

## *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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**March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Year C)**

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:**

We are at the mid-way point of Lent, and, perhaps a time to reflect on our Lenten journey. Three weeks from now we will arrive at Palm Sunday, and, the beginning of another journey through Holy Week. Lent provides us with an opportunity to walk with Jesus through his wilderness experience, a lonely and solitude time as he faced the temptations of Satan to forsake God and follow the prince of darkness and evil. It was truly an experience that tested Jesus' humanity and his resolve to follow the path that God had set him on. Satan tried to take advantage of Jesus' human weakness, especially his need for food and water, the sustenance of life itself, but Jesus did not falter, he met every temptation head on, and sent Satan away defeated. Jesus knew he was the Son of God, sent into the world to bring light, peace and hope to humanity. In the wilderness he found strength to face what lay before him, especially all that was waiting for him in Jerusalem. Lent is also our time to draw near to God, to take stock of our lives, and to see what we need to do to prepare for Easter. The world today is a difficult place, our lives are busy, and it's easy to be distracted from what is ultimately most important. Through Lent we have been doing a Wednesday night worship service, using a series titled *Facing the Cross*. As we face the cross during these Lenten days, we also face certain aspects in our own lives which are not always in line with the cross. We come to terms with them in this series through the cross of Christ- who came to save us that we might see him face-to-face in the Kingdom of God. The themes we look at weekly

are: *Facing our sins; Facing temptation; Facing our fears; Facing our worldliness; Facing one another; and Facing suffering*. As an example, on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, our theme was *Facing our fears*. The gospel story associated with that service was St. Mark 4:35 – 41, which looks at the disciples experience of being in a boat with Jesus on the Sea of Galilee, Jesus is asleep in the stern of the boat, when a huge storm arises, and the disciples are struck with fear. They awaken Jesus and asks – *don't you care that we are going to drown?* Jesus rebukes the wind, it's calm again, and he expresses his disappointment in the disciples' lack of faith. He says, *O ye of little faith*. It reinforces the danger we constantly face in the world, that sometimes, even with Jesus in the boat, so to speak, with us, we are still prone to the snares of Satan. We must always be on guard, lest we fall victim to the tricks and deception of the evil one. Lent is a time to refocus, to really come close to Jesus, and help prepare us for the great celebration of Easter. Before Easter we have three more weeks of Lent, then Holy Week to journey with Jesus through the Last Supper, his arrest, trial and crucifixion. Only as we gather at the cross of Good Friday can we be at the empty tomb of Easter Sunday. I invite you to continue your journey with us, so that Easter will be truly a celebration of joy and hope in the resurrected Christ, that brings us salvation and eternal life.

*Rev. Randy*

**Seniors fraud** has become a real concern in our society and seems to be escalating in recent times. Perhaps not always seniors even, we can all be vulnerable, especially when the people on the other end of the phone are so well trained to scam us. If you receive a call from someone you don't know, a number you don't recognize (they can manipulate numbers to appear familiar to us) it would be wise not even to engage in a conversation. Most legitimate businesses and charitable organizations no longer use the telephone to solicit money. It is never a good idea to agree to give personal information, including bank information over the phone regardless. So, be very careful scammers are increasing in volume and they are very shrewd.

**Our men's group (ACM)** is part of a larger group of our diocese called DAMA (Diocesan Anglican Men's Association) and would love to have more men involved in the association. Our ACM and our ACW are so critical to the work we do here at St. Philip's church. They do so much to enrich our parish life, and we can only wonder what they could achieve if they had more involved. At the end of 2024, between the two groups they contributed about \$20,000 to the parish budget. They work hard, and would love to have more in our parish get involved in this work. If you would like to help out, attend their meetings, etc. please speak to the ACW president, Bernice King or the ACM president Gary King.

**Altar Guild ladies and cleaners are needed.** We have several teams that clean and look after the sanctuary of the church, and prepare the altar for Sunday Eucharist, setting up the vessels, cleaning and putting them away after, etc. As is the case in many churches, some of our ladies are unable to continue this, they get older and have health issues, etc. We are asking other ladies of our congregation to step in and take on some of this work. It might mean helping once per month, or whatever level of commitment you can make. If you are able to help with this please speak to Margie Tucker and she will be pleased to add you to the schedule and explain the work they do.

**St. Philip's Parish continues it's support of St. Lawrence's food bank in 2025.** Since the food bank opened in Portugal Cove we have placed receptacle bins in our foyer, where parishioners drop in non-perishable food items weekly. We encourage parishioners to continue to do so, and we have designated the third Sunday of each month to be *Food Bank Sunday* in our parish. That Sunday we invite parishioners to place their food items on a table at the front of the church. This is to draw attention to the need for donations to the food bank. Please continue to drop items in the bins in the foyer every Sunday.

**There are still 2025 church envelopes and tax receipts in the foyer.** If you did not receive your box, please check on the table for it. If you did not have a box last year in 2024 but would like to have one for 2025, please speak to Rev. Randy, or our envelope secretary, Marie Chafe.

**Our parish is set-up to receive E-Transfers.** If you would like to make online contributions to St. Philip's parish by EMT it is very easy to do so. Simply use the parish email as follows: [stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com](mailto:stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com) and use the message box of the transfer to indicate what your donation is for.

**Many parishioners are also set up for automatic E-giving.** If this is something you would like to do, please visit the parish office to obtain the proper form, fill it out and return it. Our parish treasurer will then set it up and biweekly or monthly deductions (whichever you prefer) are automatically transferred to the parish from your banking institution.

**Our ACW Sub Sandwich Sale was a huge success again.** On Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, approximately 450 sandwiches were made in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre. Thank you to the men who helped by slicing the meats, the ladies that got the orders, and everyone who helped make the subs. We want to thank parishioners and other members of the public for their support of this fundraiser.

**Annual reports** are on the table in the foyer for anyone that would like to have one.

**Columbarium units are selling.** The new units are at Family Memorials ready for installation in our cemetery in the near future. We are selling them quickly at times on a first-come basis, and the price is \$4000 (no tax). Anyone interested in purchasing a niche in the units are asked to 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.

**From our Coordinating Chaplain, the Rev. David Pilling:** "Our Diocese provides pastoral ministry to hospitals in St. John's. Chaplains provide emotional and spiritual care and support to patients, family, and staff. A chaplain is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and provides the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Reconciliation, Anointing, as well as, prayer, listening and friendly conversation. We are often called upon to pray with a patient just prior to surgery. The power of prayer is real. It is the chaplain's delight to be prayerful support to you. To access a chaplain; please tell the admitting clerk that you wish to receive pastoral care. To have pre surgery prayers, tell the pre surgery nurse that you wish pre surgery prayers, and the Chaplain will be notified and will respond."

**Our Food Bank boxes** are still in the foyer and we welcome donations of non-perishable food items to be dropped into them. Once they are full we take them to the Pop-Up Pantry (food bank) at St. Lawrence Church.

**Diocesan mobile ministry bus.** Our diocese is very excited about this project, and, if you receive the Anglican Life magazine every month, there is a big writeup in it about this new ministry. We recognize that many people in our metro region are homeless, sleeping on the streets or wherever they can find a place to tuck away for the night. As we can appreciate, our weather is not always suitable for this, and people are left in the cold, inadequately dressed, and lacking food. The diocese is going to receive a metro bus that is being taken out of service, free of cost, and it will be setup as a mobile unit that will go around the area, especially downtown, handing out essentials, such as socks, mittens, caps, coffee/tea, soup, muffins, sandwiches etc. Every parish is asked to get involved in donating items for the bus, operating the bus, or make monetary donations. Would be a great thing for our parish knitters to think about doing? We are excited to do our part once the bus is operational. **The bishop has called for the submission of names that the bus might be called. If you have one please submit it to:** [adminassistant@anglicanenl.net](mailto:adminassistant@anglicanenl.net)

## **NOTICES /MEMORABLE DATES**

**March 17 – CONGRATULATIONS!** To our Deacon Rev. Ed Bonnell on the 21st anniversary of his ordination as a Deacon.

**April 6 - Our Coffee Hour** this month is sponsored by Florence Morgan and Winnie Lynch. Beginning at 9:30 am - prior to the 10:30 a.m. service - there will be tea/coffee/juice and refreshments available in the foyer and everyone is welcome. It is a time for fellowship and to welcome visitors. Why not come and invite a friend to join you?

**Mid-week Lenten services** will be held each Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. The theme of our services this year is *Facing the Cross*, each week we will look at various areas of the Christian journey, such as, *facing temptation, facing our fears, facing our worldliness, facing one another, and facing suffering*. You are invited to join us each week for the services.

## **THIS BULLETIN IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

### **IN LOVING MEMORY OF: Warwick Smith Tucker** *(passed away on March 30, 2021)*

*"Our lives go on without you,  
But nothing is the same,  
We have to hide our heartache,  
When someone speaks your name.  
Sad are the hearts that love you,  
Silent are the tears that fall,  
Living here without you,  
Is the hardest part of all.  
You did so many things for us,  
Your heart was kind and true,  
And when we needed someone,  
We could always count on you.  
The special years will not return,  
When we were all together,  
But with love in our hearts,  
You walk with us forever."*

**Sadly missed and forever loved:**

*Wife - Louise  
Daughter – Maple & family  
Son – Clarence & family*

Lenten Mid-week Service

March 26<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading

Genesis 11: 1-9

*(Canon Don Morgan)*

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Peter 3: 10-14

*(Debbie Collis-Best)*

Gospel

Matthew 19: 16-30

*(Deacon Ed Bonnell)*

Lenten Mid-week Service

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

1st Reading

Exodus 34: 29-35

*(Brenda Harding)*

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Colossians 3: 12-17

*(Betty Lewis)*

Gospel

John 19: 26-28

*(Deacon Ed Bonnell)*

March 23<sup>rd</sup>

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent*

Scriptural Sentence

*“Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

1st Reading

Exodus 3 : 1-15

*Psalms 63: 1-8 / Pages: 783-784*

*(Lori Gosse)*

2nd Reading

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10: 1-13

*(Reegan Gosse)*

Gospel

Luke 13: 1-9

*(Deacon Ed Bonnell)*

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion – God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

March 30<sup>th</sup>

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

*(Annunciation of the Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mar. 25))*

Scriptural Sentence

*“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory.”*

1st Reading

Isaiah 7: 10-14

*Psalms 45 / Pages: 762-763*

*(Allie Wheeler)*

2nd Reading

Hebrews 10: 4-10

*(Glenda Winter)*

Gospel

Luke 1: 26-38

*(Deacon Ed Bonnell)*

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – Almighty God, so fill us with your grace, that we in all things may accept your holy will and with the Virgin Mary, full of grace, rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion – Almighty God, your word proclaims our salvation; your table gives us life. Grant us the humble obedience we see in Mary, that we too may respond as willing servants. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.