

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

A very young child sets out to take some of his or her very first steps. To you or me, the few feet that separates that child from his or her parent is little more than an arm's length; almost too small a distance to measure. But to that child, unfamiliar with the simple process of walking, it might as well be the width of an ocean.

Curiously and yet hesitatingly, the child hangs on to the familiar; grasping the leg of a chair tentatively, longingly, looking down at the floor and up to their parent, taking a few small half steps before drawing back. The challenge is just too great to risk. Then the parent reaches out with a hand, gently, lovingly, offering to guide the child; and they, in an instant, completely trusting the love which that hand so firmly and tangibly represents, reaches out and takes a hold; and abandons the chair for the freedom of walking.

I don't know what you will face with the same fear and anxiety with which that child faces the prospect of unfamiliar territory. And I don't know what you will cling to for security in those moments of doubt. I suspect that we are all tempted to put our trust in any number of things that, in the end, prove as unreliable and unstable as a chair leg.

Some of you may have heard the story of Corrie ten Boom, perhaps by reading some of her many books, such as *Tramp for the Lord* and *The Hiding Place*; or by seeing the movie of the same name which was made in 1975. She and her family were active in the Dutch Resistance during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands in the Second World War, sheltering Jews and members of the resistance in a small secret room which had been constructed behind a false wall in Corrie's bedroom. In time, they were betrayed by a Dutch informant and Corrie and her father Casper and her sister Betsie were arrested. Her father died a few days after his arrest; but Corrie and Betsie were eventually imprisoned in the Ravensbrück concentration camp, where over several months Betsie's health declined. Before she died in December of 1944 at the age of 59, she told Corrie, "There is no pit so deep that He [God] is not deeper still."

As we navigate the first few weeks of this New Year, with much to concern and worry us; as each new day brings with it new challenges and new fears, I hope that you will trust the hand that God holds out to you. He lives with us, and because of that everything changes.

As Betsie ten Boom reminds us, "there is no pit so deep that God's is not deeper still"; and as Holy Scripture reminds us, there is no fear so great

that God's love is not greater still.

As we step out into a new year, maybe a little fearful and worried, may all that we do speak of the trust that we have in our Incarnate Lord who lives each moment of each day with us; and may all that we do speak of our willingness to keep our promises and respect the trust that others place in us. Let us, this year, help to make this a world where others are able to take those first few steps over fear and doubt because they have seen and known, in our lives, the power of Christ to change everything.



### **UPDATE – A NOTE ON HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION:**

We wish to thank all those who volunteered to assist with the administration of Holy Communion as we transition back to the reception of the consecrated wine. We will be integrating our volunteers into our service schedule to ensure that we always have two people to administer the Sacrament at every service.

Initially, we will continue to receive the consecrated bread in the same manner that we have been using since the beginning of the pandemic. Everyone is encouraged to sanitise their hands as they come forward; and recipients will continue to come to the centre of the altar rail, either as individuals or as groups, where they will receive the host from the celebrant. **Those who do not wish to receive from the chalice** will then consume the host and return to their seats, as we have been doing.

**Those who do wish to receive from the chalice** will **not** immediately consume the host but will then proceed to the second station. Once there, they will hand the host to the administrator, who will intinct (dip) a small portion of the host into the consecrated wine and return it to the recipient. The recipient should receive the intincted host between their fingers (rather than in the palm of their hand) and consume the host before returning to their seat.

We wish to ensure that everyone knows that they may choose to receive or not receive from the chalice. *It is entirely optional*; and there is no expectation that those not comfortable receiving from the chalice must do so. All those who wish to continue to receive only the consecrated bread, as we have been doing for more than two years, are warmly encouraged to continue their current practice.

There will be some adjustments as we get used to new ways of receiving Holy Communion but never be afraid to ask questions. We will do our best to answer your concerns as we work through the process of returning to the option of full reception for those who wish to do so.

## Parish Notices and Updates

**ST. MARY'S BIBLE STUDY** is held each Friday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Church. We're looking at a series called "Matriarchs & Patriarchs; Prophets & Papyri: the great stories of the Old Testament and how they point us to Jesus." Feel free to come along whenever you can!

**AS WE ARE AWARE, THE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH OF MARYSVILLE** had a remarkably successful fundraising campaign through their 2022 virtual bowling tournament. As a result, a donation of \$10,000 was made to the Fredericton Community Kitchens for their Student Hunger project. As a way of saying thank you to the 'bowlers' and supporters from both parishes, they are inviting the parishes to join them for an afternoon of bowling at The Drome (Bowl-a-Drome), followed by a supper here at St. Mary's next **Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**. Bowling will run from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and supper will follow immediately after. If you'd like to join in the celebration, please speak to the Rector or the Curate.

**FOR MANY YEARS THE PEOPLE OF ALL SAINTS'** have offered a weekly reading programme at Kinderland Daycare next door to the Church. It was suspended at the start of the pandemic but has now resumed each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. It's just 20 minutes per session and a rota will be drawn up to provide a regular schedule. They invite the people of St. Mary's to share in this lovely and important ministry. Please speak with Sheila Staples if you would like to participate.

**ORDINATION OF DEACON NICHOLAS:** Archbishop David Edwards has indicated that Deacon Nicholas will be ordained to the priesthood on **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**, at 4:00 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral. Please keep Deacon Nicholas in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination; and be sure to make plans to attend the Service to support him in his ministry.



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



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## THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK



But the most important sign, the most important 'epiphany' in this miracle, is how it points to and reveals God's very self, his innermost generous heart. For this wine – symbolizing God's salvation – is not free; it is going to cost Jesus everything. That is why at first he tells his mother "My hour is not yet come." This wine of transformed living comes to us at the cost of Jesus' own heart's blood, given once for all on the cross, and received by us in communion.

Malcolm Guite

# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*January 14, 2023*

*Arise! Shine! For your light  
has come!  
O come, let us worship!*

**4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:**

✠ Psalm 71 | Hosea 10 | Galatians 6

**5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit Psalm 66:1-3:	<i>page 408</i>
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 124</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	2 Kings 4:1-17
Surge Illuminare:	<i>page 28</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 124</i>
Gradual Psalm 107:8-9:	<i>page 472</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 125</i>
The Nicene Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy C: <b>Hear our prayer</b>
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
Post Communion Prayers:	<i>page 85</i>

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**JANUARY 16: IN THE OCTAVE OF EPIPHANY**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

**JANUARY 17: EPIPHANY FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

**JANUARY 18: EPIPHANY FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**JANUARY 19: HENRY**, Missionary and Bishop in Finland, 1150

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

2:00 p.m. – Holy Communion, *Paradise Villa*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

**JANUARY 20: EPIPHANY FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

4:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)

**JANUARY 21: THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

St. Agnus, Virgin & Martyr, c.304

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**JANUARY 22: THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer



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*January 15, 2023*

*Arise! Shine! For your light has come!  
O come, let us worship!*

**9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalm 27 | Isaiah 43:14-44:5 | Ephesians 1

**10:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	97 (DIX)
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 124
The Old Testament Reading:	2 Kings 4:1-17
♪ SURGE ILLUMINARE:	page 28
The Epistle:	page 124
♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	93 (DUNDEE)
The Holy Gospel:	page 125
♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (refrain only):	747 (Iris)
The Nicene Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	356 (STELLA ORIENTS)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy C: Hear our prayer
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♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	No Crowded Eastern Street <i>please see the bulletin insert</i>

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