

THE FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER EASTER
ROGATION SUNDAY
May 26, 2019

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

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalms 46 & 63 | Deuteronomy 34 | Acts 13:26-43

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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♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	This Joyful Eastertide <i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
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♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	600 (Terra Beata)
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♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	All Things Bright and Beautiful <i>please see the bulletin insert</i>

*During the singing of the Recessional
Hymn, the Choir and Congregation
are asked to process to the
Community Garden for the annual
Blessing of the Garden.*

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

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From the Rector

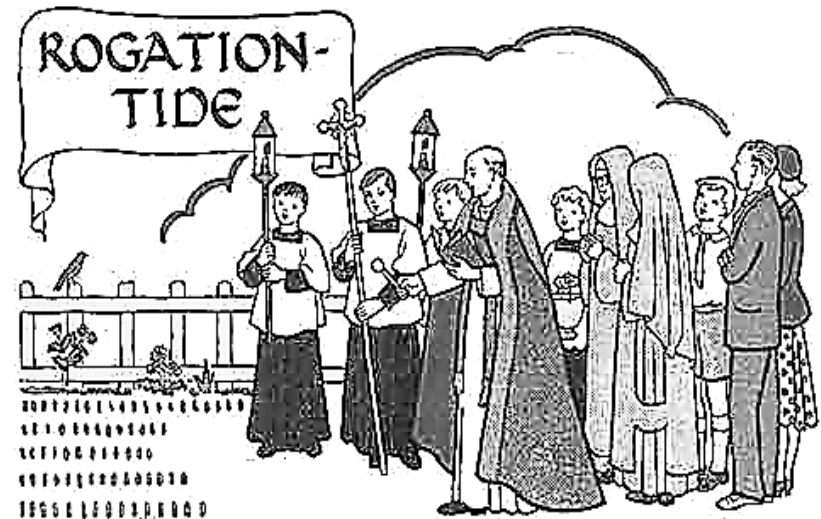
The Fifth Sunday after Easter Day is called Rogation Sunday, and the three days that follow are called Rogation Days, because of the words in the Gospel for the day: "Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give to you". (The Latin word for ask is 'Rogare') Since as early as the 5th century these days have been set aside as days of prayer for God's blessings on all aspects of our lives but especially at this time of year on the new growing season. The oldest known English text regarding Rogation Days is dated from around 1173 to 1220. In it, celebrations in the south of England are described in which processions were led by members of the congregation carrying banners representing various biblical characters. At the head of the procession would be a dragon, representing Pontius Pilate, which would be followed by a lion, representing Christ. After this there would be torches and images of various saints carried by the rest of the congregation. During the reign of King Henry VIII in the 16th century, Rogation processions were used as a way to assist crop yields, with a notable number of the celebrations taking place in 1543 when there were prolonged rains. Robert Herrick, wrote a piece to capture the mood of the celebrations:

Dearest, bury me
Under that Holy-oak, or Gospel Tree
Where (though thou see'st not) thou may'st think upon
Me, when you yearly go'st Procession

By the 17th century, the old Roman festival of "Terminalia", or 'boundaries', had been adapted by the church and served a practical purpose: in the days before reliable maps, there were not always clear lines of demarcation between the parishes, especially where there were open field systems. In the Western Church, processions to bless the crops were conducted, and included 'beating the bounds'.

As we try to do each year, we will be blessing the community garden following the 10:30 celebration. But as we ask God's blessing on the garden and all that will be grown there this summer, let us also think about how God wishes to use us, and our time and talents, to be a blessing on the wider community in which we live and work. As we *ask for* God's blessing, let us also think about how we might *be* the blessing that our community needs.

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THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK



Christ is the morning star,
Who when the night
Of this world is past
Brings to his saints
The promise of the light of life
And opens everlasting day.

The Venerable Bede (672/3 – 26 May 735)
In Apocalypsin sancti Iohannis (On the Revelation of St. John)

Priest and Rector

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Parish Notices and Updates

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH CORPORATION (Wardens and Vestry members) are reminded of the meeting scheduled for today 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.

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!

WE HOPE THAT EVERYONE WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN US for our **Congregational Roast Pork Dinner** on **Thursday, May 30th**. 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. A basket will be available to those who would like to make a freewill offering, which this year will be directed towards our Renewing St. Mary's Project. **We ask that you sign up again if you're able to join us on the 30th**. 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 26th**, if you plan to attend. *We hope to see everyone there!*

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

THE ANNUAL SPRING YARD SALE, organized by your Parish Choir, is going to be held on **Saturday, June 1st**, 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 31st**. 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 7th, 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 9th**, 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.

TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY, ON SUNDAY, JUNE 9th, 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 **June 9th** for the Feast of Pentecost!

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH ALTAR GUILD are invited to a meeting on Saturday, June 22nd, beginning with Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. We plan to celebrate the work done faithfully every week by the Guild and spend a little time reviewing and refreshing some of our policies and practices. And new members are always welcome, so anyone who is interested in welcome to come along.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MAY 29: EVE OF THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

MAY 30: ASCENSION DAY

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church

JUNE 1: THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JUNE 2: THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

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Followed by a Shared Meal in the Parish Hall