

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER

# EASTER

May 19, 2019

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

*The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

## 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalms 126, 127 & 128 | Exodus 34:1-10 | 1 St. Peter 3:8-end

## 9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

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*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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♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	515 (Duke Street)

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



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

A friend of mine sent me the following portion of a homily that she preached last Sunday on the Resurrection. It is as good a summary of St. Paul's teaching as I can imagine, one which faithfully reflects what we recite every time that we say the Creed. I wish that I'd preached it myself.

To be in the presence of the risen Christ is the destination of every person who has ever been baptized. It is the promise of the Christian faith, a faith that we hold dear. It is what St. Paul asserts in his Letter to the Corinthians, where he states, "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are, of all people, most to be pitied." After all, if there is no life beyond our finite life here on earth, our faith is futile, without substance and hope. We have been deceiving ourselves with false hope in God's love for us.

I believe in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. It is a reality for me. I cannot explain it completely. I do not pretend to fully understand it all, but I am certain of the truth of it, for I believe in the Christ who rose from the dead and who will one day raise me from the grave and give me a transformed body.

Over and over again, both in my life and in the lives of the faithful men and women that I have encountered in the parishes where I have served, I have seen the power of Christ's Resurrection to change lives forever; to equip God's people to face whatever struggles come at them because they know three things that Holy Scripture teaches us quite clearly:

*First*, that Christ knows those struggles and fears as well as we do because he has already faced them himself;

*Secondly*, that he doesn't abandon us to face them alone because he has promised to be with us even in our darkest, most terrifying moments; and

*Thirdly*, that even our greatest struggles are no match for the power of the God who once raised his Son from death to life and, in him, promises us eternal life.

So St. Paul's argument that we are to be pitied most of all if our hope is a hope for the things of this life only is not a statement of despair but of joy. The unavoidable reality, which you know as well as I, is that this life is finite; that 'heaven and earth will pass away;' that we cannot put our full trust in these tangible things because they will, at some point and eventually, all disappoint us. But Easter proves, as nothing else can, that God will never disappoint us. So we hope, not vainly in things that can only warm us for a while or in lights that brighten our path for a few moments, but in the eternal life which we are promised by the Risen Christ. To trust our lives to anything else would be vain.

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The legend of a reputed resurrection of some unknown person in Palestine nobody needed to consider; but what were you to do with the people who died in the arena, the re-born slaves with their newness of life in your own house? And when you "looked into the story," it was no mere somebody or other of whom they told it. The conviction of the people you knew, amazing in its power of transforming character and winning first the goodwill and the trust and then the conversion of others, was supported and confirmed by the nature and personality of the Man of whom they spoke, of whom you read in their books. "Never man spake like this man," you read, nor thought like this man, nor like this man believed in God.

T. R. Glover (1869-1943), *The Influence of Christ in the Ancient World*

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### *Priest and Rector*

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## Parish Notices and Updates

**SINCERE THANKS ARE OFFERED** the members of our Mothers' Union branch for the delightful Mother's Day Tea last weekend: delicious food served with joy provided the perfect context to celebrate and remember our mothers. And, as a bonus, more than \$470 in support of our Renewing St. Mary's Project. Thanks so much to all!

**ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF THE MOTHERS' UNION** will be meeting this coming *Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>*, in the Parish Hall at 7:45 p.m. following the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. They invite everyone to join them. For more information please speak to Shirley Hupman.

**MEMBERS OF THE PARISH CORPORATION** (Wardens and Vestry members) are reminded of the meeting scheduled for next Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 12:15 p.m. Those who are unable to attend are asked to convey their regrets to the Rector or the Vestry Clerk.

**WE HOPE THAT EVERYONE WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN US** for our **Congregational Roast Pork Dinner** on *Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>*. As before, beverages will be available at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner will be served at 6:00. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to share in this opportunity to gather as the Family of God around the table for fellowship and mutual support; and we very warmly encourage you to invite your family and friends. **We ask that you sign up again if you're able to join us on the 30<sup>th</sup>**. A new signup sheet has been placed on the table in the narthex. Please let us know either there or by email to the Rector by *Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>*, if you plan to attend. *We hope to see everyone there!*

**ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** is holding its final session before the start of its summer break this coming *Friday, starting at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. And following the study, they're gathering for Lunch. Come along and join in our look at the Gospel According to St. Luke.

**THY KINGDOM COME IS A GLOBAL PRAYER MOVEMENT** inviting Christians to pray during the days between Ascension Day and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. During the days of *Thy Kingdom Come*, it is hoped that those who takes part will: deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ; pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know; and come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer. After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. For more information, speak to the Rector or go to [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

**THE ANNUAL SPRING YARD SALE**, organized by your Parish Choir, is going to be held on *Saturday, June 1<sup>st</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, May 31<sup>st</sup>*. Contact Shirley Hovey at 366-3337 for more information.

**MEMBERS OF ST. MARY'S PARISH FAMILY** have been invited to join with members of the Fredericton Community to wish Chief Leanne Fitch well as she retires following an illustrious 34 year career in policing. A casual drop-in event is scheduled at the Picaroons Roundhouse on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., with a Presentation at 3:30.

**THE CHOIRS OF HOLY TRINITY, NEW MARYLAND, CHRIST CHURCH (PARISH CHURCH), ST. PETER'S, AND ST. MARY'S** are combining for the third in a series of services of Choral Evensong on *Whitsunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>*, at 4:00 p.m. **HERE** at St. Mary's. Everyone is warmly invited to join us. Light refreshments will be offered following the Service.



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**MAY 21: FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE**, Nurse & Social Reformer

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

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

**MAY 22: TRINITY FERIA**

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

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**MAY 23: TRINITY FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

**MAY 25: THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER:  
ROGATION SUNDAY**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**MAY 26: 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 Coffee & Conversation in the Parish Hall*