



***Welcome to the parish of
St. Philip by-the-Sea, Lantzville B.C.***

**Sunday, March 3rd, 2024
Third Sunday in Lent
9:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer
(Book of Common Prayer)**

Opening Sentence

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3.16*

Psalm 19

REFRAIN The words of the Lord are spirit and life.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. **R**

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. **R**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **R**

REFRAIN The words of the Lord are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **R**

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults. **R**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The First Reading

From the book of Exodus (*Ch. 20:1-17*)

The Second Reading

From the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (*Ch.1:18-25*)

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
(*Ch. 2:13-22*)

The Collect of The Day

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.

The Offertory

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.**

With special thanks to:

- *David Wilson, Anne Henderson, Frances Tester, and Catherine Cembella, who served as service leader, greeter, reader, and prayer leader.*

*Your leadership, support and example are greatly valued and appreciated. **THANK YOU!***

Announcements

Friday March 7th: Ladies Group Meeting – 1.30pm

Saturday March 16th: Fashion Show & Lunch – Noon

(ticket information on the posters at church/on the website)

Wednesday March 20th: Men's Breakfast – 8.30am at Country Grocer (Bowen Rd & Dufferin Cres - early bird pricing – must be there by 8.30!)

Wednesday March 27th: Seniors' Coffee Morning – 10.30am-Noon

All detailed event information can be found on the St. Philips website under the Events page: www.stphiliplantzville.ca

In the Worldwide Anglican Community, we pray for: The Church of the Province of Uganda.

In our Diocese of British Columbia, we pray for: Anna, our Bishop, and the Parish of Pender & Saturna Islands.

This week in our parish of St. Philip by-the-Sea, we pray for: Julie Baldock, Warren Barnard, Jocelyn Barnard, Ted Barnett, Brent Barootes and for all their families. We pray for peace and for all refugees around the world.

UPCOMING SERVICE REMINDERS

Sunday March 10th, 2024, 9.30am

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Service of Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Celebrant: Caleb Lawrence

Sunday March 17th, 2024, 9.30am

Passiontide – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Service of Morning Prayer (BCP)

Service Leader: Doug Sowden

Sunday March 24th, 2024, 9.30am

The Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday

Service of Morning Prayer (BAS)

Service Leader: David Wilson

Thursday March 28th, 2024, 7pm

Maundy Thursday

Service of Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant: The Rev. Rosemary Matthews

Friday March 29th, 2024, 9.30am

Good Friday

Service of Morning Prayer (BAS)

Service Leader: Nicole McDaid