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# *The Cathedral* **MESSENGER**

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Welcome to the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

**8 May 2022**

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Mother's Day**

**Welcome to our Bishop, the Right Reverend Samuel Rose,  
as he joins us for the Celebration of Confirmation this morning!**

**COVID Update:** We strongly encourage you to continue wearing a mask while here in the Cathedral. You are welcome to sit in any pew, but please be respectful of others who may not be as comfortable with people sitting close to them. We will continue to receive the Collection with a Collection Plate at the back of the Nave. We will also continue receiving Communion at the Altar Rail, again, please be respectful of the personal space of other members of the congregation (please go up through the Lady Chapel and back through the organ tunnel). We will also continue to live-stream the Sunday services, as well as Morning Prayer on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week.

**Congratulations** to all those being Confirmed this morning: **Gabriella Adey, Zachary Ayris, Anthony Donnan, Isaac French, Sydney French, Lily Halley-Green, Michael Halley-Green, Josie Rossiter, & Paris Somers-Gordon.** May your faith continue to grow and flourish with the blessing of the Holy Spirit!

**Many thanks** to Angela Morgan for her leadership and instruction of the Confirmation Class. Angela has led Confirmation training for many years now, and has decided to step down from this particular ministry. Thank you, Angela, for your many years of guiding the young people of our parish through their Confirmation experience!

### **A Mental Health Moment**

**Listening to someone and giving them a space to be heard is often one of the best things you can do for someone who is facing a mental health challenge. Slowing down and just being with the person gives them a chance to feel connected and think about what would be most helpful for them. Examples: "I'm here for you. I would like to hear more about what's been going on for you. When is a good time to talk?"** (Source: Bell Let's Talk)

**11:00 a.m. Confirmation and Choral Eucharist (BAS)  
Setting: St. Anne's Parish Eucharist (D.F. Cook)**

**THE GATHERING**

**INTROIT HYMN**

*Morning Light*

**Stand up, stand up, for Jesus,** Ye soldiers of the Cross;  
Lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss:  
From victory unto victory His army he shall lead;  
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

2. Stand up, stand up, for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict in this his glorious day:  
Ye that are men, now serve him against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

3. Stand up, stand up, for Jesus; stand in his strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:  
Put on the gospel armour, and watching unto prayer,  
Where duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.

4. Stand up, stand up, for Jesus; the strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song:  
To him that overcometh a crown of life shall be;  
He with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

**THE GREETING**

*Bishop* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

*Bishop* May his grace and peace be with you

*People* **May he fill our hearts with joy.** *Bishop* There is one body and one Spirit,

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Bishop* One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

**THE COLLECT**

*Bishop* Let us pray.

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good

work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Acts 9:36-43**

**Zachary Ayris**

**Psalm 23**

**Paris Somers-Gordon**

The Lord is my shepherd; \* I shall not be in want.

**2. He makes me lie down in green pastures \* and leads me beside still waters.**

3. He revives my soul \* and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

**4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**6. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Glory to you, Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. In the waters of baptism you give us new birth, at your table you nourish us with heavenly food, and in your goodness and mercy, you guide us beyond the terrors of evil and death to your Father's home to dwell in eternal light. Glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

**Anthony Donnan**

**GRADUAL HYMN**

*Dominus regit me*

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
And he is mine forever.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy Cross before to guide me.

2. Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And O what transport of delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth!

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

6. And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house for ever.

THE CONFIRMATION

**PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION**

*The presenters say to the bishop,*

I present these persons for confirmation.

*The bishop asks those who have been presented to renew their baptismal commitment,*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Response*      **I do.**

*Bishop*          Do you renew your commitment to Jesus  
Christ?

*Response*      **I do.**

*Bishop*          Do you put your whole trust in his grace and  
love?

*Response*      **I do, and with God's grace I will follow  
him as my Saviour and Lord.**

*After all have been presented, the bishop addresses the congregation, saying,*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in  
Christ?

*People*      **We will.**

*The bishop then says in these or similar words,*

Let us join with those who commit themselves again to Christ and renew our own baptismal  
covenant.

*All stand (as you are able).*

**THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Bishop* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

*The bishop says to the congregation,*

Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

*A person appointed leads the following litany.*

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in your mercy,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church; in your mercy,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love; in your mercy,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; in your mercy,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Bishop* Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept. Then the bishop says,*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All may be seated. The bishop lays his hands upon each confirmand and says,*

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N* with your heavenly grace, that *he/she* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he/she* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

*After all the confirmands have been presented to the bishop, he prays:*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Bishop* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**Holy Spirit, Lord of love,**  
thou who camest from above,  
Gifts of blessing to bestow  
On thy waiting Church below;  
Once again in love draw near  
To thy servants gathered here.

2. From their bright baptismal day,  
Through their childhood's onward way,  
Thou hast been their constant Guide,  
Watching ever by their side;  
May they now, till life shall end,  
Choose and know thee as their friend.

*Bread of heaven*

3. Give them light, thy truth to see,  
Give them life to live for thee,  
Daily power to conquer sin,  
Patient faith the crown to win'  
Shield them from temptation's breath,  
Keep them faithful unto death.

4. When the sacred vow is made,  
When the hands are on them laid,  
Come in this most solemn hour,  
With thy sevenfold gifts of power,  
Come, thou blessèd Spirit, come,  
Make each heart thy happy home.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*Presider*

Let us pray: God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. **Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.                    **People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.                    **People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Celebrant** Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

*Sung* *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,*

*heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

**Celebrant** We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All we remember his death,**

**we proclaim his resurrection,**

**we await his coming in glory;**

**Celebrant** and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the

new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Celebrant** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**Celebrant** Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All** Now we are raised to new life.

**Celebrant** We were buried in your tomb.

**All** Now we share in your resurrection.

**Celebrant** Live in us, that we may live in you

### THE COMMUNION

**Celebrant** The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*For those viewing on-line, we invite you to use this **Prayer for Spiritual Communion:***

*Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. However, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.*

### COMMUNION ANTHEMS

*Agnus Dei*

*The Lord's my Shepherd*

*Goodall*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Bishop** Let us pray.

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. **Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

*Bishop* God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL HYMN**

*Thornbury*

**O Jesus, I have promised** to serve thee to the end;  
Be thou for ever near me, my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me feel thee near me: the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

3. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,  
That where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end!  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

4. O let me see thy footmarks, and in them plant mine own:  
My hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone,  
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;  
And then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.

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**Our On-line Services are available live or recorded on:**

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/anglcathstj/](http://www.facebook.com/anglcathstj/)

and on our YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCPn0-iS\\_T0pdmdfY3hJDbJA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPn0-iS_T0pdmdfY3hJDbJA).

### Upcoming Sunday Services:

**May 15<sup>th</sup>: Easter V – 11 a.m. BCP Choral Eucharist**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Easter VI – 11 a.m. BCP Choral Eucharist**

**May 29<sup>th</sup>: Sunday after Ascension – 9 a.m. BCP said Eucharist**

**11 a.m. BCP Choral Mattins**

**June 5<sup>th</sup>: Pentecost – BCP Choral Eucharist**

**Weekday Morning Prayer:** 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday – **On-Line Only**

**Sunday Services:** At our Annual Meeting in April, we discussed various possibilities regarding the Sunday Morning Liturgies, as we continue to move forward from the pandemic. One of those options was to continue only with the main service at 11 a.m., which would continue to be primarily the BCP Eucharist, but we would try to include a Choral Mattins service and a BAS Eucharist once a month. At this point, we do not plan to reinstate the 7:30, 8:00, or 9:15 services. However, on a trial basis, we will have a BCP said Eucharist at 9 a.m. on the Sundays when we have Choral Mattins. **As Mattins is planned for May 29<sup>th</sup>, we will also have a BCP said Eucharist at 9 a.m. that morning.**

**We gratefully acknowledge** donations to:

**The General Fund:** *In loving memory of Gordon Mathieson as we remember the anniversary of his death this week, from Julia Mathieson.*

**A New Reader's Schedule** will be circulated this week. If you would like to be added to (or removed from) the list of readers, please let the Dean know today – email: [Roger@ourcathedral.ca](mailto:Roger@ourcathedral.ca).

**Summer Jobs:** We will have positions available this Summer for Tour Guides (and other duties) for High School and University students. If you are interested in applying for a position, please send a resume to the Office ([office@ourcathedral.ca](mailto:office@ourcathedral.ca)). For more information, please speak to the Dean.

**Jacob's Passage Concert:** The Parish of St. Lawrence, Portugal Cove, is hosting a Gospel Concert featuring Jacob's Passage on May 15 @ 7 PM. Cost is \$10.00 per person, with refreshments served at the intermission. Please come and bring a friend!!

**A warm thank you** to the Anglican Diocese of Eastern NL, to the local (and distant!) parishes, parish priests and congregations for participating in and supporting Home Again Furniture Bank's annual Heads Without Beds campaign. Congratulations to Anglican East NL as coming in as the TOP fundraising team, raising \$7500+! Thanks to your support, funds were raised to deliver beds, sofas, tables and other furniture to our neighbours throughout the region. Thank you for helping to change lives. [www.homeagainfb.ca](http://www.homeagainfb.ca)

**Come "Awaken the Energy Within"** for more relaxation, energy, wellness and joy with Beginners T'ai Chi Chih Joy thru Movement and Wisdom Healing Qigong. Daytime sessions Mondays and Wednesdays for all of May and until mid-June in-person at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road, as well as on-line on Zoom. Please contact me for the Zoom link. New and returning participants welcome! Can be done seated or standing according to one's ability. For more details, please contact Sheila at 727-7863 or [sheilaleonard@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:sheilaleonard@nf.sympatico.ca) or visit my web site at [www.sheilaleonard.ca](http://www.sheilaleonard.ca). Or call The Lantern at 753-8760.