

## *Dismissal Songs*

### *“May God’s Blessing”*

*May God’s blessing Surround you each day,  
As you trust Him and walk in his way.  
May his presence within  
Guard and keep you from sin,  
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.*

### *“Go Now in Peace”*

*Go now in peace; never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.  
Know he will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*

### *“Let There Be Love”*

*Let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love in our eyes;  
may now your love sweep this nation,  
cause us, Oh Lord to arise;  
Give us a fresh understanding,  
of Christian love that is real;  
let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love.*

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**August 2024 (Year B)**

**A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WHO ARE WITH US TODAY. WE HOPE THAT GOD WILL BLESS US AS WE WORSHIP HIM HERE TOGETHER AT ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH.**

*From the Rector's desk:*

**From the rector:** It's hard to believe that we are already into the month of August, and much of Summer is behind us. We are thankful for the good weather that we are enjoying, for the rest, relaxation and renewal of our minds, bodies and spirits, as we spend time vacationing, or just focusing on family. We have much to be thankful for, we live in a wonderful place, and God continues to bless us in many ways. This Summer has been a hot and dry one in some places of our province and nation. We give thanks that the fires that threatened communities in Labrador have been dealt with, and that property and lives were spared. We pray for the people of Alberta and British Columbia, as they work hard to put out fires in those provinces. Our hearts go out to the people of Jasper, Alberta, as they saw much of that town and park completely destroyed recently, as they continue to battle that fire. Thank God that nobody was seriously injured or died. Much of that town's infrastructure was completely burnt, including the historic Anglican church of St. Mary & St. George. We pray for the people of Jasper, and hold to the promise of psalm 23, where the psalmist *walks through the valley of the shadow of death*, knowing that God accompanies us. In all our challenges and struggles of life, we hold on to that same promise. Undeniably, we are now living on a planet affected very negatively by climate change. For many decades, scientists, and others who study the environment, and how human beings have not heeded the warnings issued, have been telling government leaders, especially those in more affluent countries, that unless we change our patterns of behaviour, we are headed for disaster. Still, we don't heed the warnings, we continue to profound the problem, and we are paying a heavy price, with more intense fire seasons, hurricane seasons, hotter and drier seasons, etc. When we read the story of creation, and how God put human beings in charge of the creation, I'm sure God must be displeased at the job we are doing.

While the bible doesn't speak much of what climate change in the 21<sup>st</sup> century might look like, Isaiah 24:5 says: *"the earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant."* We can certainly agree that the earth is defiled, and we have broken the covenant of stewardship entrusted to us by God. As human beings in relationship with God, and given the responsibility of safeguarding God's creation, so that it can be passed on to generations not yet born, we must do better. One of the 4 parts of the diocesan program, *"Set Sail – Charting The Course For Christ's Church"*, is *Renewing Stewardship*. Goal number 5 of the program is – *Examining our environmental footprint in light of the ongoing climate emergency and take action to reduce the negative impact we, as individuals and faith communities are having on God's creation.*" Here in our own parish of St. Philip, we are mindful of our call to be good stewards of creation, doing our part to look after the earth. Some of the things we have done and are doing is (1) a weekly recycling program by our ACM; (2) in 2016 we replaced our oil furnace with a geo-thermal system; (3) we have now replaced all the lighting in our building with LED energy saving bulbs. We will this year look at other things we can do as well. We are all stewards of creation with a duty to preserve this planet we share together, so that our children and grandchildren can share its bounty as well. The newer edition of the BAS includes these words in the baptismal covenant - *Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?* Unfortunately, like much of the covenant, we don't pay it enough attention. May we work harder, and be more faithful in doing our part to make this world a better place in many aspects, including the planet itself?

**(Rev. Randy)**

**Thank you to Donna & Janice Spurrell** for the excellent job they did in cleaning and organizing the kitchen. This was a job that needed to be done, and it looks amazing. Thank-you ladies!

**The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre** has been repainted, and new baseboard installed. With the cost of paint, baseboard, painting supplies, and labour, the cost is \$1615.00 If anyone would like to contribute to this cost, your donation will be much appreciated. Anytime we have extra help with these types of projects, it goes a long way in keeping our finances healthy as a parish.

**Future rentals of the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre** will include a new regulation to the effect that absolutely nothing will be permitted on the walls by using tape or tacks. Now that we have the parish centre looking so nice we do not want holes in the walls or paint torn off by tape. This rule will be vigorously enforced, and any damage done as a consequence of ignoring the rule, will be the responsibility of the renter.

**Any young people wishing to be Confirmed in 2025** are asked to register, by contacting Rev. Randy. At this point we do not know the actual date for the service, but we will be starting classes in the Fall.

**Columbarium niches are all sold.** There are plans to purchase and install more units in the coming year, and the cost of those individual niches will depend on the cost of the units.

**Summer is here** - many people will be doing work on family graves in the cemetery. We remind everyone that there are regulations governing the cemetery, so please check with the rector or vestry if you have questions. We have a student again this Summer but please help keep our cemetery, including the columbarium area of it, looking beautiful. Also be safe while doing work on family graves, there may be areas where one could fall or twist an ankle.

**Parish Recycling program** is something we are very proud of in our parish. This is a project taken on by our men's group (ACM) many years ago and still going strong. Residents of the town drop off their bottles and cans at several designated sites, our men pick it up and take it to the recycling trailer, where it gets sorted, counted and bagged every Monday night. Once we have enough its placed on a trailer and taken to the recycling depot in St. John's. In addition to keeping a lot of stuff out of the landfill, it brings much needed money into our parish budget. There is a need for extra volunteers that can spare about two hours on a Monday night (7-9 pm) to come along and help out. If you can do this, please speak to our ACM president, Gary King at 709-895-6239.

**Youth gathering in the Fall.** Brenda Gavin-Harding and Rev. Randy are interested in bringing together the young people of our parish to plan some form(s) of youth ministry. We are asking parents/grandparents etc., to talk to the youth in your family and encourage them to sign up for participation. We would love to have a list of interested youth now to do some groundwork over the next few months.

**August 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Scriptural Sentence**

“We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

**1st Reading**

**Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14**

**Psalm 99**

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**(Rev. Russell Osmond)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1: 16-19**

**(Joan Osmond)**

**Gospel**

**Luke 9: 28-36**

**(Deacon Bonnell)**

**Collects & Prayers**

**Collect** - Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**Prayer over the Gifts** – God our sustainer, accept all we offer you this day, and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

**Prayer after Communion** – God of grace, we have shared in the mystery of the body and blood of Christ. May we who have tasted the bread of life live with you forever. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**August 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Scriptural Sentence**

*“I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord; anyone who eats this bread will live forever.”*

**1st Reading**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33**

**Psalm 130**

**Page: 888**

**(Brenda Harding)**

**2nd Reading**

**Ephesians 4: 25-5:2**

**(Gary King)**

**Gospel**

**John 6: 41-51**

**(Deacon Bonnell)**

**Collects & Prayers**

**Collect** - Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

**Prayer over the Gifts** - Father, receive all we offer you this day and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Prayer after Communion** – Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the gift of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

**August 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Scriptural Sentence**

*“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them, says the Lord.”*

**1st Reading**

**Isaiah 7: 10-15**

**Psalm 132**

**Pages: 889-890**

**(Canon Don Morgan)**

**2nd Reading**

**Galatians 4: 4-7**

**(Canon Shirley Gosse)**

**Gospel**

**Luke 1: 46-55**

**(Deacon Bonnell)**

**Collects & Prayers**

**Collect** - Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**Prayer over the Gifts** - Loving God and Father, you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Prayer after Communion** – Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Scriptural Sentence**

*“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life”*

**1st Reading**

**1<sup>st</sup> Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43**

**Psalm 84**

**Pages: 817-818**

**(Rev. Russell)**

**2nd Reading**

**Ephesians 6: 10-20**

**(Joan Osmond)**

**Gospel**

**John 6: 56-59**

**(Deacon Bonnell)**

**Collects & Prayers**

**Collect** - Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send our Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**Prayer over the Gifts** - God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Prayer after Communion** – Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

St. Philip's parish will be receiving the Christus Rex from the former St. Michael's parish. As you may know, a year ago the diocese and parish of St. Michael made the painful decision to sell their church building and cease to be a parish. Parishioners found other parishes to become members of, including our own parish, when we welcomed into our church family, Father Reuben Hatcher and his wife, Ruth. Our bishop is very pleased that the Christus Rex will be finding a new home in our church. It is also very meaningful to Father Hatcher and Ruth, to see a piece of St. Michael's parish displayed here. What is the Christus Rex? The Latin means Christ The King. The traditional crucifix portrays Christ in all his humanity giving everything to save his people. The Christus Rex, though also showing the crucified Christ, also depicts royalty, that, even on the cross, he was King. The Christus Rex is commonly found in many non-Roman Catholic traditions, such as the Anglican & Lutheran churches, and is highlighted especially on Christ The King Sunday in November. It reminds us that even in his weakened condition on the cross, the King born into the world, was still King on the cross, and now when we look to the cross, we see it as a symbol of great power and majesty. Once the Christus Rex is in place, our bishop, and former members of St. Michael's parish will be invited to a worship service to officially unveil it. It will be placed in memory of the late Rev Canon Felix Honeygold, who served as rector of the old St. Michael's parish for 20 years (1950's -1970's), and was instrumental in the design of the Christus Rex.



**THE BULLETIN FOR THE  
Month of August**

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**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

**Manuel Spurrell**

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