



# Parish of the Ascension Chimes



**Sunday, April 1, 2018  
Easter Day**

**Lections:** Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, **Refrain: "On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia"**

**8:30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)**  
Presider: Rev.'d Lynn Courage  
Homilist: Rev. Shawn Samson

**11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)**  
Celebrant: Dean William Bellamy  
Homilist: Rev.'d Canon David Burrows  
Readers: Ed Miller and Abigail Bellamy  
Gift Bearers: Yvonne and Ed Somerton  
Hymns (CP): 203; 217; 231; 48 & 405; 374

**6:30 p.m. No Service**

*"Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast."* 1 Corinthians 5.7-8

**Easter Monday:** The office will be closed on Easter Monday April 2, 2018, if you have an emergency please contact Rev. Lynn at 682-8500.

**Ascension Café participants** are reminded that there will be no café next Sunday, April 8. This is to accommodate the Men's Service Club Communion Breakfast. Café will resume Sunday, April 15.

**Annual General Meeting: The Parish** AGM will take place next week, **Sunday April 8, 2018 at 2:00 pm.** The Report and Financials are available at the back of the Church.

## Rector's Weekly Word



*Hallelujah! Christ is risen.  
The Lord is risen indeed. Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Christ is risen.  
The Lord is risen indeed, Hallelujah!  
May his grace and peace be with you.  
May he fill our hearts with joy,  
Hallelujah! Christ is risen, the Lord is risen indeed!*

In this great exclamation, the joy of our faith, and the work of God is offered as we gather as the community of Jesus' Way this coming Sunday morning.

The tomb is broken open; the pain and the horror of the trial, abuse, and death of Jesus is complete. God has died so that the world might be redeemed.

We are challenged by so many parts of the story of the passion and the resurrection. It is hard to journey through the week, to get to the place of redemption, for it involves acknowledging humanity's complete abandonment of God, and destruction of the so many ideals that were held – that Jesus would not die, that the community would acknowledge the blessing of God's son, and that his closest friends abandoned, betrayed, and denied him.

We in our own community, culture, time and space deal with our own immersion in the narrative of Holy Week and Easter. Passion and resurrection are themes through the liturgy, hymnody, and prayer, which not only play themselves out in the act of worship, but also in our lives.

Let us be gentle this week, as the sun rises, and we acknowledge the pain and hurt of death by passion, and the redemptive power of God in our lives, through resurrection. May we be blessed, and continue to sing Hallelujah each and every moment of our lives.

*Peace  
David*

**Vestry members** are reminded of their **extra special vestry meeting on Thursday, April 5** in the multi-purpose room. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend.

**Men's Service Club Members** are reminded of their regular monthly business meeting, tomorrow, Monday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. Team #2 to provide fellowship snack.

**All counters, especially captains and new members,** are asked to attend a meeting on Thursday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss procedures for counting so that a consistent approach will be used to facilitate the recording of information at the office level.

**Home Again Furniture Bank Lenten Project, *Seats with a Heart Beat***  
Money raised to date is \$855.00.

**A Diocesan Festival of Lessons and Carols for Easter:** 4 p.m. Sunday, 8 April at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. Choirs and choir members from around the Diocese are welcome to take part. Choir members are asked to gather at 2:45 p.m. for a rehearsal. Everyone is welcome to join in this service to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

**Godly Play** will not meet again until Sunday, April 15 after Easter Vacation. The Godly Play teachers wishes everyone a very blessed Easter.

**GPS – God's Positioning System** is an annual gathering of youth and young people in our Diocese! This year's guest speaker will be Sheilagh McGlynn, the Youth Animator for the Anglican Church of Canada. **April 27 – 29, at St. Lawrence Church, Portugal Cove.** This is a **Residential Conference – ie: Sleepover!** You can attend without staying there, but you probably won't want to! The Gathering is open to **young people ages 11 to 19**, but we also have a session for Youth Leaders and Clergy on **Thursday, April 26**, at St. Philip's Church, and we welcome Youth Leaders to attend the weekend with their young people. **Register for Free by April 8<sup>th</sup>!** If you are interested, please speak to your Rector.

**Food Bank:** When you are picking up your groceries, please add an item or two and drop it in the food bank box. Items needed this week are **Tin Vegetables, Tin Pasta and Tin Beans.** If you wish, you may also make a monetary donation to the food hamper fund. It is much appreciated!

**Fellowship of the Least Coin Service – 2018:** On Friday evening, April 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. we will be holding the annual Fellowship of the Least Coin Service at St. James United Church, 330 Elizabeth Ave. St. John's. Please join us for an evening of fellowship! We would be thankful for any coins you have been collecting or, at that time, would like to make a donation. FLC is a component of the Women's Inter-Church Council of

Canada and donations provide grants, the same way as the World Day of Prayer for impoverished women around the world. There will be special music and a social time will follow. Any further information required, please contact Inez Penney 237-7100 or Susan Sheppard, St. James United Church 722-1881.

**The Annual Holocaust Remembrance,** organized by the Jewish Community Havura of Newfoundland and Labrador, will take place at 3:30 pm on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. This year's commemoration will feature a multi-media presentation created by Professor Robert Katz of the University of Maine at Augusta, *Were the House Still Standing*. This work weaves together the testimony of sixteen Holocaust survivors and liberators, using video, photography, audio, and text to ensure that their memories will endure and be shared to future generations. The memorial service will be held in the Science Lecture Theatre, SN2109, in the southwest corner of the Science Building at Memorial University. (<https://www.myatlascms.com/map/?id=219&mrklid=139852>). Parking is available in lot 15B adjacent to the Music School, and lot 1A in front of the Arts Building. Directions from parking lots will be provided. All are welcome. Please join us.

**Ascension eNews:** Did you know that every Wednesday there is an email sent to a list of Ascension Parishioners with all the current information about happenings in the parish? If you are not on our list and would like to be, simply send your name and email address to Jean Nash at [jeann@nl.rogers.com](mailto:jeann@nl.rogers.com) and she will gladly add your name. If events are postponed, or if you fail to get the *Chimes*, or for whatever reason you are not up to date with church happenings, this news will keep you informed.

<u>Opening Responses</u>	<u>Closing Responses</u>
This is the Good News – The grave is empty, Christ is risen. <b>HALLELUJAH!</b>	Lord of life, you walk this journey with us, and through us; <b>LEAD US LORD, LEAD ON.</b>
This is the Good News – The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out. <b>HALLELUJAH!</b>	Journeying within, and wrestling with the world, <b>LEAD US LORD, LEAD ON.</b>
This is the Good News – Once we were not people, now we are God's people. <b>HALLELUJAH!</b>	Lead us to risk, to grow, and to tread the path you have opened for us; <b>LEAD US LORD, LEAD ON.</b>
	And let us rejoice that every place is your place; <b>IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, THE RISEN ONE. AMEN</b>

**Ascension Prayer Circle:**

Please pray for these individuals this week: Aaron, Andrea, Angela, Ann, Barbara, Bill, Brenda, Brian, Clarence, Claude, Daphne, Darryl, Dennis, Diane, Dot, Dulcie, Eileen, Ernest, Fred, Gary, Harry, Herb, Hilda, Ina, Ivy, Jack, Jason, Jeff, Jennie, Jerome, Jessie, Josephine, Junior, Kevin, Lester, Lindsay, Lori, Mabel, Marguerite, Maxwell, Melissa, Melvin, Mona, Mya, Myra, Nancy, Norm, Randell, Rodney, Roland, Ron, Roy, Ruth, Sean, Sheila, Stan, Stephen, Tina, Todd and Violet.

Remember the families of those who have died.

*Loving God, you gather us as your people, where many come seeking your healing, strength, and love. You know us God: You understand who we are; you know what troubles and puzzles us, what makes you smile and what makes us sad. You listen to our questions and our prayers. We bring you these names, asking for your healing. Be with these named, with their families, and all whom they encounter.*

**Duty Teams for Next Sunday, April 8:** Sidespersons Team # 3; Counting Team # 7.

<b>Services During the Week:</b>	<b>Morning Prayer daily at 9:30 a.m. (Except Monday, Wednesday &amp; Saturday)</b>	
<b>April 4</b>	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)
<b>April 8 Easter II</b>	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)
	6:30 p.m.	EP (WWB)

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