

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

On the first day of the week, in the evening, as they are gathered together behind locked doors, the apostles hear the first accounts of the appearances of Jesus after His resurrection. Having heard earlier in the day the reports that Mary Magdalene and Peter and John brought of an empty tomb and the words of an angel and a conversation with the Christ, they now hear a scarcely believable report from two disciples who met and walked and ate with Jesus during an amazing journey to a town called Emmaus. And even as they are trying to comprehend what all of these stories mean, the apostles are startled to find Jesus Himself standing amongst them. And while we might assume that their response should have been overwhelming joy and relief, we are told that they were frightened because they were worried that they might be seeing a ghost. Even reaching out to touch the wounds of Jesus is inadequate to move them to faith. They are still too amazed to believe that it could actually be Him. So Jesus offers them a second test: 'Have you anything here to eat', He asks them. And, being given a piece of broiled fish, Jesus eats it in their presence, as further proof that He is alive; that He is not a ghost. And, finally, having heard the early reports from Mary and Peter and John, having heard the account of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and having seen and heard and spoken with Jesus Himself, the apostles finally begin to believe the very thing that Jesus had told them would happen: that the Christ would die and rise again on the third day.

On this Octave Day of Easter I want us to think about our own response to the good news of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. I want us to think about how the Resurrection of Christ changes our lives. And I want us to think about whether or not the joy that ought to be ours because of His Resurrection is actually reflected in the life that we live and in the witness that we make. For example, do we express, clearly and unequivocally the confidence and the trust that we have because we know that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead? Do we offer to others, by how we behave and by what we say, the peace and joy that is ours because we confidently know that the power of death and sorrow have been destroyed by the power of God? Is our life a reflection of the risen life that we have been offered in the risen Body of Jesus Christ our Lord?

In all of these circumstances we have to ask ourselves some very basic questions about our faith, and about the witness that we make to that faith every day. Are the things that annoy and bother us sufficiently great to dim the joy of our new life in Christ? Are the daily struggles that we face great enough to outshine the marvellous joy that ought to be ours because

of God's love for us? What are we saying to others when we let the small struggles of life get in the way of our mutual happiness and pleasure; happiness and pleasures which God has reserved for each one of us?

I could say that we owe it to others to be messengers of God's love. But I could make the point just as well that we owe it to ourselves. There is no lasting joy, no real satisfaction in failing to recognize God's great goodness in every moment of our lives. There is no personal comfort when we resort to negativity in the face of personal trials. We only magnify our grief when we allow it to blind us to the many good things that God is doing in our lives every day. We only multiply our trials when we allow them to overwhelm us.

When the apostles failed to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead Jesus showed them His hands and His feet; he showed them the wounds by which he had been put to death. On one level, he was showing them very clear proof that it was really him; the wounds were clear evidence that he was not a ghost. But, on another level, a level that says much to us today, he was showing not only proof of his death but proof of his love and proof of his power.

The Jesus who died so that we might live; who was prepared to suffer so that all suffering might be taken from us; who rose from the dead so that we might have hope; who carries those same wounds to this very day has both the power and the will to save us from anything that would hurt or harm or hinder us. Nothing, especially the small annoyances of life, should ever be able to take that joy and that confidence and that trust from us. And nothing should ever get in the way of our continual expression of that joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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

**CAPTAIN NICHOLAS SAULNIER** will be ordained as deacon in the Church of God on the **Feast of St. Barnabas, June 11<sup>th</sup>**, at 2:00 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church in Moncton. Captain Saulnier is expected to start his work in the Parishes of St. Mary, York, Marysville, and Stanley shortly after his ordination. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for this foundational day in his ministry as he responds to God's call to servanthood.

**SAFE FOOD HANDLING COURSE:** Chef Yves Dechaine will be offering the course on *Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>*, **starting at 9:00 a.m.** here at St. Mary's. If you are one of those who previously expressed a wish to

receive the training and have not yet confirmed your availability on that date please speak with the Rector this week.

**OUR WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** continues each Friday from **10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Zoom** as we continue with our series called “Matriarchs & Patriarchs; Prophets & Papyri: the great stories of the Old Testament and how they point us to Jesus.” If you’d like to join us, even occasionally, please let the Rector know so that he can send the Zoom link to you.



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.



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### **APRIL 26: EASTER FERIA**

2:30 p.m. – Holy Communion, Neill Hall

### **APRIL 27: ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST** (transferred)

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

### **APRIL 28: EASTER FERIA**

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

### **APRIL 29: EASTER FERIA**

4:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)

### **APRIL 30: EASTER FERIA**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

### **MAY 1: ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES THE APOSTLES**

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

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be with you.  
As the Father has  
sent me,  
so I send you.”

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What changed these very ordinary men (who were such cowards that they didn’t dare stand too near the cross in case they got involved) into heroes who would stop at nothing? A swindle? Hallucination? Spooky nonsense in a darkened room? Or Somebody quietly doing what He said He’d do—walk right through death? *What do YOU think?*

J. B. Phillips, *Is God at Home?*

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# THE OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER

*April 23, 2022*

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

## **4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:**

✠ Psalms 146 & 150 | Micah 7:7-end | St. John 11:17-44

## **5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Introit Psalm 81:1-4:	<i>page 434</i>
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 190</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Ezekiel 37:1-10
Psalm 118:22-25:	<i>page 484</i>
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The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
Post Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>

# THE OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER

*April 24, 2022*

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

## **9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalms 56 & 57 | Ezekiel 37:1-14 | St. Luke 24:13-35

## **10:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	<b>160</b> (ST. GEORGE)
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
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The Old Testament Reading:	Ezekiel 37:1-10
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<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	<b>Alleluia</b>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	<b>235</b> (ST. OSMUND)
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>
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	<b>169</b> (ST. FULBERT)