

Dear Lord, risen Lord, light of the world, to you be all praise and glory! This day, so full of your presence, your joy, your peace, is indeed your day.

I just returned from a walk through the dark woods. It was cool and windy, but everything spoke of you. Everything: the clouds, the trees, the wet grass, the valley with its distant lights, the sound of the wind. They all spoke of your resurrection; they all made me aware that everything is indeed good. In you all is created good, and by you all creation is renewed and brought to an even greater glory than it possessed at its beginning.

As I walked through the dark woods at the end of this day, full of intimate joy, I heard you call Mary Magdalene by her name and heard how you called from the shore of the lake to your friends to throw out their nets. I also saw you entering the closed room where your disciples were gathered in fear. I saw you appearing on the mountain and at the outskirts of the village. How intimate these events really are. They are like special favours to dear friends. They were not done to impress or overwhelm anyone, but simply to show that your love is stronger than death.

O Lord, I know now that it is in silence, in a quiet moment, in a forgotten corner that you will meet me, call me by name and speak to me a word of peace. It is in my stillest hour that you become the risen Lord to me.

Dear Lord, I am so grateful for all you have given me this past week. Stay with me in the days to come. Bless all who suffer in this world and bring peace to your people, whom you loved so much that you gave your life for them. Amen.

Excerpt from Henri Nouwen's *A Cry for Mercy: Prayers from the Genesee*, (Easter Sunday, April 15, 1979)

July 9 Combined Stone & Saint John Vineyard Picnic

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

One of the things we heard from our evaluation questionnaires was that members of both congregations would like to do something with the members of the other congregation both socially and also with worship. So we have agreed to have our annual summer picnic at Dayspring together on Sunday, July 9 in the afternoon. More information to come later but save the date!

Summer



Picnic!

St. John's (Stone) Church

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30-11:30 am



16 April 2017

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9:00 am – Holy Communion—Chancel

10:45 am – Holy Communion - The Resurrection of Our Lord

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN *He Is Risen, He Is Risen!* BB 157

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Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:1-6 - Carolyn Westin
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SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4 - Debbie Collicott
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PICTURES OF JESUS - Lisa Turner and our children

GOSPEL READING Matthew 28:1-10 - John Paul Westin
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ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS TO THE RISEN LORD

EASTER MEDITATION - John Paul Westin

BAPTISMAL SONG *The Light of Christ* MP 652

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Prayer Chain: Anthea Earle (652-6032) or bearlec603@rogers.com

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Apr. 16: Archbishop Justin Welby and the Anglican Communion. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Québec, Bishop Dennis Drainville, Co-adjutor Bishop Bruce Myers. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Atlin: St. Martin, the Rev. Vera Kirkwood, the Rev. Dorothy Odian, licensed lay minister George Holman, Bishop Larry Robertson, Sheila & family. David, our Bishop, Claude, William, George and Harold, retired Bishops, and their families.

Prayers for the Churches in the Uptown Saint John area

Stone Church, Saint John Vineyard, Church of St. Andrew & St. David

Prayers for our Political Leaders

Our Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau; Premier, Brian Gallant; MP, Wayne Long; MLA, Ed Doherty; Mayor Don Darling and all those who work with them for the public good.

Prayers for the Sick & Shut-in

Rod Daley, Pat Loring, Michael Nunn, Carol Wilson

(Please call Pam at the Office to include anyone who needs prayer for acute illness or those hospitalized. We must have permission from the individual to publish their name. Thank you.)

Pray for our new Canadian Families

Samir Ramadan, Wedad Ilias, Ruba Ramadan, Mohammad Ramadan, Maha Mara Touk, Samir Ramadan and baby Sam. Also Maha's family: Ghada Chems Alliden (mother), Omar Mara Touk (brother), Magham Girkas (sister-in-law) and their son Zyad (4). For Lubna Ramadan and her four children, who we are working to bring over from their refugee camp in Turkey, hopefully this fall. They have been languishing there unable to work or attend school for over two years.

Stone Mission Statement

We are a community of followers of Jesus Christ called to spiritual growth,, building one another up, and sharing the love of God in the wider community.

THIS WEEK IN THE UPTOWN
(the week of April 16- 22, 2017)

Mon.	10:00 am	Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library
	7:30 pm	3rd Field Regiment Concert - Stone Church
Tue.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	10:00 am	Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon - Library
Wed.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	10:00 am	Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library
Thu.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	12:00 pm	English Language Café - 2nd Floor, Trinity Church
	12:15 pm	Thursday Bible Study—Stone Church
	4:00 pm	Community Drop-in—2nd Floor, Trinity Church
	5:30 pm	Street Hope Spaghetti & Western - Stone Church
Fri.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	3:00 pm	Ladies Craft Group - 2nd Floor, Trinity Church
	7:00 pm	Street Hope Drop-In - Stone Church

3rd Field Regiment Concert

The Loyal Gunners, Vimy Ridge Centennial Memorial Concert is tomorrow, April 17th, 7:30 pm at Stone Church. Admission is Free. Other highlights of the concert will be 3rd Field Band CD launch, the farewell concert of Capt. Michael Molloy and the premiere performance of the Loyal Gunners March.

Portland United Church is holding a Heavenly Handbag Tea on Sat., May 6 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Come browse our selection of gently used purses and accessories and enjoy a sweet treat! Admission: \$5 at the door.

Our Envelope Offerings Last Week

	Regular	Missions
Budgeted	\$3,052.00	\$787.00
Actual	<u>2,318.00</u>	<u>506.00</u>
Shortfall/Surplus	\$ 734.00	\$281.00

OFFERINGS HYMN	<i>Jesus Christ is Risen Today!</i>	BB 153
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER	6	- page 207
THE LORD'S PRAYER		- page 211
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD		- page 213
WORSHIP DURING COMMUNION	<i>All Heaven Declares; I Live, I Live, Because He is Risen</i>	
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION		- page 214
BLESSING		
CLOSING HYMN	<i>Amazing Love</i>	
DISMISSAL		

Scripture reading page numbers are from the black pew Bibles

BB = Blue Hymn Books

MP = Mission Praise

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Lection Connection by Canon George Eves

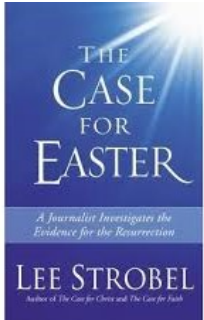
The apostle Peter, having received a vision revealing the acceptability of even unclean animals for sacrifice, addresses the Roman centurion Cornelius to the effect that God rejects no nationality. Peter briefly relates the story of Jesus, including his death and resurrection, emphasizing simply that he is Lord and judge of all, and everyone who believes in him receives salvation. The Psalmist has just experienced rescue from death and recognizes that YAHWEH has answered his prayer. Feeling like a rejected stone now become the chief cornerstone, he calls on everyone to give thanks for the steadfast love of the God of his salvation. St. Paul exhorts the Colossians, on the basis of their incorporation into the risen Christ, to set their minds on things above. They have already died to earthly things and will share in his glory when he comes again. John tells how Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to tell Peter and the other disciple. They run to see and find only the death garments lying there. After they go home, Mary encounters the risen Lord, recognizing him only when he calls her name. She is told to tell the others that he will soon be ascending to the Father. She hurries to obey.



Join us for tea & coffee following the service by the kitchen at the back of the church. All are welcome.

Coffee Hour Schedule

Today: Susan Wallace & Carolyn Westin
Next Sunday: Dixie & Danny Marmen



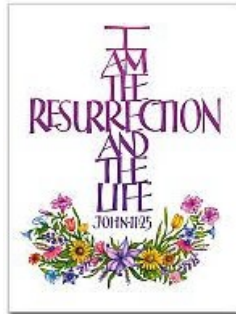
The Case for Easter: A Gift for You

A member of our congregation would like each household represented at worship this morning to have a copy of the little book “The Case for Easter” by Lee Strobel. This has become something of a classic since it was first published in 1998. The author was not a believer and began his research to disprove the claims of Christianity that Jesus had risen from the dead. Over the course of his research he became convinced of the opposite, that the gospels, epistles and book of Acts contain eye-witness accounts that would stand up in any north American court of law should they be used as part of a trial with live witnesses. It is our hope that this booklet will bless and encourage you and that you will pass it on to someone else who may be struggling to believe that Jesus is who he said he was, the Son of God and way to life in the kingdom of God.

Easter Greetings From Your Staff and Vestry

On behalf of your Wardens and Vestry, Mark Slader, Danny Marmen, Ruby Ranson, Mary Robinson, Rahul Datta, Debbie Collicott, Michael Smith, Debbie Hughes, Jasmine Chandra and Pam Stuart (Vestry Clerk and Parish Administrator), Marilyn Williams & Liza Jackman as well as my wife Carolyn and myself, I want to wish to all our parishioners a blessed and joyous celebration of our Lord’s resurrection and Easter joy throughout the coming season.

In Christ, our risen Lord, John Paul.



Steve Bell in Concert at Stone - Sunday, May 7 at 7:00 pm

We will welcome back to Stone Church our good friend and inspiring fellow Jesus follower Steve Bell for one special evening in Saint John. See more about this iconic Christian singer/songwriter at stevebell.com.



Easter Memorial Flowers

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the following:

Byard and Catherine Armstrong, Keith Wilson & Mark Cruickshank
by Carol Wilson and The Family

Edna Brewer and Agnus Mitchell
by Pat Mitchell

Ann Burdon
by Rebecca Ellis

Bill Davidson
by The Family

George Lockett, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Dacre & brother George
by The Family

Percy Loring
by The Family

Eugene Mealy
by The Family

Henry and Marguerite Morrisey and their son George
by Frances Morrisey

Murray and Marjorie Tufts and A Special Friend
by Aileen Tufts

