

Easter Miracle

The moment we have longed for has come, the night of our desires is here. What greater occupation could there be than for us to proclaim the power of your Resurrection!

This was the night when you shattered the gates of hell, and you took up the victory banner of heaven.

This was the night when you set us among the stars.

When your mother Mary gave birth to you, she was overwhelmed with joy at your beauty.

Now we are overwhelmed with joy at your power.

The blood which flowed from your side has washed away our sins.

Your body rising from the tomb has promised us eternal life.

Eternal are the blessings. which in your love you have poured upon us.

from the Gelasian Sacramentary

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Today Gil & Daphne Pritchett

Easter Day: Gloria Hynes & Wayne Drover

Greeters

Today -- Selby & Daisy Mesher

Next Sunday Ruby & Tolson Chapman

Musicians

Today Joyful Noise

Next Sunday Maurice & Marion Victory

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Selby Mesher

Musicians

Maurice & Marion Victory

ANiC Parish of

St. Stephen

The Martyr

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1st, 2018



THE MARTYR'S CROWN

Peoples' worship is disrupted when cell phones ring. As a gift to each other, we turn *off* our cell phone ringers during worship



Easter Memorials

Dear Friends,

According to the Gospel of Mark, very early on Easter morning the women made their way to the tomb of Jesus. Their intention was to properly prepare the body for burial. It had not been done because of the approaching Sabbath. Imagine their astonishment when they discovered that the tomb was empty!

God is full of surprises. They expected to find the dead body of Jesus but discovered an empty tomb instead. They didn't realize it then because of the shock, but later they would understand that the empty tomb meant Jesus was alive, back from the dead. What a gift this would prove for them and the entire world!

Indeed, God is full of surprises. Just when we think it's all over, He does something completely unexpected and our hope is restored! All we have to do is hold on. He will never leave or forsake us but will continue to surprise us. And that is the message of Easter!

Alleluia! The Lord is Risen!

Howard+

Flowers for the altar today were given for the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Ceri Hynes and Walter Chafe** by Howard and Gloria and family

The Paschal Candle is given for the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Departed Loved Ones** by Gil & Daphne Pritchett and Wayne & Lois Drover .

Donations were given to the Deficit Fund for the Glory of God and in loving memory of:
Departed Loved Ones by Herman & Rita Russell

Donations were given to the **Office Fund** for the Glory of God and in loving Memory of:
Sons Randy and Robbie Benmore by Mom Loretta Goodyear
Departed Loved Ones by Hilda Lambert
Dear Husband Art Barnes by Jessie and family
Husband Gerry O'Brien and friend Cynthia Piercey by Nina Brown O'Brien

OUR FATHER, the book written by our own Renee Noseworthy will be available during the month of April for \$15, with \$5 for each book sold being donated to the Parish.



Healing: Rick & Ruth, Daisy, Renee, Jessie,

The Parish: that God will continue to bless us. We pray that God will continue to guide us as we make plans to continue working the vision He gave us to spread the Good News to the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Our Sister Congregation of the Good Samaritan: For Darrell. Pastor and Archdeacon of Eastern Canada.

The Diocese: For Foley our Archbishop, Charlie our Bishop and all who give leadership across the Diocese. Pray that our Diocese will grow and prosper under God's providence.

Locally: For young people battling drugs and other addictions. For the Avalon Celebration of Hope planned for November, that many across our Province will be brought to Christ.

Canada: That our nation will discover a fresh desire to seek the living God, that righteous men and women will be raised up to give godly wisdom and leadership.