



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY IN THE GREAT 50 DAYS OF EASTER

APRIL 4, 2010

Service Colour: White

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.

Prelude (A time for prayer and reflection)

Processional Hymn: 243 (all who are able are invited to stand)

Placing of the Bible by the Beadle

The Greeting and Bible Sentences:

M. The Lord be with you **C. And also with you**

M. Our Passover Festival is ready, now that Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed.

C. Let us celebrate our Passover, then, not with the bread having the old yeast of sin and wickedness, but with the bread that has no yeast, the bread of purity and truth.

Psalms 100 (in unison):

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. The Lord made us; we belong to God. We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise. Give thanks to the Lord, bless God's name. For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, God's faithfulness to all generations. (after which all will be seated)

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace (in unison):

Loving God, we behold in awe and reverence the mystery of the Resurrection of our Master and Friend. The raising of Jesus grants to us the gift of new life both now and in the future and the joy and comfort of his gracious presence. Glory be to you for your love which is more powerful than the forces of evil in the world.

O God, who desires love and obedience from us, we admit that some of our attitudes, words, and deeds go against the way of Jesus. With the Hebrew poet we say: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, wipe away my sin. Wash me until I am whiter than snow. Create pure thoughts in me and make me faithful again; help me to follow and serve you."

O Passover Lamb, who takes away the sins of the world, mend what is broken, heal the wounded relationships that separate us from you and one another, forgive what we have been and help us to change what we are so that we may live a holy, just, and humble life in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

All (sung): Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

M. The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

C. And also with you. *Hallelujah* (Hymn 294) will be sung.

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn: 254 (**all seated**); Children's Time & Prayer (children 3–6)

Anthem: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* – D & J Perry

Lessons: Isaiah 25:6–9 (p.612); 1 Corinthians 15:19–26 (p.155); Luke 24:1–12 (p.78)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon and the Ascription of Glory

Prayer for Others

The Offertory Hymn 248 (all seated), Hymn 13; The Creed (hymn book – inside front cover) & Prayer

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

M. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

M. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer...saying in unison:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer...and the Lord's Prayer (831) (debts, debtors)

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup

525 – *Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world* (2)

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the feast and for the faithful in the past

Hymn: 255 (unannounced)

The Commissioning, Benediction, Choral Amen and Silent Prayer

Song: *Go Now In Peace* (**all seated**) (hymn book – inside back cover)

Postlude; The greeting of those nearby in the pews/aisles

Greeting Elder: Byron Sarson
Beadle: Isabel Sarson
Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron
Accompanist: Helen Martin
Trumpeter: Greg Moffat

Usher: Linda Russell
Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald
Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks
Reader: Cheryl Weeks

Holy Communion: The bread and wine will be served to folk where they are seated. The servers will reach into the pew area with the gifts; it may be necessary for some folk to move closer to the aisle and it may be necessary for some to pass glasses to persons seated in the centre of the pew area. The bread servers will use tongs. Those serving the glasses will use sanitizer before serving. After receiving the gifts, you may wish to say “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.” Before or after receiving the gifts, you are invited to pray or to read Psalm 98, or Hymns 243–264 (Easter hymns) or Hymns 524–563 (Communion hymns), or Bible verses, e.g., 1 Corinthians 15 or John 14, or a section of Living Faith (the green book in the pew racks).

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW’S

Today: 6:30 a.m. Holy Communion; 7:15 a.m. Breakfast;
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 2:00 p.m. Ocean View Manor,
4:00 p.m. Musquodoboit Harbour
Tues: 1:00 p.m. AMS, Roll Call Word: Offering. At 2:00 p.m., Bev Cadham from the Dartmouth Mental Health Association will speak to the group. All welcome.
7:30 p.m. Bible Study
Wed: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study; 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir
Sun: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School and Nursery.

ST. ANDREW’S CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 13: 10–11:30 a.m. Coffee Party and Craft Sale in Hall sponsored by the Guild. All welcome.

Saturday, May 1: 8:30 a.m. Mission Breakfast (pancakes, sausages, juice, fruit, tea, coffee – prepared by the Youth Group). The Youth Group chose a project for this Breakfast (which is sponsored by the Outreach Committee): a water/clean sanitation project in Malawi. Please sign the sheet on the piano by April 25 if you plan to attend. Those attending will be asked to make a donation for the Project and the work of the Youth Group including the preparation of the breakfast; the percentage for each will be presented in the bulletin later in April.

Readings for April 11: Acts 5:27–32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4–8; John 20:19–31

Vacation Bible School: July 12–16, 9:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Camp Geddie: 2010 registration information is in the lobby.

Circle of Care Furniture Bank: Volunteers to help with this work are needed. If you can help, telephone 404-9074.

Iona Church: Lunch, April 9, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$6.00. Proceeds for FOOD. For tickets, call 466-2558.

First Sackville Church, Lower Sackville: Turkey Supper, Saturday, April 10, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. For tickets, call 835-8477.

The **flowers** in the Chancel were placed there by Doris Manuel and her sister in loving memory of their parents, Edmund and Vera Manuel, and by Sherman and David Crooks and their sister, Cathy Harris, in loving memory of their parents, Louis and Jean Crooks.

Billets are needed for 16 people for May 31 for folk heading to General Assembly in Sydney. If you could provide Bed and Breakfast on May 31, call Joyce Jack at 463-4799 before May 8.

MISSION CAPSULE

MALAWI

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support the Rev. Ed Hoekstra as he works with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian as Associate Minister of St. Columba Church in Blantyre, Malawi. Joining the senior minister Rev. Thomas Maseya in ministry, Ed is involved in the pastoral care, officiates at weddings and funerals and leads Bible studies with the synod chaplain at Chichiri prison. Ed writes, “The prisons in Malawi have insufficient resources. The inmates do not receive enough food, soap, toothpaste or clothing. They are lacking in the basics of life. It is a strange feeling to lead a Bible Study having eaten, showered and dressed in decent clothing, when those I am ministering to have none of those things. In my time here as a missionary, I ask, “Who is being transformed?”