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FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

May 12, 2019



8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist **10:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
Excellent Adventure and Nursery available 10:30 a.m.

Interim Team Leader

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Welcome to St. Stephen's Anglican Church

Sunday Worship, May 12, 2019

8:00am service- Book of Common Prayer (starting page 67) 10:30am service- Bulletin

The Reverend Helen Belcher, *Presider & Preacher*
The Reverend Charmaine Evans, *Deacon*
Ondrea Mann, *Music Director*

Lectionary Readings

This week:

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Next week: May 19

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

The Prayers of the People

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the Anglican Church of Korea, The Most Reverend Moses Nagjun Yoo - Primate of Korea and Bishop of Daejeon; for Justin, The Archbishop of Canterbury; Fred, our Primate; Greg our Metropolitan Archbishop & Diocesan Bishop, Sidney, the Suffragan Bishop for Treaty 7 Territory.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We pray for Christ Church, Calgary, The Reverend David Pickett, The Reverend Brandon Witwer, The Reverend C. McPhail Jones, The Very Reverend Robert T. Pynn; for the Vocational Deacons; in our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for Holy Trinity, Castries with St. Mary, La Caye, on St. Lucia, The Venerable Christian Glasgow their clergy and the people of the parishes, for the Mothers' Union Diocesan President.

St. Stephen's Parish Cycle of Prayer

Joyce Oldale · Rob Ollerenshaw · Stephen Page and children Avery and Zach ·
Jamie and Monica Palidwar and children Mila and Sabina · Rick and Sue Patterson.

For Those in Need

Hilary · Heather · Muriel · Sudhir · David · Phil · Diana ·
John · Bob · Anita · Sarah · Archer · Sheila · John.

Flowers

Flowers are dedicated today to the Glory of God
by Cameron Bush and Pam Forgie-Thomson in honour of their and their families'
May wedding anniversaries, also in gratitude for their life and witness.



On Duty Today:

Reader: *Brigid Stewart*

Litaniast: *Brigid Stewart*

Communion Assistants: *Cathi Nelson · David Roach*

Greeters: *Barb Driftmier · Hugh Baker*

Chancel Guild: *Heather Hetherington · Stephen Barrett*

Sacramental Bread: *Kathy Deyell · David Roach*

Coffee: *Pam, Neil, Paige and Ryan Miller*

Excellent Adventure: *Maya McKirdy*

Nursery: *Beverley Senko · Leila Quinones*

Volunteers: *Paige Miller · Asha Jain*



HALLELUJAH!
HE IS RISEN!

Ongoing at St. Stephen's

Blue Envelopes this month: PWRDF (Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) provides support for developing nations and for emergency relief around the world.



Who do I ask?

If you have a concern it is always better to ask than to worry. The wardens (contact info on back of bulletin cover) would welcome any of your questions or concerns.

Questions may also be directed to **The Reverend Helen Belcher** 403 826 7135 or revhelen@telus.net.



**PASTORAL
SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Search Committee News

The committee met on May 5 and worked on planning the interview process; between now and the closing date of the posting, May 15, we will draft questions covering a range of topics, so as to be ready to move ahead with short listing. Also, we decided to forward the posting and profile to the Episcopal Church of the US.

We'll meet next soon after the close of the posting.

The members of the Search Committee are: Anne J. Brown (Chair), Tim Crowe, Keith Moe, Cathi Nelson, Louise Redmond, Gavin Stuart and Gord Tallman. Any one of us will be happy to answer questions you have, at any time. You are also welcome to email or 'phone with comments; if that is your preference, contact Anne at brown.annej@gmail.com or 403 852 7355.



BE REAL, BELONG, BELIEVE IT

May 12, 2019

Welcome! *If you are searching for a place to belong, a warm welcome to you.*

*So we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have please look for our on **Duty Warden** who will be wearing a big "Ask Me" button. **Questions?** Our Verger is **Anneliese**.*

May 26 Service

Join us **26 May** 2019 at 10.30am service only, **Herb O'Driscoll** will be preaching. Meet the author! Books will be available for purchase.

How do the scriptures speak to us today? Where do our stories mirror biblical stories? Herbert O'Driscoll, beloved Anglican preacher, storyteller, author, and hymn writer, invites us to imagine what the "back story" of our favorite scriptures might have been. Each of the twenty-eight short chapters offers a glimpse of the thoughts and emotions of individuals found in the Christian Testament, bringing alive the sights, sounds, and smells of the Holy Land. **Owl's Nest Books** Reading and Signing May 26 at 4pm. See Poster.



Wanted The Al Jbawi family, whom our NeST program supported, is wishing to move into a larger home for their family of 6. They prefer to stay close to their work and schools in the Westbrook and surrounding area. If you have property for rent, or know of someone who has, that might be a good fit please contact Catherine at celdridge@nucleus.com.

See bulletin board for more info on concerts and Yego news letter

Open Doors II

The Open Doors II committee is working on getting an independent needs assessment of the local community completed in order to determine the greatest need relative to the priority needs groups as identified in the National Housing Strategy. This assessment will also allow us to make application for seed funding that would allow us to advance to more detailed concepts. We will have this information as well as the initial project pro-forma for the special meeting of the congregation on **June 9th** following the 10:30 service. We look forward to sharing our findings and our proposed direction forward at that time. Our next Diocesan presentation is scheduled for June 18th. The following is a list of the identified priority needs groups within the NHS (National Housing Strategy) - Survivors fleeing from Domestic Violence (especially women and children), People with Developmental Disabilities, People with Mental Health and Addiction Issues, Seniors, Racialized Groups, Newcomers (including refugees), LGBTQ Communities, Veterans, Indigenous People, Young Adults and the Chronically Homeless. As always if you have any questions or comments please feel free to speak with any of the committee members. **Committee members** include Patty Rhodes-Brink, Cam Bush, Lynda Greuel, Keith Moe and Ian Moore.



17th Ave Construction Has Started Up Again
17th Ave is closed from 8th street to 10A St. effective immediately.

It's coming, the May 26 Scotiabank Calgary Marathon, yes, this is the one that can make it difficult to get here. Unfortunately the timing isn't great as this is also the day that Herb will be here at the 10:30 service. **We have posted & sent a map** of the route to encourage people to find a way to get here as Herb is a wonderful speaker and would like as many people to be here. For those who may not know he was the Rector at Christ Church in the sixties. Remember we are able to park at Connaught Community School (1121 12 Ave. SW), the entrance to the parking lot is located on the East side of the school on 10th street. **Road closure info not yet available.**

Taize Prayer

Thursday, May 30, 7:00 pm Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Calgary

Brother Emile from the Community of Taize will be in Calgary to lead a public Taize Prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event - whether you've loved Taize music for years, or have never experienced this style of worship before. Taize is an ecumenical Christian religious community in Burgundy, France known all over the world for their beautiful music and contemplative style of prayer.



Learn more about Taize

Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Friday, May 31, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Learn more about the ecumenical Community of Taize in France. Brought to you by the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, please join us for this workshop. The day will be a mix of worship, song, practice, Bible study and informative sessions dotted with real-life stories from someone who has spent a lot of time at Taize. Workshop leader is the Rev. Clara King, Incumbent of St. George Anglican Church. The workshop includes lunch. A fee of \$20 is asked to cover the cost. Sign up at Eventbrite.

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Here I go again! *I am walking in the 10th Annual Kidney March.*



In joining the Kidney March movement, I've agreed to walk 100 kilometres over 3 days and fundraise a minimum of \$2,200. While I am not a hero for walking, I am making a big commitment to put my life on hold for a weekend in September and undertake the physical challenge for 3 straight days. I can't do it alone though. Your cheers and well wishes mean a lot to me... but very importantly I need your help to reach my fundraising goal. You can be a hero to the men, women and children who endure the hardships of kidney disease. I invite you to sponsor me in this movement, and to make a difference.

Your pledge, which is fully tax-deductible, helps empower those living with kidney disease fight for their survival, their life. The net proceeds from the event support kidney disease prevention, services, research and organ donation. I hope that you'll share this incredible adventure with me - by supporting me in my fundraising efforts. Donating online is quick, safe and secure. Pledge sheets will also be available, see bulletin board & table

The journey is incredibly bold and daring. That's the spirit in which I am doing the Kidney March. Thank you in advance for your generosity. **Neil Thompson.**

The FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

May 12, 2019

THE EUCHARIST

The Reverend Helen Belcher, *Presider & Preacher*

The Reverend Charmaine Evans, *Deacon*

Ondrea Mann, *Organist and Music Director*

The Gathering of the Community

We gather, greet one another, and prepare for worship.

Prelude

Welcome and opening announcements

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May God's grace and peace be with you.

May our hearts be filled with joy.

Hymn: Glory to God

Common Praise #702

Refrain:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

1. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Refrain.

*We prepare for
worship by taking
a few quiet mo-
ments to reflect
upon the state of
our soul and that
of the world this
day.*

*This ancient hymn
has been sung by
Christians since
the 2nd or 3rd Cen-
turies CE.*

2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
Refrain.

3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Refrain.

Opening Prayer (*the congregation remains standing*)

Loving God,
whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people:
Grant that when we hear his voice
we may know him who calls us by name,
and follow where he leads;
who, with you and the Holy Spirit,
lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

*The Opening
Prayer identifies a
theme or themes
heard in today's
service.*

The Proclamation of the Word

*We hear again the Christian story
and respond with our prayers and intentions.*

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

read by Brigid Stewart

*We listen for how
this ancient story
speaks to us to-
day.*

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 23

Psalms are sacred poems traditionally used in both Jewish and Christian worship.

O God, you are my shepherd;
Nothing more do I need.

**You let me lie down in green meadows,
to take my rest.**

You lead me beside still waters,
to revive my soul.

**You guide me along good pathways
for your good name's sake.**

Though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;

**for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;

**you anoint my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.**

Surely your goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,

**and I will dwell in your house
forever more.**

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

read by Brigid Stewart

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30

Before the Reading:

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We stand for the Gospel Reading in special reverence for the stories of the life and teachings of Jesus.

After the Reading:

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith for the Easter Season (*1 Corinthians 15:3-5,11*)

Let us declare our faith in the risen Christ, saying:

Christ died on the cross

in accordance with the scriptures;

he was buried,

and raised to life on the third day,

appearing afterwards to his followers

and to all the apostles:

so we proclaim,

and so we believe. Amen.

An Affirmation of Faith is a public declaration of core Christian beliefs.

Prayers of the People

led by Brigid Stewart

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among the disciples,

saying to them, 'Peace be with you.'

Their hearts were glad when they saw their Lord.

God's peace be always with you.

And also with you.

The "Passing of the Peace" is a response to Jesus' command to love one another as he has loved us.

The people greet one another with a gesture of friendship.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

*We give thanks for Christ's sacrificial love
by which we are spiritually fed.*

Hymn: Your Hand, O God Has Guided

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Prayer over the Gifts

God of loving care,
you spread before us the table of life,
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and our Shepherd. **Amen.**

*Symbols of our
daily lives are
offered for God's
blessing—bread
and wine for
communion, and
money for the
ongoing witness
and ministry of
the Church.*

Eucharistic Prayer

God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*"Eucharist" is the
Greek word for
thanksgiving.*

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks.
By the glory of the resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ
you have opened the way to life eternal
and given us hope that where he is
there we may also be.

So now, as the universe resounds with Easter joy,
we join our voices with the choirs of angels
to sing our hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Our praises join
those being of-
fered continually
in the heavenly
realm.*

**Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, O God,
as we follow the example of your Son
and obey his command;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Grant, O God, that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us Christ's body and blood.
Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise:
renew us by your Holy Spirit,
inspire us with your love,
and unite us in the body of your Son.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray (*saying*):
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,**

*At the heart of the
Christian story is
Jesus' death for
our sake, which is
recounted here.*

*The "Lord's Prayer"
is so called
because the Gos-
pels record Jesus
teaching this
prayer to his dis-
ciples.*

**your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.
We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.
Live in us, that we may live in you.

Invitation

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!

*All who love and
serve God are
welcome to come
forward to receive
communion, or to
receive a blessing
in God's name.*

Communion *(please do not dip the bread in the wine)*

Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love,
you seek us out and gather us in.
May we who now share
in the abundance of your holy table
come at last to your eternal kingdom,
where there is one flock and one shepherd,
Jesus Christ the Risen One. **Amen.**

Doxology

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

*A doxology is a
prayer of praise,
in this case a final
one, drawing our
worship to a close.*

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Announcements

Prayer for Our Church During the Time of Transition.

**Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, look upon our
Christian family of St. Stephen's with grace,
and guide the minds of those who lead the process
of choosing a new rector for this parish,
that we may in God's good time receive a faithful servant
who will care for your people and support us in our ministries.
Draw us together so that during this time of transition
our faith may be deepened and our witness strengthened;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



Blessing

Dismissal

May God Almighty,
who raised Jesus from the dead,
strengthen us to walk in faith
and share his risen life.

Let us bless our God. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

*Having been fed
by Word and Sac-
rament, we are
sent out into the
world to be wit-
nesses of God's
love.*

Hymn: Lead Us, Heavenly Father Lead Us

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Postlude

*Thank you for sharing in our worship today.
Following the service you are invited to stay and join us for refreshments.*

