



Prayer Chain

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Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Apr. 28: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan), the Most Rev. Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, Primate. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Atlin - St. Martin: the Rev. Vera Kirkwood; the Rev. Dorothy Odian and Dennis Odian; licensed lay ministers George Holman and Cheri Malo; Bishop Larry Robertson, Sheila & family. David, our Bishop, Claude, William and George, retired Bishops, and their families.

Prayers for the Churches in the Uptown Saint John area

St. Nicholas, Tabernacle Baptist, Trinity Church

Prayers for our Political Leaders

Elizabeth our Queen, Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau; Premier, Blaine Higgs; MP, Wayne Long; MLA, Gerry Lowe; Mayor Don Darling and all those who work with them for the public good.

Prayers for the Sick & Shut-in

Rod Daley, Pat Loring, Sally Marshall, Gillian Stoddard

Pray for our new Canadian Family

Pray for our Damascus Group and their work with our new family, Lubna Ramadan and her children Bebars, Lama, Anas and Youssef and for Lubna's husband Mohammad, that he may join them soon.

St. John's (Stone) Church

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John Paul Westin, Rector

Pam Stuart, Parish Administrator

Marilyn Williams, Music Director

Liza Jackman, Sexton



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

10:00 am – Holy Communion - Easter 2

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SET *Celebrate Jesus; My Jesus, My Saviour;
Praise the Name of Jesus*

PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN & SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY - page 185

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 5:27-32 - Barb Loring
- page 1145

PSALM 150 - page 662

THE GOSPEL John 20:19-31 - page 1136

SERMON *Group Life Beyond Belief* - Debbie Collicott

PRAISE SONG *Agnes Dei*

NICENE CREED - page 189

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

Reader: We praise the Lord in his sanctuary.

Response: *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.*

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION - page 191

THE PEACE

OFFERINGS HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord*

THE LORD'S PRAYER - page 142

THE COMMUNION *Behold the Lamb*

COMMUNION WORSHIP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN *At the Name of Jesus*

BLESSING & DISMISSAL



Healing Prayer

If you would like prayer for healing of any kind, we invite you to come up to the right side of the communion rail at the conclusion of the final hymn and we will have people there to pray for you.

Questions for Personal and Small Group Considerations on the Sunday Gospel Reading

April 28 **Group Life Beyond Belief** John 20:19-31

1. Why are the disciples fearful now?
2. Of all the things Jesus must have said, why does John record "peace be with you" three times (vv. 19,21,26)? How does this relate to their fears? To their being sent?
3. How does Thomas' personality compare to Mary's (v. 13)? To the other disciples (vv. 9,19)?
4. How does Jesus deal with Thomas' doubt (v. 29)? What is significant about the way Thomas responds? How did your first confession of Christ's lordship sound?
5. What is the author's purpose in writing this gospel (vv. 30-31; 21:24-25)?
6. Where could you use Jesus' peace right now: In some relationship? In some inner fear? In your work?

New Teaching Series for Eastertide

Our teaching focus for this year is on small groups, and particularly how Jesus' teaching was aimed at affecting the way we live with one another, first as small groups of disciples within the greater body the Church, but also as we are sent out into the world to live our lives with Jesus and others He brings into relationship with us.



All of the readings over the next seven weeks have to do with our life with the resurrected Lord Jesus. The first three readings are from post-resurrection accounts of his meeting with disciples, and the last four are Jesus' prophecies of what life will be like with him after His resurrection (although his disciples did not understand it at the time). Life with Jesus should always affect our group dynamics for the better. That is what holistic small groups are all about!

After these seven weeks (49 days) we will celebrate Pentecost (meaning 50 days) and start to think about The Holy Spirit's Work in Small Groups, but let's not get ahead of ourselves quite yet!