

THE FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER EASTER
ROGATION SUNDAY

May 6, 2018

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

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalms 46 & 63 | Numbers 24:1-19 | Romans 6:1-14

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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♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	This Joyful Eastertide <i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
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The Homily	
♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	167 (Hyfrydol) L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
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♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	600 (Terra Beata) page 85
Post-Communion Prayer:	
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	721 (Royal Oak)

*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*

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Everyone is invited to join us in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 Celebration for our monthly Shared Meal!



From the Rector

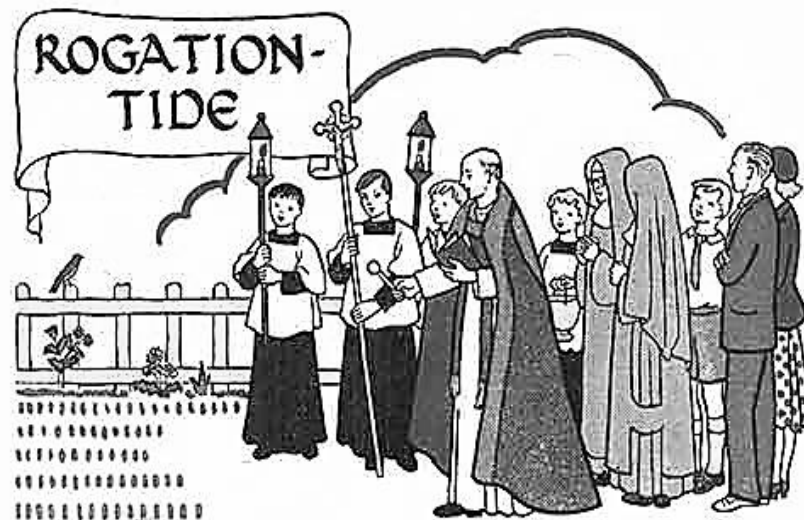
The word “rogation” comes from the Latin *rogare*, which means “to ask”; and the Rogation Days are days set apart to bless the fields and to ask for God’s mercy on all of creation. The Rogation Days were first instituted in the 5th Century by Mamertus, bishop of Vienne in France from 461 to 475. During his episcopate there was an enormous amount of disease; there were fires, earthquakes and attacks by wild animals. As a result, Mamertus spent a great deal of time in prayer, beseeching God to help the stricken community. One night, when the village was overwhelmed with a fire, he conceived the idea of instituting an annual procession and litany in which the entire community would pray for God’s blessing and protection. He is reported to have said: “We shall pray to God that He will turn away the plagues from us, and preserve us from all ill, from hail and drought, fire and pestilence, and from the fury of our enemies; to give us favourable seasons, that our land may be fertile, good weather and good health, and that we may have peace and tranquility, and obtain pardon for our sins.”

Thus the custom of processing around the entire length of the parish began. Over the centuries, it became the custom to also use the procession to “beat the bounds” – to mark and establish the boundaries of the parish – while also blessing the trees, stones, and fields. Rogation Day ceremonies are thought to have arrived in the British Isles in the 7th century. One of the oldest texts regarding Rogation Days is dated from around 1173 to 1220. In it, processions were led by members of the congregation carrying banners which represented various biblical characters. At the head of the procession was the dragon, representing Pontius Pilate, which would be followed by a lion, representing Christ. After this there would be images of saints carried by the rest of the congregation.

During the reign of King Henry VIII, 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. Rogation processions continued in the post-Reformation Church of England much as they had before, and Anglican priests were encouraged to bring their congregations together for inter-parish processions. At specific intervals, clerics were to remind their congregations to be thankful for their harvests.

Here at St. Mary’s we continue a form of this practice, processing to the Community Garden and asking blessings on the seed, fields, workers, animals, families.

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Do not be afraid of silence in your prayer time. It may be that you are meant to listen, not to speak. So wait before the Lord. Wait in stillness. Wait as David waited when he “sat before the Lord.” And in that stillness, assurance will come to you. You will know that you are heard; you will know that your Lord ponders the voice of your humble desires; you will hear quiet words spoken to you yourself, perhaps to your grateful surprise and refreshment.

Amy Carmichael (1867-1951), *Thou Givest...They Gather: Truths Gleaned from the Word of God*

Priest and Rector

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Parish Notices and Updates

PLEASE JOIN THIS MORNING, 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.

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!

TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY, ON SUNDAY, MAY 20TH, 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 20th for the Feast of Pentecost!

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.

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 12th* 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 BRANCH OF ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN will be meeting on *Monday, May 14th*, 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 15th*, 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 CHOIR AND ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN are organising a **Luncheon Bridge** on *Thursday, May 31st*, 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.

THE ANNUAL SPRING YARD SALE, organized by your Parish Choir, is going to be held on *Saturday, June 9th*, 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 8th*. Contact Shirley Hovey at 366-3337 for more information.

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 9: EVE OF THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

MAY 10: ASCENSION DAY

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church

MAY 12: THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY:

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

MAY 13: THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

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