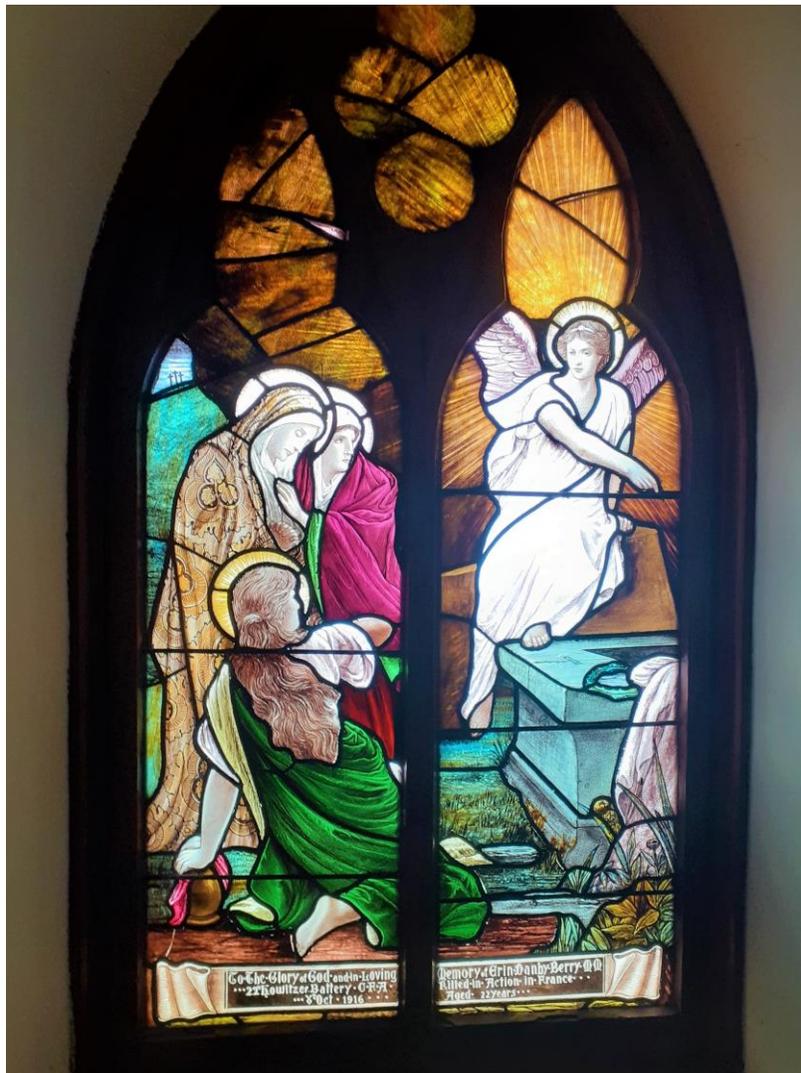




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**Sunday, April 11, 2021, Second Sunday of Easter: 10:30am
Liturgy of the Word (Online)**

Presider / Homilist: John Howard; Lay Reader: Francis Richardson;
Reader: Diane Tarr; Pianist/vocalist: Lauren Best; Videographer: Nathan Postings
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How good it is for all to live together in unity.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

People ***May he fill our hearts with joy.***

Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Morning Has Broken

CP#3

Morning has broken
Like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird,
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Spring in completeness
Where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Collect Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and

great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

A Reading from 1 John 1-2:2

1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are

writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not

in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Jesus is Risen from the Grave (vs 1&2)

#232

Jesus is risen from the grave,
Jesus is risen from the grave,
Jesus is risen from the grave,
Al-le-lu-ai.

Jesus was seen by Mary,
Jesus was seen by Mary,
Jesus was seen by Mary,
Al-le-lu-ai.

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin),

one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you

believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But

these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:19-31

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn (continued) Jesus is Risen From the Grave (vs 4)

#232

Thomas will stop his doubting,
Thomas will stop his doubting,

Thomas will stop his doubting,
Al-le-lu-ia.

Homily:

John Howard

The Apostles' Creed

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All: I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only
Son, our Lord. He was
conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin
Mary. He suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is
seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

**He will come again to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
holy catholic Church, the
communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and
the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Francis Richardson

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to**

**generation, in the Church and in
Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn: All Shall Be Well (vs 1,3 &5)

#222

All shall be well!
For on our Easter skies
See Christ the son of righteousness
arise.
3. All shall be well!
The cross and passion past,

Dark night is done,
Bright morning come at last.
5. Jesus alive!
Rejoice and sing again;
All shall be well
For evermore, Amen!

Dismissal Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

The Diocese: We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: Parish of Long Point Bay: St. John's Church, Port Rowan; St. John's Church, Woodhouse; St. Andrew's-by-the-Lake, Turkey Point.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Terry Melnychuk, Deanie & Garry Minielly, Lynda Muir; and all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Bob, Bill, Charlie, Erin, Howie, Jason, John, Mike, Paul, Patsy, Ruth, Sandra, Simon, Steve, Theresa, Tyler, Vicki, Wayne, Wayne P., Wilma and any others who are in need of our prayers.

Next Sunday: April 18, 2021

Liturgy of the Word, Online & Videotaped

To watch previously videotaped services – watch [here](#)
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Presider & Homilist: Gilles Haché
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Readings: Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4 1
John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

Lay Reader: John Howard
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