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April 7, 2024
2nd Sunday of Easter

*Welcome to everyone gathered here today.
Please make yourself known to the greeters.*

Today's Readings

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1 – 2:2; John 20:19-31

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Christ Church, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

~ The Rev'd Kyle Wagner, Rector, and Julie

St. Andrew's, Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia

~ The Rev'd Katherine Bourbonniere, Rector, and Brian

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Montreal – Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson

Council of the North

Diocese of the Arctic

~ Bishop David Parsons

~ Suffragan Bishop Annie Ittoshat

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. John's, St. Eleanor's

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

April 14 – 3rd Sunday of Easter (white)

Readings: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Readers: Grafton C, Jim E; Doreen Cole, Jean R; Martyn C, Barb C

Prayers of the People: Jim E, Amy M, Savannah M

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Mark's MP

11 am – St. Stephen's MP

11 am – St. Thomas' MP

HUGE THANK YOU to everyone in each of our churches who helped with Lenten Holy Week services and Easter services and special events. Special thanks to Lay Minister Kim Gallant and Leanne Brister for their help at each service.

Rev. Shirley will be away from the Parish from Sunday afternoon, April 7, til Sunday afternoon, April 14. Rev. Ned Henthorne will be available for pastoral emergencies (902-432-2135). Lay Ministers Kim Gallant and Dennis Cole will lead Morning Prayer Worship at all 3 of our churches on April 14.

APP (ACW) meeting - April 9, 10:00 am at St. Thomas' church hall. Plans for several functions will be discussed. Bring your lunch if you can stay; we will make some tea. Call Doreen if you have any questions (886-2207). All are welcome!

Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 pm, at St. Thomas' Church.

Every year, the Diocese offers a conference called **Vital Church Maritimes** for clergy and laity. This year the conference will run from noon, Thursday, May 9, through noon, Saturday, May 11, in Truro, NS and will be available online as well. The theme is "Soaring Into the Future." Keynote speaker is David Robinson. Participants will explore their church's missional beginnings and reflect on emerging growth possibilities. Certainly a timely area for collective consideration! Contact Rev. Shirley or Kim Gallant for more information.

COLLECT (p 336)

Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (p 337)

God of grace, you have freed us from our sins
and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and strengthen us in the new life you have given us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p 337)

Father, we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Save the Date:

June 1st, 2024 – St. Mark’s Church Yard Sale Fundraiser from 9 a.m. – noon. We would be pleased to accept donations such as toys, games, accessories, knick-knacks, books, puzzles, household items, giftware items, garden décor & supplies, tools, craft supplies, small furniture items, sporting equipment, plants, or any other treasures you might have hidden away. All items should be clean and in good condition. To schedule a donation pick up, please call Dianne (902-836-4978), Marlene (902-836-4303), or Alan (902-439-1627).

DAILY MANNA -- Verse for the Day

Day 1 – Ephesians 1:3

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.”

Day 2 – Isaiah 49:8a

“This is what the Lord says: “At just the right time, I will respond to you. On the day of salvation I will help you.”

Day 3 – John 14:13

“You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.”

Day 4 – Jeremiah 10:7

“Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For this is your due; for among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is none like you.”

Day 5 – 1 Thessalonians 5:18

“Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.”

Day 6 – Psalm 28:7

“The Lord protects and defends me: I trust in him. He gives me help and makes me glad.”

Day 7 – Isaiah 61:2a

“He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the Lord’s favour has come.”

Day 8 – 2 Timothy 1:7

“For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”

Day 9 – 2 Samuel 7:28

“For you are God, O Sovereign Lord. Your words are truth.”

A READING FROM ACTS 4:32-35

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

A READING FROM 1 JOHN 1:1 – 2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete. This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.