

## *From the Curate* \_\_\_\_\_

This weekend marks the Coronation of our Sovereign and Head of State, King Charles III. Depending on your views on the monarchy, there are differences of opinion about the importance of this event, but it is nonetheless significant in the life of our democracy here in Canada since our Constitutional Monarch's time as King gets an official kick-start. You may wonder why we in the Church mention the monarch so much in our prayers: for example, we are bidden to pray for the monarch at Morning Prayer each day (see BCP pages 12 and 13); in the Litany (p. 32); an optional Collect at the Eucharist (p. 70); and in the Prayer for the Church (p. 75). There are more instances, but these are just some of the more frequently seen.

***Why do we do this?*** First and foremost, Christians pray for our rulers because they need it. The New Testament basis for this makes clear that those being prayed for need not be good, or likeable, or even Christian (see 1 Timothy 2:1-2 and 1 Peter 2:13-17, for example). They need our prayers because the decisions they make, or those made by the people who derive their power from the sovereign (i.e. Prime Ministers), affect the lives of countless people in their lands. We Canadians pray for the King, our Prime Minister and Parliament, our Premiers, etc., while the United States prays for their President, members of Congress, etc. We are called to pray for all those in power in every place so that they might be filled with the Grace of God and follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit – even if they don't recognize that's what they're doing.

These prayers for leaders extend beyond the Anglican Church, too. Prior to the Reformation in the 1500s, liturgies from various parts of Europe show how they prayed for their local leaders, including the Pope, the local bishops, the king (or emperor), or local lords. Following the English Reforms under King Henry VIII, the Church in England recognized the King as the Supreme Governor of religion in that land. This was the result of political and power clashes between the King and the Pope, and the fallout established a far more direct practice of praying for the monarch and the Royal Family in Anglican liturgy. This remains the case to this day, with our prayers for the King continuing daily.

***But what about the scandal that surrounds the King?*** There is no doubt memory of many previous scandals surrounding the King might cause us hesitation to pray for him. But, truly, this is reason for us to pray for him *even more*. We pray that God may use the King, and all our rulers, so that they enact His [God's] will in this world. We pray that God may take the

scandals and help our leaders (and us) to learn from the mistakes. If there is a problem, God alone can truly fix it through his reconciliation and forgiveness. We pray for healing and good leadership. We pray “*that in all things he may be led by thy guidance and protected by thy power*” (BCP, p. 13), and “*that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way*” (p. 12).

We don't pray for the King just because we like him (or because we don't). We pray for all our rulers because, truly, they need all the help they can get – and that help comes from God alone. We pray for justice and order in society that only God can truly provide, so we ask for His grace to pour down on the humans of His creation who execute those roles.

The theology of prayer for the King is laid out nicely in the extra stanza of the Royal Anthem: “*Thy choicest gifts in store, / On him be pleased to pour; / Long may he reign: / May he defend our laws, / And ever give us cause, / To sing with heart and voice, / God save the King!*”

May God bless his people through the reign of King Charles. God Save the King.



**REMINDER: The schedule of Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist each weekend is as follows:**

**Saturday @ 5:00 p.m. @ St. Mary's**

**Sunday @ 9:30 a.m. @ All Saints'**

**Sunday @ 11:00 a.m. @ St. Mary's**



## *Parish Notices and Updates* \_\_\_\_\_

**VERY SINCERE THANKS ARE OFFERED** to those all who assisted with the reception following Fr. Nicholas' ordination last Sunday at Christ Church Cathedral and following his first Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at St. Mary's this past Wednesday; as well as to those who were able to join in the celebrations. Both were joyful gatherings of the Family of God. Many thanks for your presence and prayers as he begins a new stage in his vocation and ministry.

**ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** will be held this coming Friday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Church. We're concluding our series

called “Matriarchs & Patriarchs; Prophets & Papyri: the great stories of the Old Testament and how they point us to Jesus.” And if you wish, you’re welcome to remain following the study for lunch as we conclude our weekly sessions.

**PARISH SPRING CLEAN-UP:** Please plan to join us for a Workday to help clean up the Church property before the start of summer on *Saturday, May 13th* from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Please speak to the Rector if you think you can join us for any part of that time.

**ST. MARY’S BRANCH OF THE MOTHERS’ UNION** will be meeting on *Saturday, May 13th* from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Shara Golden will be speaking to them about the critical problem of gender-based violence in our community. They invite you to join with them. For more information please speak to Adele Knox or Shirley Hupman.

**PLEASE JOIN WITH OUR PARISH FAMILY** on *Wednesday, May 17th* at 7:00 p.m. for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Archbishop David Edwards will be with us to confirm eight candidates. A Reception will follow in the Parish Hall

**ASCENSION DAY** is the Church’s commemoration of Christ’s triumphal return to heaven following His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection. It falls each year on the 40<sup>th</sup> day of Easter. A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Ascension will be held on *Thursday, May 18th at 10:00 a.m.* at All Saints’ Church in the Parish of Marysville; and everyone is encouraged to make the effort to attend as their schedule permits. Some light refreshments will follow the Service. Plan to join us on the 18<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the completion of Christ’s earthly ministry and His promise to send us the Holy Spirit.



*Please join us in the Parish Hall  
following the 11:00 a.m. Celebration  
for Coffee and Conversation.*



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THE PARISH OF  
ST. MARY, YORK

I know  
that my  
Redeemer  
LIVES

**JOB 19:25**

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The word "Comforter" as applied to the Holy Spirit needs to be translated by some vigorous term. Literally, it means "with strength." Jesus promised His followers that "The Strengthener" would be with them forever. This promise is no lullaby for the faint-hearted. It is a blood transfusion for courageous living.

E. Paul Hovey

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

*May 6, 2023*

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

**4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:**

✠ Psalm 36 | Deuteronomy 34 | Acts 20:17-end

**5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Introit Psalm 98:1-4:	<i>page 455</i>
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 194</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Job 19:21-27a
Easter Anthems	<i>page 182</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 195</i>
Gradual Psalm 118:15-18:	<i>page 484</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 195</i>
The 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 Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### **MAY 10: EASTER FERIA**

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

### **MAY 11: CYRIL & METHODIUS**, Missionaries to the Slavs, 885

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

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

### **MAY 12: FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE**, Nurse, 1910

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

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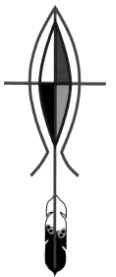
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*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
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**11:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

♪ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** **165** (AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM)

The Gloria: *page 86*

The Collect: *page 194*

The Old Testament Reading: Job 19:21-27a

♪ **EASTER ANTHEMS** *page 182*

The Epistle: *page 195*

♪ **GRADUAL HYMN:** **Thine is the Glory**

*please see the bulletin insert*

The Holy Gospel: *page 195*

**Gospel Acclamation:** **Alleluia** (LASST UNS ERFREUEN 352)

The Creed: *page 71*

The Homily

♪ **OFFERTORY HYMN:** **515** (DUKE STREET)

The Prayers of the People: L: Lord, in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer**

The Consecration: *page 82*

Post Communion Prayer: *page 85*

♪ **RECESSIONAL HYMN:** **348** (WESTMINSTER ABBEY RB 145)

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