

St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

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April 1, 2018/Easter Sunday Service of Holy Communion



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Ushering this morning is provided by Usher in Charge: Janet Bartlett
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This bulletin is dedicated in memory of loving
parents Noel & Christine Halfyard
from son Keith and daughter Margaret.
And
it is also dedicated in loving memory of
Ray Sulley
from his grandchildren Katie, Matthew, Evelyn and Rowan.
"Happy Easter Poppy; love you forever."

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April 1, 2018: Easter Sunday

A Service of Holy Communion

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist:	Paul Rodermond
Choir:	Senior
Choir Director and Trumpeter:	Emma House
Soloist:	Jordan Coaker
Guitarist:	Louis House
Bassist:	Matthew Hardy
Drums:	Ethan MacGowan
Sound Technician:	Hannah Sheppard

St. James United Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

Announcements: Life & Work of St. James

Introit: *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks, v.2* 179, Choir

Lighting the Community Candle:

One: We are here on this Easter morning, surrounded by the promises of the faith and alive to opportunities yet to be experienced. (The Candle is lit.)

All: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God.

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: God is light, God clears the fog of our minds. God lifts the gloom from our spirits. God shines a light along our path.

All: Come, all who tremble and fear and doubt. Come into the resurrection light.

One: See and feel the hands that were pierced, now spread in welcome. See and feel the head that bore the thorny oppression, now raised in honour. See and feel the tomb, once sealed in sin and death, now burst by the power of love.

All: Come into the light of grace and peace. Come worship Jesus, our risen Lord.

Opening Prayer: (together) O God of the resurrection, receive our grateful worship this day, as we celebrate our salvation again with believers of all nations, of all ages, and of all convictions. We join with the great communion of saints as we cry: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn: *Morning Has Broken* 409

Children's Time: (As children go to Sunday School)

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Offertory Invitation: God has given us life in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor to God's service.

Offering

Offertory: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

Offertory Prayer: (together) Almighty God, by Your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives in union with our risen Lord who lives and reigns with You forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Acts 10: 34-43

John 20: 1-8

Meditation: Go! Proclaim! Jesus is risen!

Invitation to Confession: God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession: (together) Gracious God, in the twilight just before dawn, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. So also do we seek life in shadowed places, within us and in our world. Help us to see miracles where now we see only loss. Let us find the living Christ within our hearts and within the world. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Anthem: *The Mercy Tree by Bradley Knight* Choir

Communion Hymn: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* 468

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Please see projected liturgy

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion will be served by Intinction today.

Prayer after Communion: (together) Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by Your love; we are strengthened by Your life. We are sent forth into this world to live Your way and share Your joy. We are now commissioned to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* 155

Sending Forth: Receive the good news: Christ is risen from the dead. Tell the good news: the power of death shall no more oppress us. Live the good news: we are free to love as He has loved us.

Blessing followed by Musical Postlude



St. James United Church Life and Work, April 1, 2018

We offer our condolences to Florence & Vince Pike, their family and friends, on the passing of Florence's mom, Mildred Bonnell on March 27 in her 101st year. A celebration of her life will take place at a later date.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

to the Cemetery Fund:

- * in loving memory of parents Edison & Cassandra Butt and Clyde & Gladys Heath, and brother John Heath from Sam & Brenda Butt;
- *in loving memory of parents Dorothy & Wallace Halfyard and husband Lloyd Chafe from Patsy Chafe;
- *in loving memory of husband and dad from Marjorie, Gary and Jeff.

to the General Fund:

- *in loving memory of Bill Taylor from Aubrey & Ruby Hill;
- *in loving memory of a dear husband and father Neil Anthony from wife Pauline and son Conrad;
- *in loving memory of family, Gilbert, Gil, Lona and Elsie from Patsy Hiscock.

to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund in loving memory of Bill Taylor from Dot & Dave Hapgood.

to Project Grace in loving memory of Joanne Hapgood and Bethany Pike from Stephen, Susan and Rebecca.

to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of parents Capt. William & Susan Moss and Clarence & Margaret Beckett, and aunt and uncle Bessie & Chester Prince from Sheilah, Jim and David Beckett.

The Easter lilies adorning the Sanctuary today are in loving memory of a dear husband, Alan A. Andrews, and a precious son, Alan A. Andrews Jr., from wife and mother Yvonne Andrews.

Our soloist for today, Jordan Coaker, has just celebrated the debut album release of his band 'Quote the Raven.' It is available for purchase at Fred's Records if you would like to hear Jordan sing some more!

We value your membership at St. James! If you would like to become a full member of St. James congregation, we would be honoured to welcome you. Do you have questions? Are you unsure of your current status with the church?

Susan Pike would love to chat with you to help you determine your status and become a full member of our congregation: susanpike@warp.nfld.net or 576-0703

The U.C.W. wishes to thank the congregation and the church staff for always being there for us. Your support resulted in our Spring Tea and Sale on March 24th being so successful. Some of you helped in the kitchen, served on the tables, worked on the stalls and helped Keith set up the tables and dismantle after. Many of you made sandwiches and cookies for the afternoon tea, as well as donated items for the stalls and gave monetary donations. A big thank you also goes out to our dedicated members who continually put so much effort into these annual events. The number of people who attended was heartwarming. Because of everyone's participation, the event was once again very successful resulting in almost \$4,000 raised for the ongoing work and programs of St. James.

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Easter Monday.

Save these Date: Wednesday, April 18, 11:30am – 1:30pm, Open House;
Saturday, November 17, St James 60th Anniversary Celebrations.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for M&S provide water, a gift from God and a fundamental human right. Getting water remains a gruelling chore for many in the Global South who spend much of their day hauling water for their family use. M&S partner, People's Action Forum (PAM) works to meet this challenge in Zambia. From 2015-16, Pam tripled the number of bore holes from 10-30 in communities who use them, to make them as accessible as possible. There is an ongoing list of communities awaiting bore holes. Near Mumbwa Chipso, the school has 620 children enrolled. The head teacher speaks of the positive affect the bore hole has made – prior to this, students and staff had to walk 4km. to the nearest water supply. Now students have a ready source of safe water, and have been able to start small vegetable gardens for the school feeding program. The students live in poverty, making the feeding program crucial. Education will give them a chance for a better life. The bore hole is helping the school serve that most important purpose. M&S is making a difference in rural Zambia.

Next Friday Evening, April 6:

***Fellowship of The Least Coin** Service in our Sanctuary at 7;

***Performances from Hannah O'Donnell and Paul Rodermond** as singer and accompanist in MUN Opera, *The Medium* at 7:30, or on Saturday, April 7 at 1:30pm, DF Cook Recital Hall. Tickets available at the School of Music, through www.ticketpro.ca, and at the door prior to the shows.

Next Saturday, April 7: Bridges to Hope Mooseburger Fundraiser at St. Andrews Church on Longs Hill, 4-7pm. Pre order on the sign-up sheet found on the board outside the Sanctuary.

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