

**ST. STEPHEN'S WITH ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH,
CHAMBLY AND GRACE CHURCH, L'ACADIE**



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**EASTER SUNDAY
MARCH 31ST, 2024**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“We believe we are called by God to be a faithful ministry to God through our actions, while true to the Gospel and spiritually alive in prayer, worship and service, to reach out to our community and grow in ministry.”

HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Andy O'Donnell

Organist: Colin Langille

Greeters: Claude & Pat

Celebrant: Welcome

Opening Hymn: #203 – Jesus Christ is Risen Today

The service begins on Page 185 of the BAS

Sentence: **Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. {1Corinthians 5.7-8}**

Collect of the day: See Page 335

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Heather Hancheruk

Today's first reading is taken from the book of Acts Chapter 10, verses 34-43
{Acts 10:34-43}

Listen now to the Word of God.....

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

[Silence followed by]

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

The Psalm for this morning is Psalm 118 verses 1-2 & 14-24 found on Page 866/7 of the BAS. We shall read the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end on pg.868.

This morning's second reading is taken from 1 Corinthians Chapter 15 verses 1-11.
{Philippians 15: 1-11}

Listen now to the Word of God.

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

[Silence followed by]

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us..... **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Gradual Hymn: #223 – Christ is Risen

Rev. Andy O'Donnell: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark, in the 16th Chapter, beginning at the first verse. {Mark 16:1-8}

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told

you.' So, they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Rev. Andy O'Donnell

The service continues on Page 188 with the Nicene Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THANKS TO LOWELL GRISHAM
Claude Dubois

Through the incarnation, death and resurrection of Jesus, God brings a new gift of peace into the world. Let us offer our prayers with thankful hope, saying: God has ordained the blessing; **life forevermore.**

Breathe your Holy Spirit upon your Church, O Gracious One, that we may be of one heart and soul, live together in unity, and bring the light of your reconciling gospel of forgiveness and peace to the whole world. God has ordained the blessing; **life forevermore.**

Inspire the leaders of our nation and all in authority throughout the world with the breath of your peace, that they may share their possessions with the poor and bring justice and comfort to all who live in fear or need. God has ordained the blessing; **life forevermore.**

Be present to any who huddle fearfully behind closed and locked doors. and let the healing touch of the wounded Jesus come to comfort all who suffer anywhere on the earth. God has ordained the blessing; **life forevermore.**

Let this community walk in your light and do our work of reconciliation, revealing the eternal life that was with the Father and has been revealed to us. God has ordained the blessing; **life forevermore.**

Hear the cries of all who grieve like Thomas and of all who suffer from any form of anguish, illness or hurt, that they may touch the healing presence of the risen Christ. We remember especially those for whom we pray, especially for our Foster Children Kasu and Maria, the Agle family, the Goodfellow family, Bill and Joyce, Lynn Pearce, Olga, the McConnell family, the Stedman family, Lil and Joe Robinson, Ann Hopkins, Sylvia Dawson, Joel and Sarah, Donald Sloane, Jennifer, Derek Marchand, Ted Neville, Roslyn Macgregor. In the wider community, we pray for Patrick Turgeon, Virginia, Brianna Walsh, Brahim, Kevan, David, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Dianne,

Luna Utrera, Yolanda, Pauline, Jerry Prokoki, Ann Barton, Alvin Powell, Sheila & Art Atwood, Veronica Valentine, Carole Alain, Dr. and Mrs. Patenaude, Jordan, Sylvie & Guy, Sharron Edmunds Gillis, Frank Schneider, Bernard LaFleur, Francois Brazeau, George, Ruth and Brent O'Donnell, Pauline Ulric, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, Ralph Derry, and Trinity Episcopal Church Lewiston, Maine. Complete our joy as we offer our words of thanksgiving to you, especially for Roy Wo. God has ordained the blessing; **life forevermore.**

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity: Fill your people with the breath of your Holy Spirit, O God, and bring us the assurance of forgiveness, that we may be enlivened to participate in Christ's work of reconciliation on behalf of all the world, and share in his eternal life, here and now, and forevermore. **Amen.**

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we uphold in prayer Mary our Bishop, David our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and all Priests, Clergy, Deacons, and Lay readers in the Diocese. We also pray for Wardens and Treasurers. In the world, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies. We also remember in prayer Rt. Rev'd. Dr. Bruce Myers, Bishop, Diocese of Quebec and for our partnerships with the Territory of the Peoples, Bishop Clara Plamondon, and for the Diocese of Masasi, Bishop James Almasi and the Rev'd Linus Buriani and our developing friendship with the Diocese of Kinshasa, Bishop Achille. Lord in your mercy; **Amen**

The service continues on Page 191 with the Confession and Absolution

The Peace Page 192

Offertory Hymn: #205 – The Day of Resurrection

Prayer over the gifts: Page 336

Eucharistic Prayer #3 on Page 198

The Lord's Prayer, Page 211

The Breaking of the Bread #8, Page 213

Prayer after Communion: Page 336

Doxology, Pg. 214

Dismissal/Blessing: Page 215

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Birthdays this week:
Debbie Hamel – March 31st**

**“Happy Birthday to you, To Jesus be True,
May God’s many blessings
Keep falling on you.”**

Closing Hymn: LP #18 & MP #52 Because He Lives

Dismissal

Coffee will be served in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Barbara & Brenda.

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