

Readings Today:

Acts 10.44-48; Psalm 98

1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17

**Services:**

**Today:**

Holy Eucharist BAS

**Next Sunday**

Holy Eucharist BCP

**Eucharistic Assistants**

**Today** Ruby & Tolson Chapman

**Next Sunday:** Wayne Drover & Gloria Hynes

**Greeters**

**Today** Nina Brown and Gloria Hynes

**Next Sunday** Harvey & Loretta Goodyear

**Musicians**

**Today** Maurice & Marion Victory

**Next Sunday** Joyful Noise

**Thought for the Week**



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*Lois Drover*

**Rector's Warden**

*Herman Russell*

**Peoples' Warden**

*Hayward Keats*

**Synod Delegate**

*Gil Pritchett*

**Parish Council**

*Loretta Goodyear*

*Nina Brown*

*Daisy Combden Mesher*

*Ruth Stanley*

**ARDFC Ambassador**

*Eleanor Muise*

**Greeter Coordinator**

*Gloria Hynes*

**Prayer Coordinator**

*Hilda Lambert*

**Altar Care / Eucharistic Assistant Coordinators**

*Rita & Herman Russell*

**Band "Joyful Noise"**

*Robert Batten*

*Nina O'Brien*

*Ruth Stanley*

*Rick Stanley*

*Selby Mesher*

**Musicians**

*Maurice & Marion Victory*

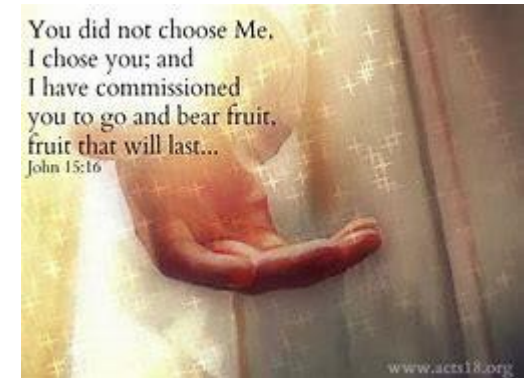
**ANiC Parish of**

**St. Stephen**

**The Martyr**

**EASTER VI**

**May 6th, 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



Dear Friends,

Welcome to worship! As always, my prayer is that God will speak to you today. If you have a particular need, there are people in the congregation ready and willing to pray with you. If you'd like to speak with me privately, please let me know after the service or place a note in the collection plate.

Today, we celebrate the Sixth Sunday after Easter. The Gospel reading appointed for today from John 15 reminds us that true joy comes from abiding in Jesus' love. E. Stanley Jones put it this way: "Joy is the natural fruit of Christian living." Jesus calls this kind of joy, "complete." In other words, amidst all the circumstances of life, it is the deep conviction that "my anchor holds."

Howard+

**Bethel:** If you would like to know more about God's Word, then the Bethel course is for you. If you are interested in joining the next Bethel Class in September, please speak to Rev. Howard+.



**10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Plans are underway for several events to celebrate the Parish's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a Service of Praise and Thanksgiving to give God thanks for bringing us to 10 years as a Parish. This will be followed by a Pot Luck. As other events are confirmed we will pass the information along to you.

**TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER GATHERING:** For some time, we have been setting aside Tuesday evenings to pray into the vision that our pastor believes he was given, to reach out with the Gospel into other parts of the Province. While prayer is a vital component in any gospel endeavour and must be ongoing, Howard+ believes our focus as a group must now turn toward planning and execution. This coming Tuesday at 7:30 PM, Parish Office, we will begin to consider the question, "Where, how and when?"

**BISHOP TREVOR WALTERS:** We continue to pray for Bishop Trevor Walters of Western Canada. We have received word from Bishop Charlie that the chemotherapy has been ineffective in treating Bishop Trevor's bladder cancer. He now faces the possibility of major surgery in the near future. In the meantime, Bishop Trevor continues in his duties with much joy and optimism. Bishop Charlie has requested that we increase our prayer effort for Bishop Trevor.

**CENTRE FOR LIFE** is currently seeking members. If you would like to know more about

membership, visit [www.centreforlife.ca](http://www.centreforlife.ca) or speak to Rev. Howard+ or Herman Russell.

**HOWARD+ RECEIVES AN INVITATION TO ATTEND GAFCON IN JERUSALEM:** "The GAFCON (Global Anglican Future Conference) movement is a global family of authentic Anglicans standing together to retain and restore the Bible to the heart of the Anglican Communion. [The GAFCON] mission is to guard the unchanging, transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ and to proclaim Him to the world..." The next GAFCON conference, GAFCON 2018, is being held in Jerusalem, June 17 - 27. Two thousand Anglican leaders from around the world are expected to attend. Recently, additional spaces were allocated to the Anglican Church in North America for anyone interested in attending GAFCON 2018. (This conference is by invitation only.) Howard+ submitted his name, thinking it very unlikely that he'd be considered. Amazingly, on Friday past, he received an invitation to attend! He has until May 8 to accept the invitation. Please pray for our pastor as he seeks God's direction.



**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. For the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary team as they plan the events for the coming year.