

**10:00 Holy Eucharist (BAS)** Licensed Lay Minister: Bill Canning

**Processional Hymns: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (CP 203) / Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**

Gathering of the Community  
Gloria (sung)  
Kyrie

**Collect:** God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death: fill your church with faith and hope, for a new day has dawned and the way of life stands before us; through Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour. **Amen**

**The Proclamation of the Word:**

Acts 10: 34-43 (Placide Chiasson)

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3: 1-4 (Alec Reynolds)

**Gradual Hymn – Halle, Halle, Halle**

**Gospel:** John 20: 1-18 (David Torraville)

Homily – Natasha Bejarano

**Anthem – Celtic Alleluia**

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

**Offering Hymn – At the Lamb's High Feast, We Sing (CP 207)**

**Prayer over the Gifts:** God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer #3

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread #8

Lamb of God

The Communion

**Communion Hymn – I Come with Joy (CP 60)**

**Ablution Hymn – Walk Softly in Springtime (SP 209)**

**Prayer after Communion:** God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

Doxology

The Blessing

**Closing Hymn – Thine is the Glory (CP 210)**

Dismissal

**Music – Let There be Love**

Postlude

**Altar Flowers** are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doris and other departed family members from Walter Spears.

**Easter Memorial Flowers:**

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Nanny and Grampy Mac with love from Josh, Kelly, Johanna, Gillian, Julia, Ainslie, Andrew and families.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of my son Peter and parents Grant and Ruby Sharp and Glen and Dot DeVouge and other family members from Rev. Bev and family.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents and grandparents from Sheldon and Judy.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Mike Hansen from Prue and family.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth from Robin, Paula, Ann-Michele, Krista and Alison.

### **Easter Memorial Donations:**

To the glory of God and in loving memory of departed members of the Quartermain and Sherren families from Michael and Hazel.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Tim and Gladys Hoegg and their sons Robert and David.

**Greeters:** Harry & Judy MacKenzie

**Counters:** Roger McNutt & Faye Kennedy

**Chancel Guild:** Leona Hunt, Natasha Bejarano

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** – 8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Spiritual Development

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** – 12:00 noon Holy Eucharist

1:00 p.m. Lenten Program “All in for Resurrection!”

6:30 p.m. Choir

**Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** – 1:00 p.m. Pastoral Ministry

2:00 p.m. Community Dinner Committee

**Next Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter**

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS) Sunday School

Easter Season Book Study: Practicing the Way (Parish Hall meeting room)

A **blessed Easter** is wished to all our parishioners and visitors today. May the joy of the Risen Christ be yours and may you share it widely with others!

**Communion:** We offer two options for the receiving of communion wine: the common cup and a second cup from which a medicine dropper is used to place wine upon the host. You are invited to cross to the chalice of your choice after receiving the host. **Dropper cup on the piano side/Drinking cup on the organ side. Note:** Dipping of the wafer (intinction) is not permitted in the common cup.

**ASK ME!** You may have noticed some of our members wearing bright yellow and red “ASK ME” buttons. If you are new to St. John’s (or even not so new!) and have questions – please speak to anyone wearing a button. If they don’t have an answer for you, they’ll find one!

**Coffee Hour** dates: April 19<sup>th</sup> / May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> / June 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Spiritual Café** dates: May 1<sup>st</sup> / May 22<sup>nd</sup> / June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday School** dates for this term: April 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> / May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> (Sundae Sunday).

**Up and Coming: Easter Season Book Study** – We’ll be reading and discussing John Mark Cormer’s Practicing the Way. This short book is a guide to being with Jesus, being like Jesus and acting like Jesus. Leadership will be shared by Rev. Lori, Cory and Natasha. Dates: Sundays – April 12<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup> after worship in the meeting room. Bring a bag lunch – coffee/tea will be provided. All are welcome. **Books are now available from the office. The cost of the book will be \$30.**

**Praying for Peace:** During the Second World War, a group of people stopped whatever they were doing for a specific time every night to pray for peace and safety for everyone. They did this every day, and it was as if the whole city paused – such was the power of prayer. The result was so overwhelming that the bombing stopped shortly afterward! Now once again some people are organizing. A group of people around the world has agreed to spend one minute praying for the safety of our countries, for the end of the problems that oppress us, and for God to guide the decisions of our leaders. The time chosen for Canada to pray is **12:00 noon**. Please pause in your busy day to pray for peace at that time.

**Calling on anyone with sewing skills!!!** We are planning to create some new costumes for our Sunday School to use in Christmas pageants. We’ll provide the fabric and notions; we just need someone to sew. If you are interested and can volunteer some time, please speak to Esther or Rev. Lori.

Looking Ahead: The **Water of Life** campaign for 2026 will be kicking off on **April 19<sup>th</sup>**! More information to follow.

**Therefore We Have Hope: Strategic Planning Engagement Sessions** – The Diocese is developing a new five year strategic plan, and we need your voice! As we enter this important season of discernment, we are exploring one central question: *What future do we want to shape together for the Diocese, and what will it take to get there?*

Parishioners, lay leaders, and clergy are invited to an in-person or online gathering to reflect on day-to-day parish life and ensure our new strategic plan reflects local realities. Everyone is welcome. No special preparation or expertise is required – just your care for the future of the Church! **Why attend?** By attending, you will help shape the priorities and direction of the Diocese, share your hopes and aspirations for parish life in your region, share ideas on how the Diocese can be more connected and supportive, and discern together where God may be calling the Church next. This is a space to imagine the future and name what we want to grow over the next five years. Your perspective is vital. Please join us in this hopeful, collaborative conversation! There will be in person open gatherings for the Mainland region on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 12 noon at the Church of St. Andrew, Dartmouth and Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon at Holy Trinity Church, Bridgewater. An online open gathering for all will be held on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. To register for the online gathering, go to <https://forms/gle/BTWxzWL7fvhdR1Up7> To register for any of the sessions by phone, call 902-420-0717. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact: [thereforewehavehope@gmail.com](mailto:thereforewehavehope@gmail.com)



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**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Easter Sunday**

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Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Sarah Lennerton and Michael Sherren

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