



***Welcome to the parish of
St. Philip by-the-Sea, Lantzville B.C.***

**Sunday April 28th, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter
9.30a.m. Service of Holy Communion
(Book of Common Prayer)**

Opening Sentence

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me,
and I in them, bear much fruit. *John 15.5*

Collect for the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

From the Book of Acts (*Ch. 8:26-40*)

Psalm 22: 24-30

REFRAIN All the ends of the earth shall turn to the Lord.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!" All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. **R**

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For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations. To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him. **R**

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done. **R**

Second Reading

From the First Letter of John (*Ch.4:7-21*)

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (*Ch.15:1-8*)

The Offertory Sentence

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

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With special thanks to:

- *Caleb Lawrence for celebrating Communion with us this morning.*
- *Nicole McDaid, Mark Taylor, Doug Sowden, Diane Elliott, Roberta Peterson, and Anne Henderson who served as greeter, reader, communion assistant, prayer leader, and counters.*

*Your leadership, support and example are greatly valued and appreciated. **THANK YOU!***

Announcements

May 2nd: 1.30pm Ladies Group Meeting

May 4th: 9am-1pm Plant Sale

May 11th: Ladies Group Spring Lunch – Noon to 2pm.

May 15th: 8.30am Men's Breakfast – Country Grocer (Bowen Rd & Dufferin Cres.)

May 29th: 10.30am-Noon Seniors' Coffee Morning

All event information (for the Parish and the Diocese) can be found on the St. Philips website (www.stphiliplantzville.ca)

Please note that the church office will be closed April 22-30, as the Parish Administrator (Helen Taylor) will be on vacation. If you have anything urgent during that time, please email the Wardens at wardens@stphiliplantzville.ca

In the Worldwide Anglican Community, we pray for: The Church of Bangladesh.

In our Diocese of British Columbia, we pray for: Anna, our Bishop and the Parish of St. Dunstan, Gordon Head – The Rev. Heather Robinson.

This week in our Parish of St. Philip by-the-Sea, we pray for: Susan Hooge, Larry Horn, Debbie Hussynec, Eleanor Johnstone, Doreen Joliffe, and for all their families. We pray for peace and for all refugees around the world.

UPCOMING SERVICE REMINDERS

Sunday May 5th, 2024, 9.30am
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Service of Morning Prayer (BAS)
Service Leader: David Wilson

Sunday May 12th, 2024, 9.30am
Ascension Sunday (Mother's Day)
Service of Morning Prayer (BCP)
Service Leader: Nicole McDaid

Sunday May 19th, 2024, 9.30am
Pentecost
Service of Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Celebrant: The Rev. Rosemary Mathews