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| ***Worship Calendar*****Sunday, April 27th, Second Sunday of Easter** (AG Team 3) **10:30 a.m**. – (White) **Instructed Eucharist** (AG Team 2) (EA Gail Trewhitt)Acts 5:27-32 Donald Sparkes Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4-8 Rosalind Sparkes John 20:19-31l**Sunday, May 4th , Third Sunday of Easter** **10:30 a.m.** (White) **Family Prayers in Easter** followed by a Cup O’ Tea in the Parish Hall (AG Team 1) Deacon Lisa Cox (Officiant)Acts 9: 1 – 6 Glenda Tapp Psalm 30 Revelation 5; 11 – 14 Sandra Squires John 21: 1 – 19**Sunday, May 11th , Fourth Sunday of Easter** **10:30 a.m. (**White) **Holy Eucharist** with Family Ukulele Ministry (AG Team 2) (EA Donald Sparkes) Archdeacon Greg Mercer (Presider)Acts 9: 36 – 43 Shirley Butt Psalm 23 Revelation 7: 9 – 17 Rev. Emeline Coffin John 10: 22 – 30**Sunday, May 18th , Fifth Sunday of Easter** **10:30 a.m.** (White) **Morning Prayer in Easter** (AG Team 3) Deacon Lisa Cox (Officiant)Acts 11: 1 – 18 Robert Dawe Psalm 148 Revelation 21: 1 – 6 Donna Dawe John 13: 31 – 35 |

**Parish Office hours are Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

***Service Roster:*** Sidespersons Sound Room

April 27th John C. Bob D.

May 4th Gail T. Andrew B.

May 11th  Ken C. Jim S.

May 18th  David M. Philip G.

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| Bishop: The Right Reverend Dr. Samuel RoseDiocesan Administrator: The Venerable Charlene TaylorRector: The Reverend Canon Josiah “Jotie” Noel, T.S.S.F. (Third Order, Society of St. Francis)Parish Deacon:  The Reverend Lisa CoxOrganists/Choir Director: Stephanie Gavell, Amanda Dawe-LedwellParish Wardens: Rex Hillier & Donald SparkesOffice Administrator: David Kelland |

**Welcome to the**

**Parish of St. John The Evangelist**

**Conception Bay South, Newfoundland**

**April 20, 2025**



The Bulletin is given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

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***Our Parish Mission Statement***

***We believe in nurturing a community of faith dedicated to inclusion, support and sharing the story of God's love with all people regardless of the stage of their spiritual journey***

The Parish live-streams our regular Sunday Services and posts to Facebook

*“Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni” which means teacher. John 20: 16*

**The Parish Office will be CLOSED**

**Monday, April 21st and will reopen Tuesday, April 22nd at 9:00 a.m.**

Then she hears her name called, “Mary.” The illogical, unthinkable, impossible, unnatural, incredible breaks in. The one certified as dead – she saw the napkin, the linen cloth – now greets her, calling her by name.

“Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father” (20:17) Jesus says. Mary’s perfectly logical, understandably natural need to pursue the body of her beloved Jesus has not yet room for the miracle that has happened. The voice of Jesus has called to her, across an abyss of death, thrown a line to her across the cavernous expanse between her little logic of red wheelbarrows and all that and the power of God to work wonder. Like the voice that shatters glass, the voice of Jesus has shattered Mary’s world, called her forward to new possibility, new future.

Mary is now able to obey, to tell the others, “I have seen the Lord” (vs. 18). She has moved beyond her preoccupation with the corpse to an encounter with Christ. Her cause-effect logic is replaced by the larger logic called faith. She has been encountered, not by the dead corpse she thought she was seeing, but by a living Lord who is on the move and will not be held by us on our little logic.

Now there are at least two ways to think about things: cognition has two paths to the point of recognition. The first is, say, when you’re working on a tough math problem and after much effort you say, “I got it!”

The other way is, say, when you go to a great movie, and it changes you, lays hold of you to the very depths and you emerge changed. In that case, you don’t say, “I got it!” No. It gets you.

You and I, dying as we are, have come here today the Mary Magdalene to find Jesus, to search for him using whatever cognitive means we have. But you don’t “find” Jesus, apprehend him like a red wheelbarrow. No. He calls your name, shatters the world, returns, intrudes. **He finds you!** Canon Jotie, TSSF

*God unlimited by mortal fear or the tomb’s cold grip:*

*in the lingering dark give us grace to know your life triumphant,*

*your love undimmed,*

*and your grace affirmed in the face of Jesus Christ,*

*the firstborn from the dead. Amen. (ACC)*

**Easter Flowers: -** Any donations towards the Easter Flowers will be gratefully received and acknowledged in the next Bulletin.

**We invite prayers for those who are sick**: Cassidy B., Patricia B., Elaine M., Doug T., Tammy H., Jeanette P., Wally H., Ruby H., Kelly R., Eva B., Hayden P., Cynthia W., Scott S., Don M., Colin C., Hilda S., Elaine C., Lois B.

**St. John the Evangelist Annual Meeting** – The Vestry is tentatively preparing to have our Annual Congregational meeting on **Sunday, May 4**, following family prayers at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. With this is mind, we will need to fill two vestry positions – each for two years. If you feel you would like to fill one of these positions, please let Donald Sparkes or Rex Hillier know.

**Summer Job Opportunity**

St John the Evangelist Anglican Church Topsail is looking

 to hire the following students for work

on the church property and in the cemetery.

Starting on July 2nd

1. One youth for 8 weeks at 35 hours per week. (Canada Summer Jobs confirmed)
2. One youth for 6 weeks at 20 hours per week. (Pending approval of NL Summer Jobs)

Applications with resumes should be emailed to

 sjtetopsail@nfld.net by May 7.

 *God of new creation, from the womb of the earth you raised the Lord of life:*

 *May we receive the word of women who braved the soldier’s spears and met Him in the dawning light;*

 *May we live with morning joy that love will never die,*

 *Through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. Amen,*

*(Prayers for an Inclusive Church)*

**Bishop’s 2025 Easter Letter**

Dear Beloved Disciples,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who by His death has destroyed death and by His rising again has restored to us everlasting life.

As we gather in our parishes this Easter, our hearts are lifted in joyous celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. Easter is the heartbeat of our faith. Light overcomes darkness, hope triumphs over despair, and life emerges victorious from the Tomb. We greet each other with the ancient proclamation: **The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

This winter has, as ever, tested our resolve here in Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador. The winds have howled, the snow has blanketed our communities, and yet, beneath it all, the promise of spring has stirred. Easter arrives as God’s resounding “Yes” to that promise - a reminder that new life is breaking forth even in the coldest and darkest of times. Just as the ice cracks and the waters flow once more, so too does the stone roll away, revealing the empty tomb and the risen Christ who meets us where we stand.

In our Diocese, this Easter holds special meaning as we continue to “Set Sail” together, charting the course for Christ’s Church as outlined in our strategic plan. This journey calls us to deepen our relationships - with God, with one another, and with the world around us and to transform our discipleship into lives of new life that break forth in witness and compassionate service. We are challenged to renew our stewardship with specific care for God’s Creation. And through engaging in partnerships, we show God's transformative love by reaching out to others.

I know that some approach this Easter with heavy hearts. For some, this season comes amidst grief, uncertainty, or struggle - whether it be the loss of a loved one, the challenges of daily life, the anxiety of political uncertainty or the worries of a changing climate. To you, I offer the promise of the Easter Gospel: Christ has walked through the valley of the shadow of death and emerged victorious. The Risen Christ walks with you now, bearing your burdens and illuminating your path with the light of His presence.

As Anglicans in this Diocese, we are a people of the Cross and the Resurrection. Our tradition reminds us that these two truths are inseparable: suffering and glory, sacrifice and renewal. In our worship, we proclaim this mystery through the Eucharist, where we encounter the risen Lord in bread broken and wine poured out. In your parishes and homes, I encourage you to draw near to this sacred meal, find strength in its grace, and let it shape us into a community of hope and compassion.

Let us also remember that Easter calls us to be Easter people, not just for one day, but every day. The risen Christ sent His disciples into the world, and so He sends us to our neighbours, our communities, and the strangers in our midst. In a Diocese as diverse as ours, from urban centres to remote outports, we have countless opportunities to embody the love of the Risen Lord. Whether through advocacy for justice or caring for God’s creation, let us be active witnesses to the Resurrection in all we do, bringing hope and healing to a world in need.

As your Bishop, I thank you for your faithfulness, resilience, and commitment to the Gospel. Your steadfastness in the face of challenges is a testament to the power of the Resurrection. I pray that this Easter season fills you with the joy of Christ’s victory and the courage to be His disciples. May the Holy Spirit, who raised Jesus from the dead, dwell richly in our parishes and in our hearts, renewing us for the journey ahead.

In the Risen Christ,



The Right Rev. Samuel Rose

Bishop of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador