# 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

**April 4, 2021** 

# Sunday of the Ressurection – Easter Day



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The Reverend Dr. Bonnie Morgan
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# Easter Message from Rev. Bill

## **Dear Parishioners**

#### Look Up!!

This Easter will be different from any we have known and will be the first in person celebration we will observe in two years. It is an experience that no one would have imagined or was able to plan for. Many of us wondered if the Church could endure the pandemic. The good news is we are still here and while we have still not returned to normal activities there are signs of hope on the horizon.

Easter is all about hope and relationship. We have been passed on the hope found in the empty tomb on Easter Morning. We are called to go through the pain of Good Friday to arrive at the joy found on Easter Sunday. It was a joy so profound that the disciples could hardly believe it. The larger implication of that event is that we are offered to be in relationship with God forever.

This year, we have installed television screens in our church building that call for us to experience liturgy in a new way. We are called to raise our heads and look up in order to participate. Let us transfer that notion to our lives as we look for the hope that vaccines will offer us in the coming weeks and months. We must remain vigilant until we reach a time when the threat of Covid 19 has passed.

I thank God for the prayerful support that we offer each other and for every act of outreach we offer to those around us. Hold Fast St. Peter's. We are still here. God is with us and let us be the face of Christ to everyone we meet. He Lives! Look up!

Happy Easter Rev. Bill +

#### Hymns for 10:30 Service

Opening: (#203) Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Gradual: Beautiful City (Scott Parsons – solo)

Offering: (#210) Yours, Be the Glory, Risen, Conquer

Communion: Because He Lives (Choir)

Closing: (#602) Lift High the Cross

# Readings Sunday, April 4th, 2021

#### Readings

ACTS 10:34-43 OR ISAIAH 25:6-9; PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11 OR ACTS 10:34-43; JOHN 20:1-18 OR MARK 16:1-8

#### Collect

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.

# **First Reading**

#### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Then Peter began to speak to the Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

ACTS 10:34-43

#### **Psalm**

**PSALM** 

REFRAIN On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever." R

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!" R

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. R

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter." R

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. R

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. R PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

#### **Second Reading**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle,

because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them - though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

#### Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

MARK 16·1-8

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord.

#### Prayer After Communion

God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this n the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

#### Message from St. Peter's Treasurer

#### Dear Friends of St. Peter's:

First of all, let me take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy & Blessed Easter.

We are still living with COVID-19 pandemic, however because of the low number of cases in NL, the decision made by Dr. Fitzgerald allowed businesses, including Churches to reopen. The number of attendants is not to exceed 50 persons. This was welcome news to some, and others still have the opportunity to follow the services online. Hopefully in the near future, the pandemic will be over & we will return to a normal life.

As I recently stated in my message, I wish to keep you updated on our church finances. I am pleased to advise that at the end of our first quarter, we are still running a surplus in our Church accounts. With our assessment paid to the Diocese and most invoices paid, we maintain an operating fund of some \$30,000.

As contributors, each and everyone of you should be so proud of what you are doing for your Church's financial position. It should be noted that our budget for 2021 shows expenses of some \$234,000, which requires an average weekly income of \$4,400 to meet this amount.

On behalf of Rev. Strong, rev. Letto, Wardens & Vestry members, I thank you one and all.

Happy Easter. Christ is Risen!!

#### Raymond Gregory Treasurer



## **Annual General Meeting/Reports-POSTPONED**

St. Peter's Annual General Meeting originally announced for March 28<sup>th</sup> has now been **POSTPONED INDEFINATLEY** due to the recent outbreak of the variant COVID virus. A new date will be announced later as the alert levels move down. **PLEASE NOTE**: Church organizations are still asked to submit their annual report by March 15<sup>th</sup> as there is considerable work required to compile and print it. Thank you for your understanding during this difficult time

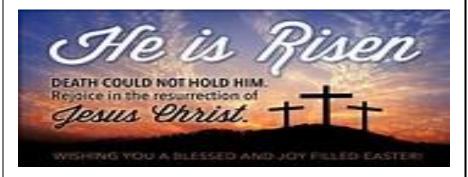
## This week we are praying for:

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

In the Anglican/Lutheran Cycle of Prayer— EASTER DAY ACC-The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. ELCIC-The dean, council, and congregations of the Manitoba East Area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.

In the Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, The Parishioners and Clergy of the parish of The Epiphany; The Epiphany, Heart's Delight/ Islington, the Rev. Eli Evans, Rector, and the parish of Flowers Cove: St. Baranbas, Flowers Cove, St. Mark, Savage Cove, St. Boniface, Bear Cove and St. Matthew, Anchor Point, The Rev. DCN Vernon Short, Deacon in Charge.

We pray for those who are sick or otherwise in need, especially: Rodney Andrews, Brian Gosse, Deneal Haines, Glenys O'Brien, Lucy Thistle, Mary Bussey, Payton Best, Robert Moulton, Yvonne Lawlor, Geraldine Piercey, Murdoch Peddle, Sylvia Gillespie-Miller, Norman Tibbo, George Moore, John Butters, Steven & Chris Dawe, Vasili Flogeras, Alan Drover, George Morgan, Joan Petten, Michael Andrews, Harriett Morgan, Owen Murphy, Gerald Ralph, Janet Andrews, Gord Fewer, Marie King, Ray Gregory, Bill Andrews Nora Rideout, Harry Crane and Tolson Scott.





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

**William Feaver,** loving husband & father (remembering his birthday April 8th). From wife Susie & family.

*Graham T. Mifflen* (remembering his passing on April 24, 1995). From Joan & family.

**Sylvia Reid,** Mother and Grandmother (remembering her passing on April 5). From Scott, Colleen, Lydia and Luke Reid.

*Jim Dawe* (remembering the 21st anniversary of his death on April 6th). From Doris

*Michael Pardy.* Ches and Regina and sisters Kimberly, Pamela, Reneta and Kelly and families.

**Todd Hennessey**. Judy, Lorrie, Scott, and Mitchell.

<sup>\*</sup>Please take this bulletin when you leave the Church.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Easter Memorials will be available Easter Sunday Morning.