

## Mission Statement

*Guided by Holy Scripture and the Holy Spirit, we the congregation of Holy Trinity pledge our lives to Christ. Through worship, love, and service to one another, we will bring witness and encouragement to the community.*

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Today's bulletin is given to the glory of God and in memory of **Don & Florence Hiscock** by Sons & Daughters.

Service Times for April 29 – May 6, 2018		
<b>Sunday, April 29</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> of Easter</i> <i>Canadian Bible Society Sunday</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Eucharist/Baptism (BAS)	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	Holy Communion (BCP)	9:30 a.m.
<b>Next Sunday, May 6</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> of Easter</i> <i>Food Bank Sunday</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Eucharist (BAS) Compline (BCP)	8:30 a.m. 10:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

**Readings/** Acts 8:26-40 – Gloria Robinson      **Psalm 22:24-30** – Barbara Leyte  
**Readers** 1 John 4:7-21 – Patricia Hammond      **John 15:1-8** – Joy Rose

**Greeting.** Welcome to our worship this morning. If you are a first-time visitor, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our Clergy, and we ask that you sign our Guest Book located in the foyer.

**Canadian Bible Society Sunday.** Today has been designated as Canadian Bible Society Sunday here at Holy Trinity. This morning it is with great pleasure that we welcome Walwin Blackmore, representative of the Canadian Bible Society to our service. Walwin will bring greetings from the CBS and bring us up-to-date news on what the Society is doing to spread God's word.

**Healing Ministry.** One of our healing prayer teams will be available for private prayer, laying on of hands and/or anointing during Holy Eucharist at the 10:30 a.m. services. During the Holy Eucharist Service this morning, a Prayer Team (Rev. Walter & Patricia Hammond) will come forward with the Eucharistic Assistants to receive Communion and be anointed before moving to the prayer station at the back of the church. Should you wish healing prayer for yourself or for another or to offer a prayer of thanksgiving, you are invited to come to the prayer station during Communion.

**Intention Sets.** The intention sets have been paid for.

**Flowers for Mothers' Day.** If you wish to place flowers in the church in memory of loved ones, the names must be submitted by Sunday, May 6. Place the names and your donation inside an envelope. Please mark the envelope *Flowers for Mothers' Day* plus your Envelope Number, and place it in the Offertory Plate.

**Sidesmen's Spring Concert.** There will a concert in the E.M. Bishop Hall on May 8 starting at 7:30 p.m. All event proceeds will go to the Janeway. You may give your donation (minimum of \$5) at the door.

**Ordination.** Please pray for Robynn Toal as she prepares for Ordination in Hermitage on May 16. Many of you will remember that Robynn did her Internship here at Holy Trinity last fall. We also ask prayer for the Revd. Renee Easton as she prepares for her ordination to the Priesthood. Renee's ordination date has been set as June 29

**An Appeal for Help: St. John's Anglican Church in Shamattawa.** Many of you would know that St. John's Anglican Church in Shamattawa First Nation burned to the ground Wednesday, April 18. While this fire is not suspicious, the isolated northern Manitoba First Nation, 745 kilometres northeast of Winnipeg, has been repeatedly ravaged by arsons. Band Office, Grocery Store, Community Warehouse and a teacher's residence were all set on fire deliberately. Here is our Diocesan response to a number of people asking if they could help. *I have been in touch with Bishop Lydia Mamakwa to assure her of our prayers, and to ask if we can be of some help. She has offered us the opportunity to serve her Church by providing the gift of Bibles, Prayer Books, and a Chalice and paten. Our goal is to raise some funds, and purchase the books through a local supplier in Manitoba to save shipping costs. We invite you to make a donation through your own local Church, who will send it along to the Diocese, and enable this ministry to our hurting brothers and sisters. Let's get this done as soon as we can!* **Bishop John**

**Greeters Today.** Jim Mercer, Brad Hulan, Rendell Hulan, Clyde Hunter, Joe Richards

**Items for the Messenger.** Please have your submissions to Linda by Thursday. You may contact her at 489-9801 or e-mail [linda.pafford@nl.rogers.com](mailto:linda.pafford@nl.rogers.com)

## Free To Belong

*The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. —*  
**Romans 8:16**

When we find ourselves in a new job or a new school where we do not know anyone, it feels welcoming to have someone come alongside and help us become familiar with our new surroundings. A person who does that may show us around, introduce us to coworkers or friends, and help us to feel at home more quickly. That person is showing hospitality. Hospitality helps to make people feel welcome.

Hospitality invites people in and gives them a sense of belonging. We all seek a place where we can feel comfortable. We seek a place where we belong and where we are accepted for who we are. We feel secure when we're in a place where we do not have to pretend to be someone we are not.

Through the resurrection of Jesus, the Spirit of God offers us the gift of hospitality and welcomes us into his family. God invites those who seek new life in Christ to come and make themselves comfortable in his presence.

Not all earthly families are welcoming and comfortable, but the freedom God offers us through the resurrection is the gift of belonging to his family, where we can come and share in all the privileges and responsibilities of being called God's children. As our loving Father, God accepts us and loves us for who we are in Christ. Through the resurrection we are free to belong!

### Prayer

Father God, thank you for accepting us as your children. Just as you invite us through the gift of hospitality, may we extend that loving hospitality to others. In Jesus, Amen.

## Holy Humor

Maria came home from Sunday School on Palm Sunday and told her mother that she had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly. It took her mother a while before she realized that the hymn Maria had been singing was really: "Gladly the Cross I'd Bear."