

# THE DAY OF THE RESURRECTION

## EASTER DAY

April 16, 2017

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

### 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalms 2 & 3 | Exodus 12:1-14 | Revelation 1:4-18

### 9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

*Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

*People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

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**9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall**  
**Time with Fr. Stockall**

### 10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

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*People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

♪♪ <b>Processional Hymn:</b>	<b>153</b> (Easter Hymn)
The Station	between verses 2 and 3
All-powerful and everlasting God, grant to us thy servants that we may with pure hearts and minds enter into the mysteries of the Pascal Feast; and, being risen with Christ, may rejoice in the glory of them that are born again. Amen.	
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♪♪ <b>Psalm:</b>	<i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
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♪♪ <b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	<b>Alleluia</b>
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The Homily	
♪♪ <b>Offertory Hymn:</b>	<b>159 part 3</b> (Lasst uns Erfruen 352)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
♪♪ <b>Hymn during Communion:</b>	<b>235</b> (St. Osmund)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪♪ <b>Recessional Hymn:</b>	<b>157</b> (All Saints)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall  
following the 10:30 Celebration for  
Coffee & Conversation.*

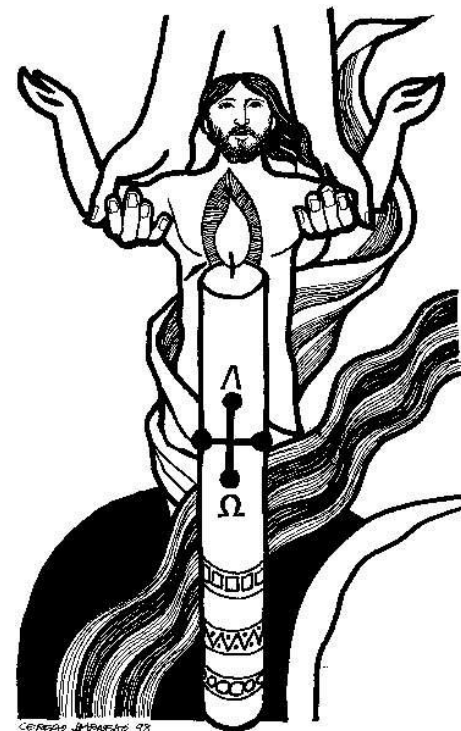
The Flowers this Eastertide are  
**GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**  
and in loving memory of:

	<i>by</i>
Allan & Kay Ward	<i>Raymond &amp; Donna Ward</i>
Byron Lawrence	<i>Wife Doreen Lawrence</i>
Colby Darren Stewart	<i>Grandmother Doreen Lawrence</i>
Jim Thornton	<i>Wife Linda &amp; Family</i>
Morgan Elizabeth Staples	<i>Grandmother Doreen Lawrence</i>
Sanford & Millie Clowater	<i>Raymond &amp; Donna Ward</i>
Anne Elizabeth Buckland	<i>The Whitneys</i>
Anne Williams	<i>The Family</i>
Barbara Trail	<i>Peter &amp; Noella Pike</i>
Donald Parke-Taylor	<i>Wife Joyce &amp; Family</i>
Gerald Matthews	<i>Wife Joyce &amp; Family</i>
Jeremie & Veronique Dube	<i>Peter &amp; Noella Pike</i>
Kenneth & Margaret Pike	<i>Peter &amp; Noella Pike</i>
Les Boulter	<i>Wife Bettie-Anne &amp; Family</i>
Lin Hupman	<i>wife Shirley</i>
Marjorie McAllister	<i>Joyce Matthews &amp; Family</i>
Pat Mercer	<i>The Whitneys</i>
Roland C. Rickard	<i>The Family</i>
Wayne McKay	<i>Wife Karen &amp; Family</i>
William & Gladys Bolster	<i>The Family</i>
Charles Brown	<i>Madelene Brown &amp; Family</i>

**Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon them.**



*The Anglican Church of Canada*  
*The Diocese of Fredericton*  
**THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK**



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No matter how devastating our struggles, disappointments, and troubles are, they are only temporary. No matter what happens to you, no matter the depth of tragedy or pain you face, no matter how death stalks you and your loved ones, the Resurrection promises you a future of immeasurable good.

Josh McDowell

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*Priest and Rector*

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## *From the Rector*

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To even begin to understand what it is that we are about this Easter morning we need to take a mental journey of monumental proportions.

We need to be able to transport our minds and imaginations back thousands of years, not initially, as you might be assuming, to a garden tomb just beyond the walls of the city of Jerusalem, but centuries before that to the dry rocky hills and valleys of the Judean desert.

We need to imagine what those dry rocky hillsides looked like to a band of weary travellers who were the descendants of a fearful, rebellious, cantankerous rabble who, just forty years before, had been rescued, as a people, from the grip of slavery and death in Egypt; rescued not from some minor third-rate power but from the hand of the great Pharaoh himself. We need to try to understand what that step from one side of the Jordan River to the other meant to those who had spent their entire lives in the wilderness, dreaming of the day when they might see those hills: the rocky hills and valleys of what God had called a 'land flowing with milk and honey.'

For all time, that one moment has been understood as the defining event in their history: 'when Israel came out of Egypt' as the psalm says. For them, their experience of exodus meant liberation, an end to oppression, and a future full of new possibilities.

So down through the generations, at this Passover time of the year, the Jewish people have told the story of how God heard the cry of the Israelites and brought them safely out of Egypt and across the sea; how he utterly destroyed the enemy, and went before and behind them in the desert as a pillar of cloud and fire. It was their resurrection story, their salvation story, their Exodus story; their Easter. By that one great act they knew that God could reverse the fortunes of those who were destined to die. They knew then that life could begin again.

And throughout the Old and New Testaments, the message is the same: that God is able to deliver those who trust in him from the worst assaults of princes and potentates. This is why this morning's liturgy speaks of the resurrection of Jesus as a kind of exodus story. The story of Israel's deliverance from Pharaoh, and all that Pharaoh represented: slavery, powerlessness and despair; gives us a language in which to speak about life from the dead.

In Jesus, the last enemy, the greatest enemy of all, death itself, has at last been defeated. The wreckage of its kingdom lies strewn around the open tomb from which He is risen. The tyrant of all tyrants is defeated for all time. In the resurrection of Jesus, the old world empires and their grip on human life have been swept away. A new kingdom has come. In the empty tomb, nothing less than a new heaven and a new earth are promised.

Easter faith invites us to believe that our destiny lies not with the great and powerful of this world, whether they are cruel or kind, but with the one who is risen from the dead, whose kingdom is righteousness and peace, whose power is

love poured out. It's not to Pharaoh or any other world ruler but to Jesus Christ risen and ascended that the title 'king of kings' belongs.

But it takes an immense leap of the imagination to think that this could be true. Everything around us seems to speak against it: the pain and suffering of all humanity, the abuses of power, and the threat of terror that are the staple of each day's news. Yet it took an even greater leap of the imagination for Mary Magdalene to believe that the one she had supposed to be the gardener was none other than the risen Jesus who ascends to reign with his Father and will one day come in glory on the clouds of heaven. We are always, perhaps, hoping against hope, and never more so than on Easter Day.

Yet Easter announces that the promised end of the story we long for is already present in its beginnings. Resurrection happens in a garden, an echo of the Garden of Eden where humanity was first given life. The light dawns on the first day of the week, like the first day of creation when light sprang out of darkness. The hopeful, joyful message found within these ancient echoes is that the new creation has now begun. That which is out of order, that which is distorted and incomplete, will now find its order, its wholeness, and its completion in the power of God to bring new life out of death.

And in these our Paschal celebrations we pray that this resurrection might be an ever present reality for us: a day by day journey as we, by Grace, seek to be a Resurrected People: resurrected woman and men; resurrected husbands and wives; resurrected daughters and sons; resurrected brothers and sisters; resurrected friends and neighbours, employees and students, living every day hopefully, joyfully, as part of this new, restored creation which is the Body of Christ: new life; whole life; abundant life; redeemed life; resurrected life!

The purpose of life is not death, Easter tells us. The purpose of life is life... a life that triumphs over death and despair, over sin and sorrow, over bitterness and hatred and resentment and fear, forever.

We acclaim this day, this festival day, as the day that the Lord has made, a day of glory and victory. This day, this Resurrection Day, is our Exodus, our deliverance, the open door to our Promised Land; our promise of new beginnings and hope without end.



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The great gift of Easter is hope – Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake.

*Basil C. Hume*

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### APRIL 17: MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist  
5:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

### APRIL 18: TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer  
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

*Followed by a Meeting of St. Mary's Mother's Union*

### APRIL 19: WEDNESDAY IN EASTER WEEK

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
2:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, *Paradise Villa*  
6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer  
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

### APRIL 22: SATURDAY IN EASTER WEEK

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer  
5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

### APRIL 23: OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist



## Parish Notices and Updates \_\_\_\_\_

To help the parish save on paper and photocopying costs, the members of the congregation are asked to leave the reusable bulletins inserts (hymns, psalms, etc.) in the pews or on the table at the back of the church following the service.

St. Mary's branch of the Mothers' Union will be meeting on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 p.m., following the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. They invite everyone to join them. For more information please speak to Adele Knox.

St. Mary's weekly Bible Study "Faithful and True: a Look at the Women in Holy Scripture," resumes this coming Friday at 10:00 a.m. at the Rectory. Everyone is warmly invited to join us; and if your schedule only permits you to attend occasionally, please plan to join us when you can.

Members of the Parish Corporation (Wardens and Vestry) are reminded of the meeting scheduled for next Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 12:15 p.m. Those who are unable to attend are asked to convey their regrets either to the Rector or the Vestry Clerk.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Fredericton North Heritage Fair will be held on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Kincentre on School Street in Devon. They will have 29 exhibitors with displays representing their theme "Remembering Our Past." The organizers invite you to meet old friends, experience the information on display and enjoy the atmosphere. A canteen is available. There is no admission charge and free parking. There will be draws, demonstrations and presentations.

The family of the late Anne Buckland has asked us to let you know that her internment will be taking place on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in St. James Anglican Cemetery, Lower Jemseg. They welcome Anne's friends to join them for this service.

The Annual Country and Bluegrass Gospel Show, in support of the work of Canon Paul Jeffries at Bishop McAllister College in Uganda, will be held here at St. Mary's on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. The lineup of entertainers features John Jeffries, Copper Kettle Bluegrass Boyz, Eagles Rise, Duane Drost, Valerie Donovan, and Millen Anderson & Veronica Sparks. Admission is \$10.00 (at the door).

The Parish Corporation is replacing the rectangular tables in the Parish Hall. We're happy to make the old tables (which have served us very well for nearly 50 years!) available to anyone who might have a good use for them. If you'd like some of the tables once the replacements have come, please speak to the Rector or one of the Parish Wardens, Jim McElman or Thomas Geburt.

As we do each year, the Parish Corporation has applied for funding to hire a summer student to care for the cemetery and lawn. We're still awaiting a reply to our application but, in the meantime, please let us know of any students who may be interested in the job. There are several criteria that have to be met including being a student in the terms prior to and following the employment period. If you have any questions or would like to forward a name, please speak to Jim McElman or the Rector.

If you've not had a chance to complete the personal information form that the Parish is using to update our records please pick up a copy in the Narthex and return it to me or to Thomas Geburt, our Parish Safe Church Officer as soon as possible. Please note that the form is designed to be filled out by everyone, even those who did not choose to have their pictures taken for our Parish Directory. The form seeks to gather a lot of information, but you are only being asked to provide as much (or as little) as you wish. There are, however, two sections that are essential to us: the personal contact section at the top of the first page and the permission section at the bottom of that page. Please note that your forms will be kept securely; and the information will never be shared in any way which violates your expressed wishes. Please speak to me or Thomas if you have any questions.