

The 6th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

love
each other
as I have
loved you.
John 15:12

May 9, 2021

Service of Morning Prayer

recorded Sunday morning and available on
Facebook, YouTube & our Website in the evening.



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We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

Welcome!

The service begins on page 45 BAS

Hymn 374: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* Vs 1 & 5
(You may sing if you are wearing a mask)

Opening Sentence: If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. *John 14.23*

Priest: Today, being Mother's Day, we give God thanks for the love of our parents, especially our mothers. We thank God for the blessings of family life. Once in the home of Nazareth and still in Jewish families today, candles are lit at the beginning of their holy days by the mother of the family. On behalf of all households, I light our Paschal candle, the Christ candle. (*The candle is lit*).

Let us pray together: **Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. You have called us to live together in love. Make our homes and families your dwelling-place and bless us as we celebrate this holy day. Amen.**

Blessing of Flowers:

Priest: O Lord, bless and strengthen with your heavenly grace, the love of children for their mothers, of which these flowers are symbols. May all your sons and daughters worthily follow the example set for us here on earth by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to your everlasting honour and glory. Father, we acknowledge before you that this day may bring grief and pain, and we ask for the comfort and peace of your Holy Spirit upon those who are hurting. In Your Holy Name we pray. **Amen.**

The Penitential Rite

Confession & Absolution	p. 46
The Invitatory	p. 47
Response #10 before and after the Jubilate:	p. 48
Officiant: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed:	
Response: O come, let us worship!	
Jubilate (together)	p. 49

The Proclamation of the Word

1 st Reading: Acts 10: 44-48	<i>The Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit</i>	
Psalm 98	(responsively)	p. 836
2 nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6	<i>Our Victory over the World</i>	

Parish Mission Statement: Together: We are a worshipping Anglican Community, nourished by Liturgy, Scripture, Sacraments, Prayer, and Fellowship. We are guided by the Holy Spirit to care for God's creation, so that all may know the peace of Christ and the power of His Resurrection.

Gospel: John 15: 9-17 *Jesus the Real Vine*

Sermon: *Alerting Others to the Kingdom of God!*

Instrumental *Jesus Loves Me This I Know*

Apostles Creed p. 52

Hymn #486: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling vs. 1 & 3*
(You may sing if you are wearing a mask)

Prayer over the Gifts

(Offering plates remain on Greeter's tables.)

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People, Litany #15 p. 122
Response: Hear us, Lord of glory!

The Collect of the Day together:

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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Parish Vision Statement: *Together:*

We will become a more caring community of believers who learn together, nurture and support each other, and reach out to the community at large with the love of Christ.

The Blessing

Hymn 484: *In Christ There Is No East or West Vs. 1 & 4*
(You may sing if you are wearing a mask)

Dismissal

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia**

Welcome: A hearty welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. Visitors are invited to sign our Guest Book in the entry of the hall. Expect Covid-19 protocols (Yellow phase).

Special Prayers are requested for: Janet, Kim, Ernest, Mavis, Gordon, Ellen, Karla, Amanda, Jennifer, Randy, Colin, Liam, Sadie, Emma, Scottie, Kate, Gail, Tanya, Terry, Brad, Billy, Lorne, Kent, Doreen, Dick, Susanne, Jim, Trevor, Lindsay, Lois, David, Carrie, Barry, Freda, Charles, Eleanor, Archbishop David's parents, Doreen and John.

Mother's Day Memorial Received

In Memory of Phyllis Whitlock by daughter Doreen Canam

Honouring Mother's Day

While Mother's Day may be a happy occasion for some, for other's it brings pain. On this Mother's Day, as a church we:

DO: Honour mothers. Happy Mother's Day!

ACKNOWLEDGE the pain this day can bring. The flowers on display at the front of the church are intended to honour those women who have suffered miscarriage(s), infertility, loss of a child, loss of a mother or maternal figure, or placed their child for adoption. May God's Holy Spirit bring comfort to those who are hurting.

GIVE THANKS for all women who "mother" others through the love of Christ and reflect His caregiving qualities.

PRAY for those who are:

- longing for motherhood,
- waiting for God to expand their family,
- aching for the child they lost,
- missing a mother who died,
- facing an unplanned pregnancy, or wrestling with complications in the adoption process. Men grieve these types of losses, as well.

GIVE GRACE to those who during this Covid-19 pandemic, seek new and creative ways of honouring mother's day, doing something special with their spouse, family, or friends, while maintaining physical distancing and other protocols during this recovery phase, even if it means not watching or attending worship on a day when it may trigger grief and pain.

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep."
~ Romans 12:15

A flower will be presented today to all women worshipping in person and a flower has been delivered to shut-in women of our congregation, as a way of honouring them for all that they have done and continue to do in nurturing their own children or other children who have been in their care. Some are or

have been leaders of Guides or Brownies, Sunday School Teachers, Babysitters, Teachers, Early Childhood Educators, Day Care Workers, etc., and have touched the lives of many children in a positive way. Happy Mother's Day!

Participating in Today's Service

Officiant: Rev. Shirley Noseworthy
Lay Reader: Cindy Graham
Organist: Sandra Culberson
Greeter: Richard Dennique
Usher: Dorine Dennique
Videographer: Armin Hackelsperger
Altar Guild: Nancy English, Ardith MacDonald

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Happy Birthday to Fay Wilson, Ellen Kee and to anyone celebrating a birthday!

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Mary-Beth and Jeff Rideout and to anyone celebrating their special day!

A Prayer based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

God of Love, Your word states that love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, nor does it boast. It does not dishonor others. Love is not self-seeking. Thank You because Your love always protects, always trusts, hopes, and perseveres. Love never fails. It is because of Your Love, O God, that we can send our love to those celebrating their special day. We thank You, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Our Parish is Set Up for Live Streaming

On behalf of the vestry, I extend gratitude to Richard Dennique for arranging Fiber Op service through Bell Aliant, an upgrade at a reduced cost! Thank you to Norma Acott, assisted by Jon Tait and Ruth Hall, for running cable so that we can now live stream either from the church or the hall! This enables a wonderful outreach ministry to the wider community!

Cemetery Update

Work began Saturday, May 1st, in the cemetery at Christ Church. Tilted stones and grave markers are being straightened. The bases of stones that have been toppled are being straightened and leveled. The stones will be stood back up on the bases later when the ground is dry enough to support a tractor and loader. This work is ongoing and will take some time. A future step will be to remove the lichen buildup from many of the stones. This is not difficult but it is time consuming. A soft brush, plenty of water and many hands are all that's needed. More information on this step will follow later.

John D Wetmore, chair, Cemetery Committee.

Thank You!

Philippians 2:2 "Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose."

Thank you to the dedicated, energetic team who gathered at Christ Church Cemetery on Saturday, May 1st and May 8th, and toiled throughout the morning straightening headstones! This is a project of the recently formed Cemetery Committee, chaired by John D. Wetmore.

A huge shoutout to everyone involved! The crew members at the cemetery were: Armin Hackelsperger, Tammy & Bruce Dunbar, Bob Kee, Andrew Brown, Richard Wetmore, Colden Wetmore, Wayne Antworth, Norman Acott, the Rev. Canon Walter Williams, Stephen Hall, Jon Tait, and John Wetmore. Valerie Wetmore brought coffee and cookies for the 10 am coffee break! Many thanks go to Gordon Acott and Acott Construction for donating the crushed rock that was used to stabilize the headstone bases.

God bless you all for your faithful service!

Diocesan Intercessions

Each week we pray for those on the prayer cycle from our Diocesan Website, located [here](#). On May 9, we pray for: The Anglican Church of Kenya. Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Council of General Synod, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame; Whitehorse: Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Bert Chestnut; the Rev. Elsa Cheeseman and Don Cheeseman; licensed lay minister David Robertson. David, our archbishop, Claude, William and George, retired bishops, and their families.

Our ACW recognizes graduates each year.

If you know of a young person from a Parish Family who will be graduating from High School, College or University this year; please let us know . You may email or phone Jill Craig jillcraig53@gmail.com 328-2315

Covid-19 Operational Plan – Yellow Phase

Expect screening, hand sanitizing, physical distancing. Wearing a mask is mandatory. You may sing while wearing a mask.

Bulletin Board

Sunday, May 9 - 6th Sunday of Easter
10:30 am Morning Prayer (BAS)

Tuesday, May 4
6:30 pm Brownies meet in the hall.

Sunday, May 16 – Ascension Sunday
10:30 am Holy Baptism & Eucharist (BAS)
2:00 pm Vestry Meeting (Hall)