

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

Worship on April 5

8 am – St. Thomas' HE (Baptism) - breakfast
9 am – St. Stephen's HE
11 am – St. Mark's HE
7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC

Today's Readings

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ Anglican Churches of Pictou County, NS
~ Liscomb with Port Bickerton, NS

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Bishop Sandra Fyfe

DCS Cycle of Prayer - St. Alban's, Souris

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

April 12: 2nd Sunday of Easter (white)

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Stephen's HE
11 am – St. Thomas' HE
11 am – St. Mark's MP

Readings: Exodus 15:1-11; Psalm 111; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Readers: Judy C, Judy M; Hilda J, Jim D; Barb C, Norma T

Prayers of the People: Grafton C, Amy M, Doris M

Easter Flowers

+ at St. Thomas' are placed in loving memory of

- **William (Bill) Pidgeon**

with love from Laura and family

- **Robert & Brenda Montgomery**

with love from the family

- **Horace & Elizabeth (Bessie) Meek**

with love from the family

- **Harold & Beverley Brister**

with love from Leanne and family

+ at St. Stephen's are placed in loving memory of

- **Brent & Virjene Cole**

with love from granddaughters Ferne, Sarah,
Rose, and Shannon, and their families

Congratulations and welcome to our church family to Sadie Paynter, daughter of Samara and Derek, baptized today at St. Thomas' Easter Service.

Thank you to St. Thomas' for hosting and providing the wonderful homemade food for the Quiet Day with the Bishop held on Friday, March 27.

Parish Council Meeting: 7pm, Wed., April 8 at St. Stephen's

Clinton View Lodge sing-a-long - Thursday, April 9, 2:15 p.m.

Rev. Shirley will be away April 13-21. Coverage particulars to follow.

St. Thomas' Fisher Service – April 19, 6:00 p.m. Rev. Cathy Pharo presiding; Dennis Cole preaching; Kim Gallant children's ministry; combined choirs offering special music.

Easter Sunday Service

Including the *Service of Light, Baptism, and Renewal of Vows*, to move from darkness into the new day of the resurrection.

The Gathering: The Service of Light

Greeting and Lighting of the Paschal Candle:

Celebrant: *Lighting the Candle says:* May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our Hearts and minds.

The Light of Christ acclamation. *As the Candle is carried forward:*

Celebrant: The light of Christ

People: **Thanks be to God**

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People: **Thanks be to God**

The Exsultet:

Reader: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation! Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever! Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

Opening Hymn

Easter Greeting

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Glory to God

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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. 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.

The Collect of the Day

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading From Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;*

his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,*

"His mercy endures for ever."

The Lord is my strength and my song,*

and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory*

in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!*

the right hand of the Lord is exalted!

the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live,*

and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely,*

but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;*

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord;*

he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me*

and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected*

has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing,*

and it is marvellous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted;*

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Holy and mighty God, your Son's triumph over sin and death

has opened to us the gate of eternal life. Purify our hearts

that we may follow where he has gone and share in the radiance

of his glory. We ask this for the sake of our risen Lord.

A Reading From Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hid-den with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Gradual Hymn

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Sermon

Antem (*where applicable*)

The Liturgy of Initiation: Baptism & Renewal

Service with Baptism

Baptism- pages 153-161 beginning with presentation of candidate

Service without Baptism

Baptismal Covenant (Renewal of Vows): pages 330-332

The Sprinkling (Asperges): The priest may sprinkle the congregation with holy water as a sign of their own baptismal renewal.

In both Services, The Renewal of Vows replaces the Nicene Creed.

Prayers of the People

The Peace: page 192

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

Prayer Over the Gifts

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day,
and grant that we who have confessed your name,
and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection,
through Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

The Sending Forth

Prayer after Communion

God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection
promised in this Easter sacrament.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Doxology

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Dismissal: "Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!"