

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 29, 2018

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

## **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalms 126, 127, 128 | Numbers 22:36-23:12 | St. John 11:1-44

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

*Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

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

Introit: Psalm 98:1-4:	page 455
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The Homily	
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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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♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	515 (Duke Street)
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♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	360 (Hanover)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
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♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	251 (Flemming)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	<b>This Joyful Eastertide</b> <i>please see the bulletin insert</i>

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

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*From the Rector* \_\_\_\_\_

It has been argued that, outside the pages of the New Testament itself, St. Athanasius, whom the Church commemorates each year on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, is probably the one person to whom we chiefly owe the preservation of the Christian faith.

He was born around AD 298, and lived in Alexandria, Egypt, the chief center of learning of the Roman Empire. In 313 the Emperor Constantine issued the Edict of Milan, which changed Christianity from a persecuted to an officially favoured religion. A few years later, a priest named Arius of Alexandria began to teach concerning the Word of God that "God begat him, and before he was begotten, he did not exist." Athanasius was at that time a newly ordained deacon, secretary to the Bishop of Alexandria. His reply to Arius was that the begetting, or uttering, of the Word by the Father is an eternal relation between Them, and not a temporal event. Arius was condemned by the bishops of Egypt and went to Nicomedia, from which he wrote letters to bishops throughout the world, stating his position.

The Emperor Constantine undertook to resolve the dispute by calling a council of bishops from all over the Christian world. This council met in Nicaea, just across the straits from what is now Istanbul, in the year 325, and consisted of 317 bishops. Athanasius accompanied his bishop to the council, and became recognized as a chief spokesman for the view that the Son was fully God, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father. The party of Athanasius was overwhelmingly in the majority and they worked to formulate a creedal statement to express the consensus. The initial effort was to find a formula from Holy Scripture that would express the full deity of the Son, equally with the Father. However, the Arians cheerfully agreed to all such formulations, having interpreted them already to fit their own views. Finally, the Greek word "homo-ousios" (meaning "of the same substance, or nature, or essence") was used, chiefly because it was one word that could not be understood to mean what the Arians meant. Some of the bishops present were reluctant to use a term not found in the Scriptures, but eventually saw that the alternative was a creed that both sides would sign, each understanding it in its own way, and that the Church could not afford to leave the question of whether the Son is truly God (the Arians said "a god") undecided. So the result was that the Council adopted a creed which is a shorter version of what we now call the Nicene Creed, declaring the Son to be "of one substance with the Father."

No sooner was the council over than its consensus began to fall apart. Constantine had expected that the result would be unity, but found that the Arians would not accept the decision, and that many of the orthodox bishops were prepared to look for a wording a little softer than that of Nicaea, something that sounded orthodox, but that the Arians would accept. All sorts of compromise formulas were worked out, with all shades of variation from the formula of Nicaea. In 328 Athanasius succeeded the bishop of Alexandria. He defended the full deity of Christ against emperors, magistrates, bishops, and theologians. For this, he was regarded as a trouble-maker by Constantine and his successors, and was banished from Alexandria a total of five times by various emperors. Eventually, Christians who believed in the Deity of Christ came to see that once they abandoned the Nicene formulation they would be on a slippery slope that would lead to regarding the Logos as simply a high-ranking angel. The more they experimented with other formulations, the clearer it became that only the Nicene formulation would preserve the Christian faith in any meaningful sense, and so they re-affirmed the Nicene Creed at the Council of Constantinople in 381, a final triumph that Athanasius did not live to see.

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When the universe began, prompted by the will and act of God and maintained in being at every moment by the same will and action, God made it to be a universe in which on a particular Sunday morning in AD33 this will and action would come through the fabric of things and open up an unprecedented possibility – for Jesus and for all of us with him: the possibility of a human life together in which the pouring out of God's Holy Spirit makes possible a degree of reconciled love between us that could not have been imagined.

Rowan Williams

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## Parish Notices and Updates

**SOME VERY WELL-DESERVED APPLAUSE!** We are very pleased to report that the volunteers with St. Mary's Wednesday Hot Lunch programme were the recipients of the **Star Volunteer Award** from Volunteer Greater Fredericton and the United Way of Central New Brunswick, at a recent ceremony hosted at Province House by The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau, the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick. They were nominated for the award by the Boys and Girls Club of Fredericton. The nomination pointed out that:

*A hot nutritious lunch not only provides the children with meals to warm their bellies, but it has also taught many of them over the years about what community means. The children have seen a wonderful example of volunteerism from positive adult models who always make sure to serve up a smile and a caring disposition as well.*

Congratulations to our Wednesday volunteers on their award; and our thanks for your diligent support for the ministry that we offer here at St. Mary's to the community!

**VERY SINCERE THANKS ARE OFFERED** to all those who helped prepare and serve at our Congregational Dinner on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 100 people, both members of St. Mary's and guests, enjoyed a delicious dinner and a delightful time together as the Family of God. Thanks to Bill and his team in the kitchen, Joan and the servers, and Janice and the cleanup crew, for helping to make the event such a great success!

**AND LOTS OF THANKS GO TO THOSE WHO WERE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE** in our recent Bowling Tournament, as well as to those who supported them prayerfully and financially. Bob Saunders, Christina Chisholm, Kaitlyn Trifts, and Jean Vanstone represented St. Mary's. Initial results indicate that more than \$7500.00 was raised locally to Strike out Hunger! We especially need to thank the people of All Saints' in Marysville, and their Priest in Charge, the Revd. Kevin McAllister, for putting together this year's Diocesan wide event.

**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 5<sup>th</sup>*, at 7:30 p.m. The lineup of entertainers features John Jeffries, Copper Kettle Bluegrass Boyz, Sam & Charlene Johnston, Duane Drost, and Debbie Roy. Admission is \$10.00 (at the door).

**ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** is held every *Friday, starting at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. We've started a new study of the Gospel According to St. Luke. 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.

**PLEASE JOIN NEXT SUNDAY**, following the 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, for our monthly *Shared Meal*. Members of both congregations are encouraged to gather with their sisters and brothers in Christ as we share the peace and joy which are have in Jesus Christ.

**PLAN TO JOIN US FOR A WORK DAY** to help clean up the Church property before the start of summer. We plan to get together on **Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Please speak to the Rector if you think you can join us for any part of that time; and if you don't think that you're up for yard work, we can use a couple of volunteers to help put on some coffee and muffins for our break.

**ST. MARY'S CHOIR AND ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN** are organising a **Luncheon Bridge** on *Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>*, starting at 12:00 Noon. The cost is \$40 for a Table or \$10 a person. Please contact: Jean Monteith at 472-7374 or Shirley Hovey at 366-3337 if you wish to ensure a place.

**WE HAVE ON HAND A SMALL NUMBER OF NEW COPIES** of the Hymn Book which are available for anyone who would like to place one in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$20 for each book. Please speak to the Rector if you're interested.



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### **MAY 2: ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES THE APOSTLES**

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

#### **MAY 3: EASTER FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, *Eden's Garden Special Care*

#### **MAY 5: THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER: ROGATION SUNDAY**

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

#### **MAY 6: THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER: ROGATION SUNDAY**

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

*Followed by a Shared Meal in the Parish Hall*