

Dismissal Songs

“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.*

“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.*

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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: Believe it or not, we are already into October month, and Thanksgiving is upon us. It is almost a magical time of year, as farmers continue to harvest the fruits of their labour, and we are reminded of the hand of God in creation. When we consider it, it really is a divine mystery, how a little seed is sowed and, through nurture and patient care, it develops into food that can feed our families and communities. We can't properly understand it or explain it, but it does happen, and we are blessed by it. It is not only commercial farmers that sow and harvest on a large scale, but even an individual or family that plants in their backyard, tends to it, watches it grow, and reaps the produce. I often ask one of our parishioners, Lloyd and Jeanette Osmond, over summer and Fall, as we chat in the foyer on Sunday morning, how their garden is coming along, and they will go into great detail to tell me how certain produce is growing, "the lettuce, the garlic, the carrots, etc. are doing wonderful, but the beets are not doing as well this year". They love to talk about their garden, and the joy and satisfaction they get from preparing the beds, planting, tending to it, and harvesting the produce, brings them a great deal of satisfaction. Even at 91, Lloyd gets out there, using his walker as an aid, and, perhaps without even realizing it, engages in a spiritual exercise. We have others in our congregation as well, that plant and grow vegetables, flowers and herbs, and I'm sure they experience the same, and senses the presence of God in it all.

That is the mystery of our existence, the very gift of life in all its forms. Who can adequately explain the mystery of human life itself? We have the ability to describe what happens, how a child is conceived, what happens during the months of pregnancy, how the child is born, but there is something much deeper that goes on that remains a mystery, and we just fall in awe at the feet of God, and give thanks for God's indescribable blessings. There is so much we don't know, and science can only scratch the surface to explain. We don't comprehend the majesty of the creation of the universe, the laws of nature, the very existence of God, our condition of consciousness, the intricacy of DNA,

the existence of miracles, things that defy human logic. As much as humanity has progressed in so many fields, and we have come a long way, we still cannot begin to understand the mind of God, and God's creation. We get little glimpses but there is always a veil that keeps us from fully knowing. I expect that will always be the case. Scripture (Is. 55) tells us: *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."* I think one of the human characteristics, and, inherently one of our flaws, is we spend so much time trying to understand the mind of God, or even to prove the non-existence of God, that we fail to appreciate the beauty of God all around us.

In some ways many human beings have given up on God altogether, but thanks be to God, God has not given up on them. God's grace, mercy, love and forgiveness is ever present to us, if we choose to receive it. As we look at the falling away of people from the church, and from the faith altogether, which is perhaps the biggest challenge in front of us presently, we must ask the question – *what is it they are struggling to find that they cannot, which leads them to conclude God either does not exist, or is not relevant to them?* Many choose to follow the ways of the world, and so, they get caught up in the temptation to replace the spiritual part of their lives with the things that satisfy for now, but are fleeting in their ability to bring lasting satisfaction. St. Augustine said *"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."* To be a people that are truly thankful, we must acknowledge our connection to God, our creator, sustainer and redeemer. That must be the important message to give people that are struggling to find purpose and meaning to their lives...*you are a beautiful part of God's creation; God loves you and wants to bless you in so many ways.* This is the alternative to the message they are getting from the world, which, unfortunately runs counter to God's message. May the emphasis of our life together as God's people, and as the Church, be to proclaim this message to a world in need of hearing it. It is the message of hope, and we are a people of thanksgiving.

Rev. Randy

The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre received a paintjob as well as all new base board this summer. It was long overdue, and we were pleased to get all the work done, plus cover the cost of materials for about \$1600.00 We want to keep the parish centre looking nice going forward, so we ask everyone using the centre to take extra care to see that the walls are not marked or damaged. One of the things that damages paint is sticking tape and pins into the walls. The rule is that **there is to be absolutely nothing put on the walls unless it is placed on the cork boards.** For rentals we will monitor it, and the new rule will be included in rental contracts. If rentals prove to be a concern, we will ask for a damage deposit that will be returned to the renter after inspection.

Cemetery Maintenance: We remind everyone that there are regulations governing the cemetery, so please check with the rector or vestry if you have questions. 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.

Sunday School has resumed again. We want to encourage parents with young children to please register them for Sunday School, even if they can't be present every Sunday. This is a continuation of the promises of baptism, as we fulfil our promise to bring the children to church, so they may grow in God's grace. Please speak to Stephanie Smith or Lori Gosse, or Rev. Randy, about registering your child for Sunday School. We also want to start thinking about involving the children in preparation for the Christmas Eve pageant at 4:00 pm.

We are once more selling columbarium niches. Once we had reached the number 48 we ceased selling them until new ones were ordered. The order has been placed and we expect two new units (48 more niches) to arrive later this Fall. The cost has increased considerably since 2016, therefore, Vestry made the decision to increase the purchase price of each niche to \$4000 Anyone interested in buying one should speak to Rev. Randy.

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, it's 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.

There are several ways that parishioners can give on a regular basis. We have the forms in the parish office for those interested in giving electronically, where you have the option of having your offering come directly from your bank every two weeks or once per month. One can also give through Email Transfer, by using the church email: stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com You can include a message in the box to tell our parish treasurer the details of your offering, and she gets notified automatically, and the amount is added to your annual church receipt. There is also a drop-off box in the foyer, next to the nursery room door, where you can drop your envelope into whenever the door is open, or it can be dropped into the parish office. Thank you for everything you do to keep our parish healthy.

A reminder to all those with keys to the building to please ensure windows are closed and locked, lights are turned off, and the door is locked whenever you leave the building.

The Christus Rex was delivered to us from Church House over the summer. We look forward to having it displayed soon, followed by a visit from our bishop to have it dedicated in memory of the late Canon Felix Honeygold. We will also extend an invitation to former members of St. Michael's parish, the place which the Christus Rex was for many years.



There is an envelope drop-off box in the foyer just outside the nursery room door. It is placed there to provide a place for parishioners to drop off their church envelopes. Most afternoons, Monday to Friday the church is open for the Ballicatter after-school program. If you come and the parish office is not open, please drop your envelope into the locked box. This box is checked every morning.

Should I stand, sit or kneel at worship? Our goal is worship and not conformity. Whatever you choose to do is right for you. Some people have mobility issues, and we encourage anyone that is uncomfortable standing to please sit. We are a church family, we look out for one another, so please don't worry about sitting down, even if others are standing.

Our Food Bank Boxes will continue to be placed in the main entrance of the church, to receive weekly donations. Once the boxes are full, they are taken to the Pop-up Pantry at St. Lawrence's church, where the food is placed in hampers to help those in need. **The third Sunday of each month will be known as "Food Bank Sunday in our parish"**. On that Sunday, there will be a table placed at the front of the church during the morning worship, and your food bank donations will be placed on the table for a blessing. This will help us draw more attention to the needs that are around us, as more and more families struggle with the high cost of living.

Our monthly COFFEE HOUR has resumed on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you to Ada Lockyer and Brenda Harding for sponsoring the one on October 6th. We welcome parishioners and visitors to join with us in this time of fellowship and refreshments prior to the 10:30 am worship.

Any young people desiring to be confirmed in 2025 must register with Rev. Randy. As soon as we determine the number to be confirmed, Rev. Randy and Brenda Harding will begin the Confirmation preparation. We do not have a final date for when the bishop will come for Confirmation, but Rev. Randy has requested a Sunday in May.

Youth group. Rev. Randy and Brenda Harding are also interested in hearing from young people about the possibility of starting a youth group in the parish. We will be reaching out to the young people that have been confirmed in the past couple of years with the hope of engaging some of them.

We are in need of help in our sound room on Sunday mornings. At the passing of Val Puglisevich, we are in even greater need of help. This is a job that your teenage children or grandchildren could help out with, and, with lots of help we could use our screens more regularly. It could also be a way that senior high school kids could earn volunteer hours that need for graduation?? If anyone is interested in this please speak to Rev. Randy or one of the church wardens.

The Christus Rex will be installed in time for a special service on November 24th. On Sunday, November 24th, appropriately on Rein of Christ Sunday, we will have a special service at 7:00 pm to receive the Christus Rex (Latin for Christ the King) from the former St. Michael's Anglican Parish, and display it in our church. An invitation is going out to all former members of St. Michael's to join us for that service, and our bishop will be in attendance as well. Following the worship there will be fellowship and refreshments in the parish hall. We hope you will join us as well. The Christus Rex will be dedicated to the memory of The Rev. Canon Felix Honeygold, a long serving priest of St. Michael's many years ago, and instrumental in designing and procuring the Christus Rex. Canon Honeygold passed away several years ago, but his son Peter will be in attendance, and Peter's wife, Marie will do a reading.

ACW 2025 Church Calendars are available. If you would like to purchase a calendar, please speak to Rev. Randy and he will get one for you. The cost of the calendar is \$7.00 which is the actual cost to the church, it is not a fundraiser. Again, this year the calendar contains many beautiful pictures of the church across Canada. The cover photo is of The Northern Lights in Battle Harbour, with the church in the background.

October 29 - ACW Card Game will be held on **Tuesday, October 29th at 8:00 pm**. We want to encourage our parishioners to please consider coming out to support our ladies as they work so hard to raise money to help support our parish budget. It is also a time of fun and fellowship.

November 6 - ACW Sub-Sandwich sale will be held on Wednesday, November 6th. This is one of their major fundraisers, and they would appreciate all the sandwich sales they can get. As before, it will be a 9 inch sub sandwich, with a can of pop and cookies for \$10.00 They are hoping to have their order complete by October 22nd, so they have time to purchase the items needed. They can be picked up at the church or delivered. Your support will be so appreciated.

October 6th

Scriptural Sentence

"If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us."

1st Reading

Job 1: 1, 2: 1-10

Psalm 26

Page: 734-735

(Lori Gosse)

2nd Reading

Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12

(Reegan Gosse)

Gospel

John 6: 1-21

(Deacon Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; 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 truth, receive all we offer you this day. Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer after Communion – Almighty God, may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

October 13th

Scriptural Sentence

"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

1st Reading

Joel 2 : 21-27

Psalm 126

Page: 885

(Allie Wheeler)

2nd Reading

2nd Timothy 2: 1-7

(Glenda Winter)

Gospel

Matthew 6: 25-33

(Deacon Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts God of constant love, in this eucharist you renew the covenant made once with us in baptism. As you are faithful in all things may we, in our offering, be faithful to our calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion – Faithful God, in baptism and eucharist we are made one with you. May we who have shared in holy things always bear witness to your covenant, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

October 20th

Scriptural Sentence

"The Son of man came also not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for man."

1st Reading

Sirach 38: 1-4, 6-10, 12-14

Psalm 147: 1-7

Pages: 906-907

(Dr. Greg Brown)

2nd Reading

No reading appointed

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Gospel

Luke 4: 14-21

(Deacon Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, who inspired Luke the physician to proclaim the love and healing power of your Son, give your Church, by the grace of the Spirit and the medicine of the gospel, the same love and power to heal; 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 – Eternal God, your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion – God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

October 27th

Scriptural Sentence

"Our Saviour Jesus Christ has abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

1st Reading

Job 42: 1-6, 10-17

Psalm 34: 1-8

Page: 744 & 746

(Brenda Harding)

2nd Reading

Hebrews 7: 23-38

(Debbie Collis)

Gospel

Mark 10: 46-52

(Deacon Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; 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 constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion – God our Guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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