



Clergy

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Visits - If you know of someone in this Parish who is sick or shut-in and would like a visit, please let us know! Rev Wendy would love to visit.

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St. James Anglican Church

May 02, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter

The Book of Alternative Services

Processional Hymn: All Praise to Thee v 1-3 & 6 (RB - 107)

The Grace

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Collect for the Day

(Together) Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading: Acts 8: 26-40

Psalm 22: 25-30

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; * he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

(Together): Father, your tortured Son felt abandoned, and cried out in anguish from the cross, yet you delivered him. He overcame the bonds of death and rose in triumph from the grave. Do not hide your face from those who cry out to you: feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, and break the chains of the oppressed, that your people may rejoice in your saving deeds. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. AMEN

Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7-21

Gradual Hymn: The King of Love (RB – 132)

Gospel: John 15: 1-8

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Church News

Plateless Roast Beef Dinner

In our Calendar of Events we have a Roast Beef Dinner scheduled for May 15. Due to Covid 19 we are unable to have it. Most of our parishioners give generously to this parish fundraiser. **We are suggesting that we give a monetary donation instead of your usual food etc. donation. Our donations will help our church meet its financial and outreach commitments. Donations can be placed on the plate marked 'Roast Beef Dinner'. If you require more information please talk to Loretta, Donna or Rev. Wendy. Thank you in advance for your support.**

Your Questions Answered:

We celebrate Jesus' birth on December 25 every year. How is it we celebrate his death on a different date every year?

Answer: Because the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ happened after Passover, early Christians wanted **Easter** to always be celebrated following Passover. Because the Jewish holiday calendar is based on solar and lunar cycles, **each** feast day is movable, with **dates** shifting from **year to year**.

Easter is celebrated on the first **Sunday** following the full Moon that occurs on or just after the **spring equinox**. Yes, it's a bit confusing at first read! Let's break it down: In 2021, the **spring equinox** happened on Saturday, **March 20**. The first full Moon after that date was on **Sunday, March 28**. So Easter occurred on the first Sunday after that which was Sunday, April 4.

Operation Live Stream is a project of the Deanery of Shediak.

It involves live-streaming Morning and Evening Prayer from Monday to Friday, each week .

If **you might be interested in assisting** occasionally as a reader, or as a member of the Congregation, please speak to your clergy.

The Services are prayed at 8:30 am and 5:00 pm at St. George's Church. Free parking is available.

An **orientation** for those who are interested has been scheduled for **Tuesday evening, May 18th, at 6:30 PM at St. George's**.

Coffee and Conversation – 1 st Sunday of the Month

We will begin Coffee and Conversation on the first Sunday of every month. Coffee/Tea and packaged snacks today, Sunday, May 2 after the 11:00 a.m. service. Let's enjoy!

Church News

Outdoor Plant Sale – June 05, 2021

We are planning our Annual Spring Plant Sale on June 05 this year, depending on Provincial restrictions due to Covid. All donations for the sale would be greatly appreciated. Call Donna at 204-5755 or Loretta at 854-5499.

Prayer Shawls Available – Please ask if you would like a prayer shawl to give to someone. Rev Wendy, Loretta or Donna.

Collecting socks, mitts, hats, hoodies, jackets for our monthly breakfast at St Georges. Please place donations in the basket in the vestibule. Thanks for your continued generosity!

Food Bank Sunday – First Sunday of the Month. Thanks for your donations and continued support!!!

HOW SHALL WE FORGIVE?

Re-discovering The Way Through

An Eastertide series webinar
with Archbishop David Edwards
and Archbishop Mark MacDonald
Mondays, April 19 - May 17, 7:00pm

Click online to register in advance. All sessions are available to watch after the day. Archbishops Mark and David are worth hearing.

Yard Sale Items downstairs – Please go down and look over the items after the service.

Our monthly brown bag breakfast at St George's continues.
Next one is Sat, May 15.

Prayers of the People: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Priest: As branches of Jesus, the living Vine, abiding in the Spirit of love, we bring our prayers to God: Eternal Loving One, accept the wishes of our hearts as we pray faithfully, saying: For God is love; **and perfect love casts out all fear.**

Reader 1: Loving God, you have given your people the confidence to come before you through the new and living way that Jesus Christ has opened for us. Grant your church grace to provoke one another to love and good deeds, encouraging one another in Christ. In the church we pray for David our Archbishop, Brent our Archdeacon, Wendy our priest and all in leadership roles. May they lead us to understand the love of Jesus and His message. Bless your Church and her members as we labour in your vineyard, that we may be fruitful, as we live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel, and live faithfully in your loving presence.. Gracious One, you have called us to abide in your life and to bear witness to Christ the lamb: Grant that the Church may reveal your love through Jesus, that we might live in him and so bear much fruit. For God is love; **and perfect love casts out all fear.**

Reader 2: Light of the Word, dominion belongs to you, for you rule over the nations: Raise up for your Church bold witnesses like Philip who will testify to the rich and powerful about God's good news which is perfected in love, so that peace may abound in our time. For God is love; **and perfect love casts out all fear.**

Reader 3: Attentive Vine grower, you tend the braches and fruit of your vine extending to the ends of the earth: Let your loving attention reach out to all people who live in suffering and threatening conditions, that they may be restored to life and fruitfulness. For God is love; **and perfect love casts out all fear.**

Reader 4: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God: Inspire all in our community to seek to expand the fruits of compassion and care so that the poor shall eat and be satisfied and that all the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. For God is love; **and perfect love casts out all fear.**

Reader 5: You have first loved us and called us to love our neighbor as ourselves: Hear our prayers for all for whom we intercede, especially (Add Parish List). Accept our grateful thanks for your abundance in our lives. Gather into your banquet all who have died, may their hearts live forever! For God is love; **and perfect love casts out all fear.**

(Together):: You have planted us in the nurturing ground of your steadfast love, O God, and grafted us into the life of your resurrected Son, Jesus our Savior: Keep us evermore abiding within your Spirit of love, that we may bear the fruit of reconciliation for all that is and is to come, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant; Most merciful God,

People: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Musical Selection -

Prayer Over the Gifts:

(Together): Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,..... /to proclaim the glory of your name.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread

The Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection

Prayer after Communion:

(Together): God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.. Amen.

Doxology:

Celebrant : Glory to God,

People: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements

The Dismissal

Fight The Good Fight (RB – 175)

Prayer Requests: Susan Goguen, Trisha Corner, Beth, Sharon, Myrna, George, Bill, Gillian