

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison): God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember): Rev. Russell & Joan Osmond, John & Phoebe Parrell, Lorraine Parsons, Clayton & Cathy Parsons, William & Judy Parsons and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo, The most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda – Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Catalina (6 Congregations), Rector (Awaiting appointment); the Cathedral Parish of St. John the Baptist, St. John's, Rector – The Ven. Roger Whelan and Vicar Missional – The Rev. Khaliah Kindead.

Provincial Prayer Care. We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Bishop Geoffrey Peddle.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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March 8th, 2020 (Year A)

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: One of the great themes of Lent, and, the one we started with last Sunday, is that of *temptation*. It told the story of Jesus' three great temptations from Satan, that were thrust upon Jesus at his weakest point as he was famished from fasting 40 days in the wilderness. Of course it comes as no surprise to us that Jesus would defeat the devil in this situation, as he is the Son of God. You and I know too well temptations in our own life, and, how Satan comes to us at weak and vulnerable times in our lives, and, it might even be argued that many times we fail in resisting these temptations, to a point that Christ's Church suffers from it. One of the main reasons the church today is placing much emphasis and resources on Mission is because the Church is being battered today from within and without, and greatly shaken. We are told that there is a crisis of faith, that many people have either lost faith or has allowed it to be watered down to a point where they don't feel the need to practice it in traditional forms that include corporate worship. For leaders in the Church we might have been for much too long like Peter, James and John in today's gospel, content to stay in that safe place. They go up the Mountain of Transfiguration with Jesus, Jesus is transfigured before their very eyes, the voice of God is heard, they encounter Moses and Elijah

(who died centuries before), and they are overwhelmed with emotion and contentment to stay in that moment forever. Jesus makes it clear that there is still ministry to be done, people to be healed, lives to be changed, and, it means they must leave that sacred place and moment to go back into the world below them. Sometimes it's easy for us to stay : in that safe place, behind our church doors on Sunday morning, where nothing more is expected of us. We might say this is a corporate temptation we face, and, in good times we can get along doing so. Arguably, we may not have that luxury anymore, to rest on our corporate laurels, because the very future of the Church (and not just the Anglican Church, but the whole of Christendom) depends on what we do now at this time in history. This current generation has the ability to write the next chapter of the life of the church, where it comes to life and thrives like never before, or we can simply decide to do nothing and contribute to its demise. One thing we do know is that God's Church will prosper with or without us (Anglican Church), so may we overcome this temptation that comes to us at a weak point in our lives together. As Satan tempts us individually, so too, he tempts us together, and his assaults on the Church today is like no other time before. Together we can overcome!

(Rev. Randy)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 2nd to 12th - **On-Line Auction- L'Arche Avalon** - Mar 2 - 9:00 am to March 12 - 9:00 PM. We invite you to participate in an online auction, browse and place bids on over 100 items such as: artwork, NL crafts, gift cards from local businesses, skin and hair products, household items, a Seniors' Basket and a Boredom Box. Using the search bar at the top of your Facebook page, type "L'Arche Avalon," scroll down to "L'Arche Avalon Online Auction 2020" and click to join. On March 2nd you can view items and place your bids by "commenting" on individual pictures. All proceeds go to L'Arche Avalon for the construction of the first L'Arche home in this province.

Mar. 21st. ACM Salmon Dinner, time 6 PM. Tickets available from Gary King or Harvey Hiscock as well as the Parish office.

Mar. 29th - **The next available Sunday for baptism** will be March 29th. Anyone desiring to have their child baptized should contact Rev. Randy so as to be included in the baptismal preparation necessary.

Mar. 31st – **Will be the deadline for those wishing to be confirmed this year to register.** Again, this year the Bishop will be coming to the parish for Confirmation on December 6th. Anyone wishing to enroll in classes must be 11 years of age on or before December 31st.

Dismissal Song

**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.**

**The Scriptural Sentence for our worship
today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary**
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***The son of man must be lifted up, that
whoever believes In him may have eternal
life.***

2nd Sunday in Lent - March 8th

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant – Debbie Collis
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Eucharistic Assistants – Harve Hiscock & Moses Tucker
Counters: John Parrell & Gloria Earle
Sidesperson: Todd Martin Team
Altar Duty: Jeannette Osmond/Pheobe Parrell/
Joan Osmond

Wednesday – March 11th

7:00 pm – (handout – *The Parables of Lent*)
The Hidden Treasure & Priceless Pearl
Sidesperson: Todd Martin
Altar Duty: Jeannette Osmond/Pheobe Parrell/
Joan Osmond

3rd Sunday in Lent - March 15th

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant – Charlie Gosse
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Eucharistic Assistants – Mose Tucker & Ches Barfitt
Counters: Tom Tulk & Jeanette Osmond
Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe
Altar Duty: Ethel Barfitt & Margie Tucker

**The Collect, Epistle
and Gospel for
Today – 2nd Sunday
in Lent**

**1st Reading:
Genesis 12: 1 – 4a**

**Psalm 121
Pages: 882**

(Ruth Hiscock)

**2nd Reading:
Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17**

(Harvey Hiscock)

**Gospel
Matthew 17: 44-46**

(Deacon Bonnell)

From our Primate: Dear friends in Christ: Recently we have heard news that the Corona virus has now spread into Canada. Though only two cases are known so far (in Toronto) many of us remember the SARS crisis and the precautions that were needed when it came close to our communities.

First, our prayers are extended to those who are ill with this virus and those who are caring for them. So far there has been no call from public health officials for additional measures in public activities. However it is prudent to ensure that we have reviewed our practices in pastoral care and public worship to keep everyone, especially the most vulnerable due to age or infirmity, safe and to allay fears that may arise.

Here are some areas to consider in your parish:

Hygiene practices in pastoral care and worship

- Availability of hand sanitizer in the worship space for parishioners and those serving in the liturgy
- Pastoral care workers taking all precautions in personal hygiene before and after pastoral visits in hospital and homes.
- Reminding parishioners who are ill to stay at home to recover and to request home communion or a pastoral visit as desired.

If concern about the common cup is expressed:

- Refresh teaching regarding our theology of the fullness of communion in one kind (bread or wine only).
- [Sharing the national information re Eucharistic Practice and the Risk of Infection.](#)

Alternatives to common cup:

- Receive in one kind only (bread)
- Touching the base of the cup as it is presented but not consuming.
- Intinction – though this must be done properly in a manner that makes contact of the fingers with the wine impossible – preferably with a proper intinction cup. Some dioceses prohibit intinction altogether.
- Disposable individual cups – with due attention to hygiene in preparation.

I pray that our common life in worship and pastoral care will be rooted in the compassion of Christ and appropriate care for one another in a time of uncertainty.

With prayers for all: The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls

Archbishop and Primate, Anglican Church of Canada

Notes

Remember that the first Sunday of each month there will be coffee/tea, juice and other refreshments served prior to the 10:30 am worship service. This is an opportunity for fellowship and welcoming everyone that comes. Thank you to Lisa for organizing it each month and to the youth that help her to serve. Anyone wishing to sponsor refreshments for a future time please contact Lisa Lake (Brown).

Thank you to a member of our parish who contributed the lovely banners adorning the wall behind the altar. Please take time to go behind the altar to have a good look at them. One is a Holy Communion banner which says – *I am the bread of Life*, and has the symbols of Eucharist on it, the chalice, the host, the grapes from which comes wine, and the cross of Christ. The other is a brightly colored one that says – *All things bright and beautiful*, with numerous types of butterflies stitched into it. The Christian religion sees the butterfly as a symbol of resurrection. Around the world, people view the butterfly as representing endurance, change, hope, and life. The donor wishes not to be acknowledged publicly, but we are very grateful for this gift.

As we continue our 5 week Lenten journey please join with us each Wednesday night at 7:00 pm for our mid-week service. We will be using a program titled – *The Parables of Lent*. This Wednesday (week 2) our theme parable will be *Receive the Treasure: The Hidden Treasure and the Priceless Pearl*. These services will be about 35 – 40 minutes in duration.

Please note the 2020 annual flower service will take place on Sunday, July 26th. at 3 PM.

Invitation to be part of our Mission Team. As we enter into a new year (2020) we are going to make mission a big part of our congregational development. As the diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador continues to emphasize the need for parishes to do some work in the area of mission, it is suggesting that every parish institute a mission team with goals and objectives to enable growth, including spiritual growth and renewal. If you have an interest in being part of this team we would love to have you join with us.

Ballicatter after-school group are now hiring! They are a Non-Profit, fully licensed program. They operate under the Child capacity initiative, charging \$14.00 a day and \$30 for PD days. Must be level 1 Early Childhood Educator or willing to train at a local college. Must have all up-to-date checks and first aid. Hours are Monday to Friday 2pm – 6pm. Guaranteed 20 hours. Also open on PD days from 8:00 am – 6pm. Located in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre. Above average pay and part-time supplement hours are also achievable with this position. The school schedule is followed and is closed for Christmas, Easter and Summer break. This is a lovely program and a great position for someone who would like to join our lovely team. If you or someone you know is interested please forward your resume, certification and required up-to-date documentation to ballicatterasp@gmail.com

This year the ACW will be having a gift card tree as their Lenten/Easter fundraiser instead of filling a sock. The value of this tree is \$500.00. They are asking for your support by contributing a gift card of any value to their tree. The draw date will be after Easter in April.

Interested in learning about what happens at the altar? Canon Morgan would be very interested in teaching you about it. If you would like to know what is involved in serving at the altar and the significance of it all, please speak to him. The invitation is to anyone 12 and over, and there is no obligation to be a server unless you want to be.

PORTUGAL COVE ST PHILIPS LIONS CLUBS SPEAK OUT CONTEST Open to all level 1, 2 or 3 students who are residents of Portugal Cove St. Philips. Date for competition not yet set but will be on or before March 15, 2020. We require at least 3 speakers for this to go ahead. Cash prizes for the top 3 winners. The winner will advance to the Region level on March 29, 2020. The region level includes all lions' clubs on the Avalon. (5 to 7 speakers) The next level in District and includes all clubs Gander & east. (5 to 7 speakers) The final level is our multiple district which includes a speaker from each Atlantic Province. Please contact Lion Fred Thompson at 740-0393 or thompsonfred52@gmail.com for detailed information before March 1st.

An update on our refugee sponsorship by Dr. Greg Brown. It has been almost five months now since the Haj Ali family arrived in Newfoundland. They are settling in well. This has been a particularly bad weather winter but they have certainly had a good introduction to what our climate entails. The children have enjoyed playing in the snow and Natheer bravely navigates the icy sidewalks to buy groceries. They are beginning to understand money management and how our culture functions. The oldest child has started kinderstart and Natheer has started English classes. In conjunction with the Association for New Canadians, our group continues to meet their needs and help them adapt and integrate into Western culture. Please continue to pray for this family and for our five - church Refugee Committee. (*Greg Brown – Chair*)

11th Annual Memorial Service, Cougar Flight 491. **Thursday, March 12, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. at Elim Pentecostal Tabernacle, Kenmount Road., St. John's NL. Reception to follow in the adjacent Parish Centre For further information, please contact:** Chaplain Christopher Fowler, Executive Officer (709) 699-2481; reverendchristopher@icloud.com Or Chaplain Susan Hall Chaplain to the Cougar Flight 491 Families (709) 687-4044; susan@nl.rogers.com

Church Chuckle

Where is the first mention of insurance in the Bible?
When Adam and Eve needed more coverage.



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Prayerfully consider your Parish in your Estate planning.

Stewardship thought for the Week

It is an anomaly of modern life that many find giving to be a burden. Such persons have omitted a preliminary giving. If one first gives himself to the Lord, all other giving is easy.

Vestry financial reports will now be provided in the bulletin on a monthly basis rather than weekly. This report will be given on the Sunday following each vestry meeting and will be for the previous month. The next financial report will be available next Sunday, March 15th.

Please keep our building secure. We have had no major security issues, but from time-to-time it is good for us to remind everyone entrusted with a key to the building that it is the responsibility of that person to safe guard the key, and to ensure the key is never given to any unauthorized person. Please ensure that all lights are turned out, the door securely closed and locked. If a person receives a key for a specific duty and that person is no longer in that role the key must be returned so it can be given to the new person in that role.