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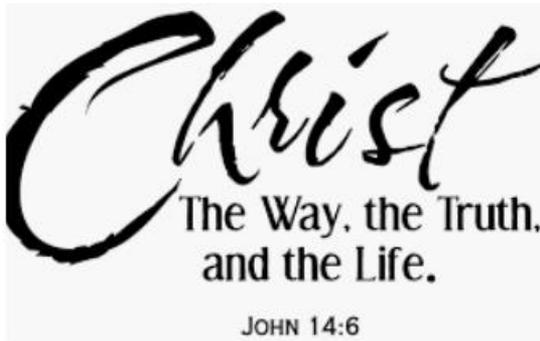
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**5th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day**



Spiritual Communion



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On-line Worship from St. Luke's Church

Anglican Parish of Woodstock

This Service was pre-recorded for

May 10, 2020

Officiant: Rev. Shirley Noseworthy

Lector & Video: Armin Hackelsperger

Order of Service

(Book of Alternative Services)

The hymns are from Common Praise and may be viewed on YouTube by placing your cursor on the link, then press Control and left click. Part of the liturgy is from the Book of Alternative Services. The service video may be viewed on either our Parish Facebook Page, or the Anglican Parish of Woodstock NB new YouTube channel.

Hymn 321: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (Tune: Coronation)
<https://youtu.be/WpQ6KTzmXqY>

Sentence: I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

Priest: Today, being Mother's Day, we give God thanks for the love of our parents, especially our mothers. We thank God for the blessings of family life. Once in the home of Nazareth and still in Jewish families today, candles are lit at the beginning of their holy days by the mother of the family. On behalf of all households, I light our Paschal candle (the Christ candle.) *(The candle is lit).*

Let us pray together: **Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. You have called us to live together in love. Make our homes and families your dwelling-place and bless us as we celebrate this holy day. Amen.**

Blessing of Flowers:

Priest: O Lord, bless and strengthen with your heavenly grace, the love of children for their mothers, of which these flowers are symbols. May all your sons and daughters worthily follow the example set for us here on earth by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to your everlasting honour and glory. Father, we acknowledge before you that this day may bring grief and pain, and we ask for the comfort and peace of

your Holy Spirit upon those who are hurting. In Your Holy Name we pray. **Amen.**

Collect: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer as We Deal with Covid19

Gracious God, thank you that you are over all, in all, and through all. We lift our world before you as we face this Covid-19 crisis. We pray for those who are suffering its effects, the medical personnel who are caring for them and those who are seeking a vaccine or cure. We are grateful for the lives of people who have died and pray for their families and friends in their bereavement. We ask that you enable us to know your love for all and give us your peace which passes all understanding. In the name of Christ, our Risen Lord! **Amen.**
(adapted from a prayer by Bishop David Edwards)

The Proclamation of the Word

Mission Statement: *Together:*

We are a worshipping Anglican Community, nourished by Liturgy, Scripture, Sacraments, Prayer, and Fellowship. We are guided by the Holy Spirit to care for God's creation, so that all may know the peace of Christ and the power of His Resurrection.

Gospel: **John 14:1-14 Jesus the Way to the Father**

Sermon: *Jesus has the Answer; Jesus is the Answer*

The Apostles' Creed p. 189

Prayers of the People: Litany #15 Easter p. 122

Response: Hear us, Lord of Glory!

Confession and Absolution p. 191

Hymn #532: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

<https://youtu.be/QCV5t8wRBI8>

Guidance on Spiritual Communion and Coronavirus

(from the Church of England, authorized for use by Bishop David Edwards)

On this Mother's Day and the 5th Sunday of Easter, we share in Spiritual Communion. The term 'Spiritual Communion' has been used historically to describe the means of grace by which a person, prevented for some serious reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ. Spiritual Communion offers Christians an opportunity to give thanks for our communion with Jesus when we would ordinarily be present at the Eucharist.

The Church is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

We pray together: **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' John 6.35 Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks for your saving death and resurrection, and we ask You to be with us now.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, for all the pains and insults you have borne for

us. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen.**

Adapted from the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Lord, in these days of mercy, make us quiet and prayerful.
In these days of challenge, make us stronger in you.
In these days of emptiness, take possession of us.
In these days of waiting, open our hearts to the mystery of your cross. **Amen.** *Angela Ashwin*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer after Spiritual Communion

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Parish Vision Statement: *Together:*

We will become a more caring community of believers who learn together, nurture and support each other, and reach out to the community at large with the love of Christ.

Blessing

Dismissal: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Hymn 300: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

https://youtu.be/5bC0tgG_bIE

Our Special Prayers are requested for: Janet, Kim, Ernest, Mavis, Gordon, Ellen, Karla, Amanda, Jennifer, Randy, Colin, Liam, Sadie, Emma, Scottie, Kate, Gail, Tanya, Terry, Brad, Billy, Lorne, Kent, Doreen, Dick, Susanne, Wesley, Jim, Trevor, Lindsay, Lois, David, Carrie, Barry, Freda, Barbara, Bishop David's mother, Doreen, and his father John.

Condolences are extended to the family of David Monteith, who passed away on April 30, 2020, at the age of 78 yrs., at his home in Jacksonville. Sending love and sympathy to his wife Valerie, daughters Kim (Steve), Heidi (Bill), and son Justin (Gloria), and their family, relatives, and friends. May God grant his comfort and peace in the days ahead.

Diocesan Intercessions May 10

The Anglican Church of Kenya, Archbishop Jackson, their Primate. Archbishop Linda, Council of General Synod, Anglican Church of Canada. Our companion Diocese of Ho, and their Bishop Matthias. Diocese of Yukon, Sarah, Executive Archdeacon, members of the Diocesan Executive Committee and their Bishop Lesley. David, our Bishop, Claude, William and George, retired Bishops, and their families.

Update on Parish Finances 2020

With the lockdown taking place in mid-March, our parish General Account did not have sufficient funds to cover our monthly remittance to the Diocese. Therefore, for the month of March the Diocese did not withdraw from our account approximately \$11,000 to cover staffing, pension bonus and insurance. For March, our income was \$10,732.94 and our expenses \$2,486.05, leaving a negative balance on hand end of March 2020 (\$7,258.52). Unfortunately, given our financial crisis, vestry made the difficult decision to lay off two staff members effective April 1. We then had sufficient funds in our General Account to cover the remittance for April, amounting to approximately \$9000. Thank you to those who are doing your utmost to continue your offering to the church during these challenging times. It is thanks to your generosity that we will still be here when the lockdown is over.

A New Option for Giving – E-Transfer!

Now we can offer e-transfer as an option for you to make your donation to the Anglican Parish of Woodstock!

Thank you to everyone for your past, present and future support of our ministry and mission, along with those who have made special effort to change how and what they give. Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. Proverbs 3:9-10.

Here are three options of giving to consider.:

1. **E-offering.** Thank you to those who already give through e-offering! Folks may consider signing up for e-offering even for the short-term. You may always go back to offering envelopes at any time. Contact Ruth at 328-4304 for details.
2. **Mail** your envelopes to St. Luke's Church, 104 Church Street, Woodstock, NB E7M 5Z7.
3. A new option is **e-transfer**. Simply log in on-line to your bank account and select the e-transfer option. Follow the prompts and enter St. Luke's email address: stlukes@nb.aibn.com.

God bless you as you bless His church!

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Happy birthday to: Fay Wilson, Ellen Kee, Richard Wetmore, and anyone else celebrating their special day.

Happy anniversary to Mary Beth & Jeff Rideout and to anyone celebrating their wedding anniversary.

Caring for One Another during this Crisis

We are here for you during the Covid-19 crisis. If you would like to speak with someone or need help, please contact Nancy English (328-2295) or Mary-Beth Rideout (325-3476) on our Pastoral Care Team, or Rev. Shirley Noseworthy (328-9913). Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

Bulletin Board

All public worship and church activities are suspended until further notice – likely until mid-June.

It is out of love for our neighbors, that we forego the blessing of being physically together for worship. In so doing we seek to promote health and healing needed at this time.

Please pray for one another and remember to contact your family, friends, and neighbors by phone or social media to ensure everyone is coping well during this difficult time.

On-Line Worship

We will continue to pre-record services for viewing on Facebook and YouTube, until are able to open our doors for public worship. Watch for the pre-recorded service for the 4th Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2020 – Spiritual Communion!

On-Line Sunday School & Children's Talks!

Watch for children's video postings on our Parish Facebook. Also, Rev. Harold Boomer has set up an on-line Sunday School through Zoom each Sunday at 10:30 am! If you have not already received the Zoom I.D., please email Harold at wattrboy@rogers.com for details.

Hear Sounds of Hope each Sunday!

Using church bells, chimes, shofars or whatever else makes a joyous sound, you will hear Sounds of Hope from our churches, each Sunday at 12:00 noon for 10 minutes during the Covid-19 lock down. This a reminder that we are still here loving our neighbors and serving our God! Thank you to our bell ringers, Jon Tait at St. Luke's, and Richard Wetmore at Christ Church! Listen for the sounds of hope near you!

Families Helping Families

Thank you to those from our congregation who are helping Wes Corey & the fine staff at the River deliver meals to seniors and shut-ins who appreciate a dinner delivered each Sunday during Covid-19 lockdown: Nancy & Bobby English, Mary-Beth, Jeff & Carson Rideout, Julie & Doug Brown, Pat & Blair Whitehouse, Jill & Colin Craig, and Zoe Frame. With so many volunteers, Armin & Shirley were able to step down and give others an opportunity to participate in this wonderful outreach ministry in our community! God bless you all!

Eastertide Blessings!

To those who are self-isolating at home, in hospitals, nursing homes, or wherever you may be, and for those essential workers who are out there doing your job under stressful conditions, may God bless you and grant you His peace and a safe and Blessed Eastertide!

Honouring Mother's Day

While Mother's Day may be a happy occasion for some, for other's it brings pain. On this Mother's Day, as a church we:

DO: Honour mothers. Happy Mother's Day!

ACKNOWLEDGE the pain this day can bring. The flowers on display at the front of the church are intended to honour those women who have suffered miscarriage(s), infertility, loss of a child, loss of a

mother or maternal figure, or placed their child for adoption. May God's Holy Spirit bring comfort to those who are hurting.

GIVE THANKS for all women who “mother” others through the love of Christ and reflect His caregiving qualities.

PRAY for those who are:

- longing for motherhood,
 - waiting for God to expand their family,
 - aching for the child they lost,
 - missing a mother who died,
 - facing an unplanned pregnancy, or wrestling with complications in the adoption process.
- Men grieve these types of losses, as well.

GIVE GRACE to those who during this Covid-19 lockdown, seek new and creative ways of honouring mother's day, doing something special with their spouse, family, or friends, while maintaining physical distancing and other protocols during this recovery phase, even if it means not watching a worship service on-line on a day when it may trigger grief and pain.

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” ~ Romans 12:15

Today we send a virtual flower bouquet to all the women receiving our bulletin, as a way of honouring them for all that they have done and continue to do in nurturing their own children or other children who have been in their care. Some are or have been leaders of Guides or Brownies, Sunday School Teachers, Baby Sitters, Teachers, Early Childhood Educators, Day Care Workers, etc., and have touched the lives of many children in a positive way. Happy Mother's Day!

