

Ascension Prayer Circle:

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

We gratefully acknowledge donations to the **Giving Thanks Fund**:
in memory of Robert Weir from Marie Weir;
in honor of the 75th birthday of Maud Hunt

Duty Teams for Next Sunday, May 13: Sidespersons Team # 2; Counting Team # 4.

Services During the Week:	Morning Prayer daily at 9:30 a.m. (Except Thursday & Saturday)	
Thursday, May 10	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Sunday, May 13	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Welsh Rite)
	6:30 p.m.	No Evening Service

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**May 6, 2018
Ascension Sunday**

Lections: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53;
Psalm 47

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

9:30 a.m. Ascension Café

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Presider: Rev.'d Canon David Burrows
Homilist: Rev.'d Lynn Courage
Readers: Sheila Foote; Mya Lethbridge
Gift Bearers: Sandra and Gord Nash
Hymns (CP): 482; 309; 447; 322; 52 & 487; 486

6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP)
Presider/Homilist: Rev.'d Canon David Burrows
Hymns (CP): 631; 487; 633

“Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age.” Matthew 28.19,20

Weekly Word

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (John 15:9 – 13)

As we continue into the sixth week of Easter, the paschal candle burns brightly, as we delve further into spring. The hallelujahs offered at the beginning of April might be a little lacklustre, and dwindling, as the candle becomes less prominent as it burns down while we move toward Ascension and Pentecost.

Jesus’ words in John’s Gospel which we hear this Sunday remind us of the challenge Jesus offered to his disciples in the hours before his arrest, torture, sentencing and execution. Jesus was earnest in his dialogue, to share with disciples and friends that we need to abide in the presence and love of God. This involves care for the other, sacrifice of self, and acceptance of life in covenant with God.

For me, I see that care for other, sacrifice of self, and acceptance of life in covenant with God is much simpler when I am not in conflict or in chaos. Everything is easy on a sunny day. Life breathes easier, tasks get fulfilled in due order, and peace abounds.

For me, I recognize that as an individual, and as one who lives within and leads communities, conflict and chaos hold potential each day, and perhaps each moment. It’s not that we are all in the upstairs room each day, waiting for betrayal, arrest, torture, sentence, and execution as God had in Christ Jesus. Yet, living in community produces the natural challenges of differing views in dialogue.

I pray that we breathe, we hear the words of Jesus in this Scripture, extolling us to abide in the presence of God’s love, and to let go own agendas, so that the work of God can continue to abound and transform the world into the place and the community that God would intend.

*Peace
David*

Service Time Change: There will be no service on Wednesday, May 9 at 9:30 a.m. The service will be held 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 10 as we celebrate Ascension Day.

Card Game On May 15, at 7 p.m. the youth attending the CLAY conference in August will be hosting a card game. The cost is \$6 pp. with cash prizes for first, second and most ace of hearts. Please bring your own cards and baskets. Tea and coffee will be provided. Thank you for supporting us!

Confirmation Service: On Thursday May 10, Ascension Day, our confirmation service will take place at 7 p.m. This year we have seven confirmation candidates receiving the sacrament of confirmation. Since we have a small number of candidates this year, we would like to invite the congregation to share this special service with them.

Visiting Choir: On Sunday, July 1 we will host the University of Redlands Chapel Singers at our 11 am service. They will be in the province participating in Podium, a music festival happening in St. John’s at that time. The director of this choir is from Newfoundland and we are excited to hear them sing that morning in our church. Please mark your calendars to attend this service and invite your friends and family.

Outside Clean up and BBQ Come and join us at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 31 and help beautify our grounds after the long winter. Please bring rakes and gloves! The CLB will be helping us and supplying refreshments.

Mark your Calendars: On June 9, from 10 a.m.-noon at The Parish of the Good Shepherd you are invited to participate in a town hall meeting sponsored by the **Diocesan Commission on Parish Renewal and Viability**. Our meeting will include the following parishes - The Good Shepherd, The Ascension, and New Hope.

Godly Play: May 6, The Story of Daniel, May 13 Jerusalem, May 20 The Mystery of Pentecost and May 27 Family Service there is no Godly Play on that day.

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 **Crackers, Cereal & Tin Soup**. If you wish, you may also make a monetary donation to the food hamper fund. It is much appreciated!

The Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group will be holding their monthly "Caregivers Education and Support Program" on Tuesday, May 15th, 1:30-3:00p.m., Park Place Community Centre in Mount Pearl. Guest speaker will be Adam O'Rourke, Behaviour Management Specialist with Eastern Health. He will speak on "**Communication Tips and Techniques for Dementia Care**". If you are a primary caregiver; caring for a loved one at home and would like to attend, please call 748-6485 to register.

<u>OPENING RESPONSES</u>	<u>CLOSING RESPONSES</u>
<p>We come to a holy God WE COME IN AWE AND WONDER</p> <p>We come to a just God WE COME TO ASK FOR HELP AND FORGIVENESS</p> <p>We come to a loving God WE COME SEEKING HELP AND A HUG</p>	<p>Love God with everything that you have and are COME, HOLY SPIRIT REMIND US IN TRUTH WHAT JESUS SAID</p> <p>Love your neighbour as you Love yourself COME, HOLY SPIRIT REMIND US EACH DAY WHAT JESUS SAID</p> <p>"Do not be afraid: I am your friend and I love you" COME, HOLY SPIRIT REMIND US WITH JOY WHAT JESUS SAID</p>