

# THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

May 13, 2018

*Alleluia! Christ has ascended into  
heaven: O come let us worship!*

## **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalm 21 | Isaiah 52:1-12 | Ephesians 4:1-16

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit: Psalm 27:1-12:	page 360
The Gloria:	page 86
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The Old Testament Reading:	2 Kings 2.9-15
Psalm 20:1-9:	page 352
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## **9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall Time with Fr. Stockall**

## **10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	174 (Llanfair)
The Gloria:	page 86
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The Old Testament Reading:	2 Kings 2.9-15
♪ PSALM:	please see the bulletin insert
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♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	397 (Hyfrydol)
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♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	235 (St. Osmund)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	357 (King's Weston)

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



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

Love is a notoriously slippery kind of thing: a vague reality that lies at the heart of everything that we do, but which constantly defies easy definitions and ready answers. And we look for love in any number of things; sometimes hopelessly trying to earn it; hoping, somehow, to find our heart's desire; so often looking vainly in places where it cannot be found; but sometimes, even when we've found it, turning away in confusion or fear.

And perhaps the problem lies not just in the brokenness of a broken world, but in the challenge of actually knowing what real love actually is. We try to use words to describe something that lies beyond words: we *like*, but that's

not really love; we *respect*, but that doesn't even come close; we *pity*; we *desire*; we *care for*, we *honour*; we sometimes even *fear*; we know of *infatuation* and of *passion*; and yet none of these constitute, in and of themselves, real love; even though we can so easily settle for them in lieu of the real thing. More songs are sung; more stories are written, all speaking in one way or another of love: of love lost or missing or even found.

*And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.*

In this morning's Epistle St. Peter writes of love, *charity* as it is translated in the Authorised Version. He speaks of the fervency of our love for each other; a love which covers, which overcomes, which forgives the inevitable sins which create division and heartbreak; a love which makes the personal sacrifice necessary to overcome the sins which tear down rather than build up our common life.

And he speaks of our hospitality, literally, our *love to strangers*, to outsiders, to all those who differ from us, which we are called to share ungrudgingly; without grumbling or complaining.

And he speaks of our commitment to ensure that everything we say in some way or other comes from God Himself; of our commitment to ensure that we never speak in a way which fails to show our love for Christ and Christ's love for us; that by Grace, God's words might become our words, not just here on Sunday morning but every day, in every situation; in all the many moments of our lives; no matter where we are; no matter what we're doing; that in every way possible we might *be* the loving, compassionate, patient Word that God speaks to this frightened and grieving and suffering world.

If you've ever had to work with a physiotherapist to recover from an injury or from surgery; or if you've ever spent months training for a race, over and over again working against pressure; working hard against resistance, even when it hurts to do so, to allow your muscles and ligaments and tendons to grow stronger, then you have some idea of what St. Peter is talking about.

That, more than frilly paper hearts or sappy love songs gets to the heart of what real love is: a love that is worked out in the push and pull of life's inevitable tensions; a love which is strong enough to carry us through whatever challenges we will encounter because it's been tested in real time; a love which grows because we've been willing to push past our comfort zones to find love's limits.

That, to my mind, is the kind of love that Peter speaks of in this morning's Epistle; the kind of love we're called to live out if we are to the loving, compassionate, patient Word that God speaks to this frightened and grieving and suffering world; and it's the only kind of love that allows you to pray, as Christ did on the Cross, for those who sought to take His life.

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In the days of His earthly ministry, only those could speak to him who came where He was. If He was in Galilee, men could not find Him in Jerusalem; if He was in Jerusalem, men could not find Him in Galilee. But His Ascension means that He is perfectly united with God; we are with Him wherever we are present to God; and that is everywhere and always. Because He is "in Heaven" He is everywhere on earth: because He is ascended, He is here now. Our devotion is not to hold us by the empty tomb; it must lift up our hearts to heaven so that we too "in heart and mind thither ascend and with Him continually dwell;" it must also send us forth into the world to do His will; and these are not two things, but one.

William Temple (1881-1944), *Readings in St. John's Gospel*

*Priest and Rector*

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## Parish Notices and Updates

**VERY SINCERE THANKS ARE OFFERED** to all those who were able to support our recent Country and Bluegrass Gospel concert in support of the work being done by Canon Paul Jeffries at Bishop McAllister College in Uganda. A large crowd raised more than \$1250.00 for the work of the school. A huge word of thanks goes to John Jeffries for once again organising (and performing!) Lots of great musicians shared their time and talent for a very worthy cause – thanks to all!

**ONE WEEK FROM TODAY, ON SUNDAY, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>**, the Church will commemorate the **Feast of Pentecost, or Whitsunday**, the day on which the Holy Spirit was given to the Church that it might carry out the ministry to which it is called. The liturgical colour for Pentecost is red, in remembrance of the flames of fire that appeared on the heads of the Apostles, as described in Acts 2. *To help celebrate that day, EVERYONE is invited to wear something red that day when they come to Church.* Let's try to fill the Church with the bright red of Holy Fire when we gather on May 20<sup>th</sup> for the Feast of Pentecost!

**ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN** will be meeting on *Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>*, in the Parish Hall, beginning with lunch at 12:00 noon followed by a business meeting. The women of St. Mary's are warmly invited to join them. For more information please speak to Joan Keswick at 472-2193 or the Rector.

**ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF THE MOTHERS' UNION** will be meeting on *Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>*, at 7:45 p.m. following the 7:00 p.m. 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** 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.

**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.

**RUN FOR THE WORD**, in support of the Canadian Bible Society, will be held on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Wilmot Park – 1K/5K Run/Walk 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Good exercise and fellowship and a Good Cause. Registration packages are available at [www.biblesociety.ca/event/run-word](http://www.biblesociety.ca/event/run-word). Your support for Run for the Word can help the Canadian Bible Society provide the healing power of God's Word.

**THE ANNUAL SPRING YARD SALE**, organized by your Parish Choir, is going to be held on *Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>*, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. They'll need you to bring your donations of good quality used items to the Church Hall on, or before, *Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>*. Contact Shirley Hovey at 366-3337 for more information.

**HOSPITAL VISITING IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF PARISH MINISTRY** because spiritual health is a necessary part of our physical health; and the Rector is always willing to visit those in hospital at any time, day or night. Please let him know if you or another member of the Parish (with their consent) is in hospital, including, if possible, the room number, so that the Church can minister to our whole Parish Family. And, unless you wish not be visited while in hospital, be sure to indicate on admission that you wish a pastoral visit. Otherwise your presence in the hospital might not be indicated on the records available in the Spiritual and Religious Care office.



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**MAY 15: MONNICA**, Mother of St. Augustine, 387 (trans.)

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

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

**MAY 16: FERIA**

2:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, *Paradise Villa*

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**MAY 17: FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

**MAY 19: THE FEAST OF PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**MAY 20: THE FEAST OF PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

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