

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

May 7, 2017

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

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

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## **9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall**

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

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♪♪ <b>Recessional Hymn:</b>	<b>367</b> (Diademata)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall  
following the 10:30 Celebration for our  
monthly **Shared Meal**.*



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

The image of a refugee stands at the centre of this morning's Epistle. Our translation this morning uses the word pilgrim; but we might just as easily think of a refugee or an exile; someone driven from their home and their people; from their culture and their society; someone forced to live away from all that is dearest to them, amongst a strange people in a strange land: *as strangers and pilgrims...*, as we heard this morning.

But that, St. Peter tells us, is how we ought to think of ourselves; even if we're blessed to be living in the very same house, or the very same community, or the very same country that we've lived in all our lives: *as strangers and pilgrims...*

Because as far as Peter is concerned, we're not really at home: we're really exiles; refugees; pilgrims. Maybe even tourists.

Our real home, as Scripture makes abundantly clear, is with Christ; the Christ, who in this morning's Gospel speaks of his departure; of his return to the home he left to save us.

The message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the message that Christ has prepared our homeward journey; that He has won the battle of life on our behalf; and in winning, that He has prepared a place for us: a place where love and acceptance, where care and support are offered freely by a Father who reaches out to His Family with a never-ending love.

The message of the Gospel is the message that we can find our home, an eternal home, a safe home, a home in which we will find all that we will ever need to be happy; a home in which all struggles are answered, all pain removed, all grief taken away; a home where we can know true and lasting joy, because Christ has conquered death.

But, in the meantime, as Peter reminds us, we ought not to get so caught up in the things of our temporary homes that we lose sight of our real home; that we forget to long for something better.

To get to heaven is to find our true home, the home which we have found in some measure in this life, the home for which we have always searched, the home for which we all wait, until Jesus comes again.

Until then we're just pilgrims, passing through, enjoying the beauty of the scenery that God puts in our path but always hoping for that day when we go home to be with Christ forever; and doing everything we can, in the meantime, to make sure that nothing gets in the way of that homeward journey.



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**MAY 10: GREGORY OF NAZIANUS**, Bishop of Constantinople

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**MAY 11: EASTER FERIA**

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, *Alleira Assisted Living*

**MAY 13: THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**MAY 14: THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

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*The Diocese of Fredericton*  
**THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK**



EASTER would hardly have been, for two thousand years, the spring and center of Christian life and prayer, would hardly have provided the focus of Christian worship and the form of Christian hope, if the word Easter were simply the name of something that once happened in the past.

Nicholas Lash, *Easter in Ordinary*

*Priest and Rector*

The Revd. Canon Kevin M. Stockall, B.A. (Hons), M.Div.

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**St. Mary's branch of Anglican Church Women** will be meeting on, *Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>*, 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.

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