter Day	\$4,813.00*	\$3,434.62
April 19-2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	\$3,177.50	\$3,434.62
Year to Date	\$41,914.90	\$54,953.86
Contributions include all voluntary offering since the previous Sunday		
*April 12 <sup>th</sup> Contributions corrected for last week.		

On behalf of Rev. Bill, Rev. Letto and myself, I want to thank those parishioner and others who have contributed to St. Peter's during this past week through envelope offerings, pre authorized giving or email transfers. To all those who have found it difficult to get to the office or otherwise send your donation, please consider giving during the next week as your help is much appreciated during this unprecedented time to meet our financial obligations.

May God Bless you during this difficult time. Stay safe. **Ray**

### **Please call us**

Please call the Church Office if we can be of any help in picking up groceries, prescriptions or any other item important to you. *(Sorry, we cannot offer transportation at this time).*

### **Cancellations/Postponements**

As you are probably aware, all events scheduled for the Church and Parish Hall, for the foreseeable future, has been cancelled and will be rescheduled, where possible, for a later date to be announced.

### **Sunday's Service**

#### **Collect**

O 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 his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### **First Reading**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

## **Psalm**

PSALM

REFRAIN I will lift up the cup of salvation.

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life." R

How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. R

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants. R

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord. R

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah! R  
PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

## **Second Reading**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls

by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

1 PETER 1:17-23

### **Gospel**

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

LUKE 24:13-35

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

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.

### **Prayer After Communion**

Author of life divine,  
in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord.  
Feed us always in these mysteries,  
that we may show your glory to all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

LECTIONARY FOR NEXT WEEK, May 3rd, Fourth Sunday of Easter: ACTS  
2:42-47; PSALM 23; 1 PETER 2:19-25; JOHN 10:1-10

#### **This week we are praying for:**

All Church Leaders, especially +Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; +Linda, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; +Ronald, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, +Geoffrey, our Bishop; Bonnie+, our Deacon, Irving+, our Honourary Assistant, and Bill+, our Rector.

**In the Anglican/Lutheran Cycle of Prayer**—ACC-Bishop Todd Townshend, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Huron. ELCIC-The dean, council, and congregations of the Manitoba West Area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.

**In the Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, The Parishioners and Clergy of the Parish of Gambo and the Parish of Gander.

**We pray for those who are sick or otherwise in need, especially:** Rodney Andrews, Brian Gosse, Deneal Haines, Mackenzie Jones, Glenys O'Brien, Lucy Thistle, Mary Bussey, Payton Best, Judy Barker, Robert Moulton, Yvonne Lawlor, Geraldine Piercey, Ray Styles, Vince Wiltshire, Murdoch Peddle, Sylvia Gillespie-Miller, Norman Tibbo, George Moore, John Butters, Steven & Chris Dawe, Vasili Flogeras, Alan Drover, George Morgan and Stephen Walsh.

### **From our Primate on the Nova Scotia Tragedy**

Once again communities in Canada have been struck by inexplicable violence. Once again someone has lashed out at the world around them with arson and murder across a swath of Nova Scotia near Halifax. The death toll makes it the worst mass murder event in Canadian history.

Even as Canadians are coping with the anxiety and fear created by the stealth of COVID-19, we are devastated by these acts of seemingly random violence. Our hearts first go out to the families, friends and colleagues of those who have been killed or injured. We remember in particular the family of Corporal Heidi Stevenson, the RCMP Officer, killed trying to stop the perpetrator and to her colleague wounded and in hospital. We remember all the communities in Nova Scotia touched directly by this event. We remember the family of the perpetrator in their pain.

As we remember we turn to prayer for it is at a time of unexplainable tragedy we cry to God and know God cries with us.

*God of compassion and mercy, our hearts are filled with pain and bewilderment at this act of violence that has injured some and taken the lives of so many.*

*We pray for all who grieve the loss of loved ones. We pray for those who have been wounded or injured. We give thanks for the RCMP and first responders, especially Corporal Heidi Stevenson who gave her life to protect her community and her wounded colleague.*

*We pray for all in comforted by your peace that can transform death and bring life again. Nova Scotia as they face this random violent disruption that has destroyed their peace and left a legacy of betrayal and pain. May the inner wounds to hearts and souls be*

*We pray for the family and friends of the perpetrator in their struggle with this betrayal of relationships.*

*May they know you walk with them too.*

*We ask for your healing for our broken world in which such evil can find a home in a human heart and be so destructive.*

*We ask your grace to provide comfort in this time of continuing physical isolation from one another. In our sorrow and grief may your presence be near to hold the*

*pain, comfort our hearts and renew our hope. We lift our hearts in anguish and ask for your healing today and in the days to come through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



The Most Reverend Linda C. Nicholls  
Archbishop and Primate

**Let us all at St. Peter's pray for the Victims of the Nova Scotia Tragedy**



Let us pray for our neighbours in Nova Scotia who are experiencing extreme grief, pain and loss due to the recent tragedy that claimed 22 innocent lives. We pray the Lord gives them strength to get through this and to move forward. Let them know that the love of God has no limits and he is at their side at ALL times. He is there to comfort them and carry their burdens. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

***Today's bulletin is offered to the Glory of God in loving memory of:***

**Karen Corbett** (remembering her birthday on April 23<sup>rd</sup>). From Mom and Dad (Marg & Don Morgan) and family.



