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'You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.' *Matthew 16-18*

Come to Worship – Leave to Serve



April 19, 2020

A message from our Rector

Let us Remain!

Alleluia He has Risen!! But did you get the memo? The Second Sunday of Easter has always been one of the “lower Sundays” of the year in terms of people coming to church or practising their piety. This Sunday we hear the reading about Thomas who is invited to place his fingers into or Saviour's wounds in order to believe. The invitation alone is enough for Thomas to proclaim him as “my Lord and my God.”

The question for each one of us is: what invitation do we need to hear in order to proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Saviour? For many of us we need to see people doing acts of kindness and service to support our belief. This can be harder to demonstrate in the midst of a pandemic but I have found many hopeful signs as we journey through this time of uncertainty and isolation.

I have been buoyed by the generous support given to our Parish by way electronic giving, email, and by envelopes received at the office drop box. We thank God for every dollar of support. I have been heartened by the pastoral support and understanding extended to us by the Bishop and the Diocese. He has shown good leadership during this time. I have most pleased to learn of the contacts made among our members to support and uphold each other during this time. I have also been impressed by the high number members who have watched or who have taken part in our Live Facebook postings we have made during Lent and Easter.

I plan to continue these postings on **Wednesdays at 7p.m.** and on **Sunday Mornings at 10:30a.m.** We are also making telephone calls to members and those who connect with us in order to offer support and contact.

I would be pleased to talk with you directly at anytime. I can be reached at 325-1278.

Let us thank God for all frontline workers and let us keep all those at risk in our prayers.

With every Blessing and Good wish for us **all to stay safe and to remain faithful!**

Rev. Bill+

| Weekly Offering Report | | |
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| Sunday | Contributions | Budgeted Weekly Contribution Income |
| April 5–Palm Sunday | \$8,346.50 | \$3,438.62 |
| April 12-Easter Day | \$7,548.00 | \$3,438.62 |
| Year to Date | \$39,550.40 | \$51,579.30 |
| Contributions include all voluntary offering since the previous Sunday | | |

From the Treasurer: On behalf of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, thank you for your generous support of the ministry of St. Peter’s Church. We are especially encouraged by the way that so many people have sent in their offerings during this difficult period. Through this simple Weekly Offering Report we will be keeping you abreast of the financial situation of our parish and look forward to your generous support. Please stay safe. **Ray**

Please call us

Please call the Church Office if we can be of any help in picking up groceries, prescriptions or any other item important to you. (*Sorry, we cannot offer transportation at this time*).

Cancellations/Postponements

As you are probably aware, all events scheduled for the Church and Parish Hall, for the foreseeable future, has been cancelled and will be rescheduled, where possible, for a later date to be announced.

Our Condolences

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the family and friends of the late **Emma Eason** who passed away on April 17th. Mrs Eason is mother to Margaret (Albert) Spracklin and grandmother to Kim (Lester). A celebration of Mrs Eason's life will take place at a later date.

"+Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her."

LECTIONARY FOR TODAY, – Second Sunday of Easter - ACTS 2:14A, 22-32; PSALM 16, 1 PETER 1:3-9; JOHN 20:19-31

Sunday's Service

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for

him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

ACTS 2:14A, 22-32

PSALM

REFRAIN God will not abandon me to the grove.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people. **R**

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. **R**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. **R**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. **R**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit. **R**

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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PSALM 16

Second Reading

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 PETER 1:3-9

Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

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. If 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

Prayer over the Gifts

God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LECTIONARY FOR NEXT WEEK, April 26th, Third Sunday of Easter:

Prayer After Communion

Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Lectionary for Sunday, April 26– Third Sunday of Easter - ACTS 2:14A, 36-41; PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17; 1 PETER 1:17-23; LUKE 24:13-35

This week we are praying for:

All Church Leaders, especially +Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; +Linda, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; +Ronald, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, +Geoffrey, our Bishop; Bonnie+, our Deacon, Irving+, our Honourary Assistant, and Bill+, our Rector.

In the Anglican/Lutheran Cycle of Prayer—ACC-Archbishop Anne Germond, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Algoma. ELCIC-The dean, council, and congregations of the Manitoba South Area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod. ACC/ELCIC-The Right of Indigenous Peoples to Free, Prior and Informed Consent and a renewed commitment to responsible resource extraction.

In the Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, The Parishioners and Clergy of the Parish of Forteau and the Parish of Fortune/Lamaline.

We pray for those who are sick or otherwise in need, especially: Rodney Andrews, Brian Gosse, Deneal Haines, Mackenzie Jones, Glenys O'Brien, Lucy Thistle, Mary Bussey, Payton Best, Judy Barker, Robert Moulton, Yvonne Lawlor, Geraldine Piercey, Ray Styles, Vince Wiltshire, Murdoch Peddle, Sylvia Gillespie-Miller, Norman Tibbo, George Moore, John Butters, Steven & Chris Dawe, Vasili Flogeras, Alan Drover, George Morgan and Stephen Walsh.

Today's bulletin is offered to the Glory of God in loving memory of:

William Feaver (remembering his birthday April 8th) From loving wife Susie & family

Bert & Annie Morgan (remembering their passing on March 20th and 21st respectively). From Yvonne, Wayne, Robin Sid, Bill & Jack and families.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them.

A prayer for the world

God of love and hope,
you made the world and care for all creation,
but the world feels strange right now.
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.
Some people are worried that they might get ill.
Others are anxious for their family and friends.
Be with them and help them to find peace.

We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,
and all who are working to discover the right medicines
to help those who are ill.

Thank you that even in these anxious times,
you are with us.

Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.

Amen.

(Church of England)

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| Diocesan Bishop: | The Right Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Peddle |
| Rector: | The Reverend Bill Strong |
| Parish Deacon: | The Reverend Dr. Bonnie Morgan |
| Honourary Assistant: | The Reverend Irving Letto |
| Organist/Choir Director | Elizabeth Brumm |
| Parish Wardens | Jim Howell and Albert Morgan |
| Office Administrator: | Jack Morgan |

