



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

**Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
Easter Sunday  
9.00a.m. “Sonrise” Service of Holy Communion  
(Book of Common Prayer)**

***“Journeying together in God’s Love”***

## *Who We Are*

*We are part of the Diocese of British Columbia, which is a member of the Anglican Church of Canada and the world wide Christian Church.*

*We acknowledge with thanksgiving that we gather on the traditional lands of the First Nations Peoples, and especially those of the Snaw-Naw-As people.*

*We join a line of Anglicans who have worshipped on these islands for over 150 years. As we continue, we commit ourselves to a journey of truth and reconciliation between the indigenous peoples of this land and the non-native peoples of Canada.*

*We are committed to creating and maintaining a safe community in every respect including our ministry with vulnerable persons such as children, seniors and persons with special challenges.*

*We welcome everyone, regardless of language, race or sexuality, into a Christian community whose core values are love, respect, kindness and generosity.*

*If you are new here today, please make yourself known to the minister taking the service. We would love to get to know you better.*

## Welcome & Announcements

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Prayer of Blessing for Paschal Candle

Celebrant: Let us pray,

Almighty God, pour out your abundant blessing on this lighted candle, so that all who share in your holy mysteries may be filled with your grace and spiritual blessings. Once we were in darkness, but since we have become the Lord's people, we are in the light. Help us to live as people who belong to the light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**(The Paschal Candle is lit).**

Celebrant: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: This is the day which the Lord has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Celebrant: This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him forever.

## The Collect for Purity

All: **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Summary of the Law**

Celebrant: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

All: **Lord have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

## **Collect for the Day**

**Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The First Reading**

From the Book of Isaiah (*Ch. 25:6-9*)

*(At the conclusion of the Reading)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24**

**REFRAIN On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever." **R**

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!" **R**

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. **R**

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter." **R**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. **R**

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

**The Second Reading**

From the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (*Ch.15:1-11*)

*(At the conclusion of the Reading)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (*Ch. 20:1-18*)

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(At the conclusion of the Gospel Reading)*

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **The Creed**

All: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God; Light, of Light; Very God of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with**

**the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets.**

**And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **The Sermon**

### **The Offertory**

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

*(The Bread and Wine are prepared for Communion.*

*When the table is prepared, and the Offering presented the following prayer of thanksgiving will be said):*

Celebrant: Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever.  
All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

All: **All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

### **The Confession**

Celebrant: Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your

humble confession to Almighty God.

All:           **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Absolution**

Celebrant:   Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Comfortable Words**

#### **Thanksgiving and Consecration**

Celebrant:   The Lord be with you;

All:           **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant:   Lift up your hearts;

All:           **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant:   It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto



thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

All:           **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant:    Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he broke it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we mentirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; and we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.  
**Amen.**

### **The Peace**

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love.**

**Where there is injury, pardon.**

**Where there is doubt, faith.**

**Where there is despair, hope.**

**Where there is darkness, light.**

**Where there is sadness, joy**

### **The Prayer of Humble Access**

**All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But**

**thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## **The Communion**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray,

All: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All: **And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be**

**a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **The Gloria**

**All: Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, art most high in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **We will now sing “Lord of the Dance”**

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

### *Refrain*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, For James and John  
They came with me and the Dance went on. *[Refrain]*

### *Refrain*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,  
And they left me there on a Cross to die. *[Refrain]*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the Dance, and I still go on. *[Refrain]*

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me –  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *[Refrain]*

### **The Blessing**

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love

of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



***With special thanks to:***  
*The Rev. Rosemary Mathews for celebrating Communion with us this morning.*  
*Mark Taylor, Brent Barootes, Doug Sowden, Nicole McDaid, Roberta Peterson, and Diane Elliott who served as greeter, reader, communion assistant, prayer leader, and counters.*

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

**Announcements**

**April 4<sup>th</sup>:** 1.30pm Ladies Group Meeting  
**April 17<sup>th</sup>:** 8.30am Men’s Breakfast (Country Grocer – Bowen Rd & Dufferin Cres.)  
**April 24<sup>th</sup>:** Seniors’ Coffee Morning (drop-in) 10.30am-Noon

All event information (for the Parish and the Diocese) can be found on the St. Philips website ([www.stphiliplantzville.ca](http://www.stphiliplantzville.ca))

***In the Worldwide Anglican Community, we pray for:***  
*The Peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6) and The Church in the province of the West Indies.*

***In our Diocese of British Columbia, we pray for:*** Anna, our bishop, and the Parish of St. Barnabus, Victoria – The Rev. Canon Dr. Travis O’Brian.

***This week in our Parish of St. Philip by-the-Sea, we pray for:*** Jo Dunlop, Wendy Ehman, Diane Elliott, Margaret Elson, Phyllis Fair, Betty Feick, and for all their families. We pray for peace and for all refugees around the world.

### **UPCOMING SERVICE REMINDERS**

Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 9.30am  
Low Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter  
Service of Holy Eucharist (BAS)  
Celebrant: Caleb Lawrence

Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 9.30am  
Third Sunday of Easter  
Service of Morning Prayer (BCP)  
Service Leader: Catherine Cembella

Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
Good Shepherd Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Service of Morning Prayer (BAS)  
Service Leader: Nicole McDaid

