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# Parish e-News

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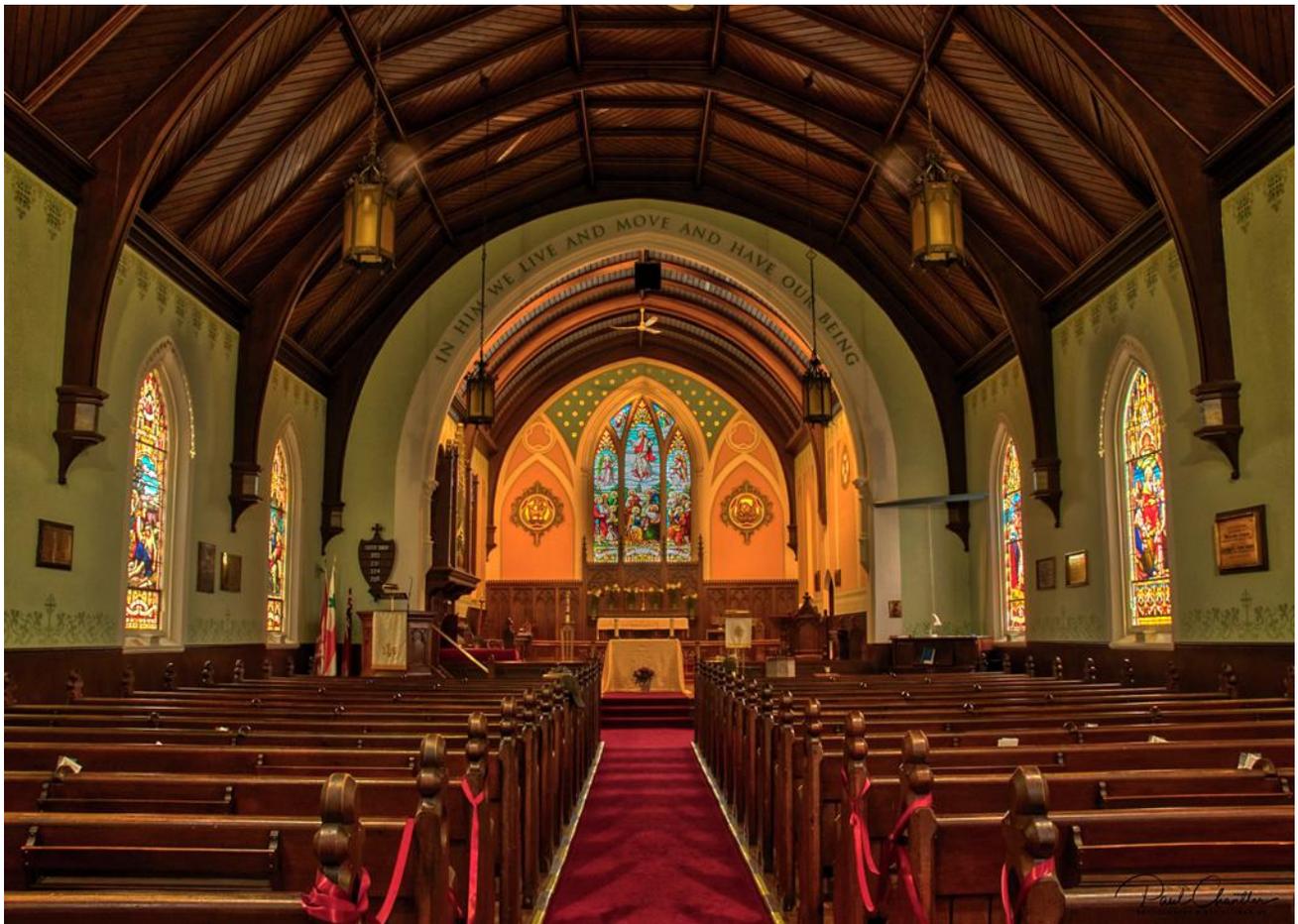


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### ***Public Worship at St Thomas' Remains Cancelled Due to Covid-19***

The Priest-in-Charge will continue to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word--on behalf of the whole congregation--in the church every Sunday at 10.30 am.

The *Order of Service* is found below for those who wish to follow along at home.

As a simple act of daily or weekly worship, you may wish to make use of the virtual “Light a Candle” prayer resource from the Church of England website:  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/light-candle>

***Here are some links to Deanery and Diocesan online liturgies:***

- St John’s, Peterborough: <http://stjohnspeterborough.ca/>
- All Saints’, Peterborough: <https://www.allsaintspeterborough.org/at-home-resources>
- St James’ Cathedral & other parishes throughout the diocese:  
<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/2020/03/13/covid-19-updates/#worship>

***We are sad to announce the passing of Helen Dufty, mother of Lianne Landry.***

“Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon her.”

The obituary is posted on the website of the Ashburnham Funeral Home, Peterborough:  
<https://ashburnhamfuneral.ca/tribute/details/9016/Helen-Dufty/obituary.html>

***Contacting the Parish Office*** - Telephone contact with the parish secretary (who is working from home) is possible from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, Tuesday to Thursday.

**Please leave a message on the parish office voicemail and Gail will return your call as soon as possible.** In an emergency, please call the Priest-in-Charge at home.

***New or gently-used jigsaw puzzles (1000 pieces or more if possible) and new (or un-marked) cross-word or other word puzzle books*** are still sought for bored and increasingly “cabin-fevered” older adults who are ‘shut in’ due to the pandemic. Please contact the Priest-in-Charge if you can help! Pick-up or drop-off can be arranged.

***Community Care Millbrook is offering grocery delivery and prescription pick up and delivery to people who not able to get out.*** Please call 705-932-2011 for more information.

***Some of our parishioners are making non-medical cloth face masks which may assist in reducing possible transmission of the virus responsible for covid-19 from the wearer of the mask to other people in close range.*** Use of a face mask is *not* a substitute for physical distancing (6 feet), regular hand-washing, and sneezing/ coughing into one’s elbow or into a disposable tissue, and using other common sense precautions. In order to be effective, cloth masks should be laundered after each use and should not be touched or adjusted when worn.

***For specific instructions on the use of non-medical masks during the pandemic, see this link to Public Health Ontario:***

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet/2020/05/factsheet-covid-19-masks-not-healthcare.pdf?la=en>

*If you would like to obtain one or more non-medical cloth face masks, please contact the Priest-in-Charge who will arrange delivery.*

***The Churchwardens continue to offer heartfelt thanks for those parishioners and friends of St Thomas' who are making a concerted effort to keep up their regular offerings in the face of the restrictions caused by the covid-19 pandemic!***

***Weekly or monthly offerings for those who are not on PAR can be made in the following ways:***

- ***By regular mail*** - to **St Thomas' Anglican Church, P. O. Box 187, Millbrook, Ontario, L0A 1G0**. Cheques only please--made out to St Thomas' Church. *Post-dated cheques, for future contribution periods, would be welcome and very much appreciated.*
- ***By e-transfer from your bank account.*** Please call Gail at the parish office at 705-932-2233 (leave message) or email her at [cavmanparish@nexicom.net](mailto:cavmanparish@nexicom.net) to arrange.
- ***By pre-arranged 'drop off' at the home of the Priest-in-Charge.*** Please call 705-932-1231 to arrange a mutually convenient time.
- ***By pick-up from your home if you can't get out*** - please call 705-932-1231 to arrange a mutually convenient time. All public health protocols ('physical distancing,' etc) will be strictly followed.
- ***By Pre-Authorized Remittance:*** If you wish to enroll in PAR, please call the parish office during office hours. An authorization form will be mailed (or emailed) to you.
- ***By using the secure online donations link on our parish website.*** Here is the link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119202950RR0001-st-thomas-church/>



**Liturgy of the Word**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
May his grace and peace be with us.  
**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.**

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confess our sins with a sincere and true heart. *(Silence for reflection)*

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life. Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins. Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread. Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**May the God of love and compassion**  
**forgive us and free us from all our sins,**  
**heal and strengthen us in the Holy Spirit,**  
**and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,**  
**and peace to God's people on earth.**  
**Lord God, heavenly king,**  
**almighty God and Father,**  
**we worship you, we give you thanks,**  
**we praise you for your glory.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**  
**Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**  
**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***Collect of the Day***

Almighty God,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven.  
Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised,  
he abides with us on earth to the end of time;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

***Amen.***

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:6-14)

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Holy Word; Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 68 (selected verses)*

Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.  
**As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.**

But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.  
**Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds--his name is the LORD--be exultant before him.**

Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

**God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

**Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

**Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.**

Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

**Glory to God: Source of all being, eternal Word, and life-giving Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of Peter (4.12-14;5.6-11)

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Word: Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I will not leave you desolate, says the Lord; I will come to you. **Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (17:1-11)

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And

this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### ***Reflection on Scripture***

“As the seventh and last Sunday of Easter before the festival of Pentecost and the beginning of the long, green season, Jesus’ closing words...are more than a fitting finish. “And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.” What if this blessing was that which provided a theme for the entire season of Pentecost...?

It is, perhaps, one of the most relevant and truthful definitions of what Pentecost is supposed to be as disciples of Christ. Jesus is no longer in the world. The incarnation is over. Jesus has been resurrected. He ascended to the Father from whence he came (1:1). But *we* are still in the world, Jesus’ works are now in our hands (14:12), and Jesus is counting on us to be his presence in the wake of his absence (21:15-17).

What if we imagined that the resurrection of Jesus was just the beginning and not the conclusion of the Gospel? That the promises of the resurrection are, in part, ours to fulfill? How would a life of discipleship, of witness, of love, between Pentecost and Advent, be different were we to trust that Jesus meant what he said in 14:12, “Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.” *We* are in the world now, the world that God loves (3:16).”

Karoline Lewis, ‘Commentary on John 17.1-11’:

[http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary\\_id=1996](http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=1996)

### ***Prayers of the Faithful***

Let us pray to God the Creator,  
who has reconciled all things in Christ, as we say:  
“Lord, graciously hear us”

Holy God,  
robed in majesty;  
Lord of heaven and earth;  
we pray that you will bring justice, peace, and salvation to all peoples.  
Especially we pray for the leaders our country and the world as they make difficult  
decisions in the face of the covid-19 pandemic;  
may they always work for justice, freedom, and the good of everyone. (silence)  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

You chose us in Christ to be your ambassadors,  
to be the temple of your Holy Spirit.  
Fill your Church with vision and courage to overcome hatred and fear.  
In our diocesan family, we pray especially for Andrew and Ryscilla our Bishops,  
and all who minister to the marginalized and forgotten. (silence)  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Your Spirit pleads for us in our weakness;  
we pray for all who are in need or distress.  
We pray for those people of India and Bangladesh dealing with extreme weather.  
We pray for those who mourn, especially Lianne Landry and her family.  
We pray for the sick and frail, especially those in hospital or long-term care.  
Be with them and with those who care for them. (silence)  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,  
you have opened heaven to us  
and enabled us to share in your own glory.  
May your whole Church, living and departed,  
share in the joy of the resurrection.

We pray for the recently deceased, especially Helen Dufty, and others known to us...  
We pray also for Canadian Forces Captain Jennifer Casey  
who was killed in the recent 'Snowbirds' air crash. (silence)  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of almighty God.  
**To you, O Lord, our God.**

Grant these our prayers, Father, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world  
without end. **Amen.**

Gathering all our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

***Act of Spiritual Communion***

*Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer*

**O God, your Son Jesus Christ has given us a meal of bread and wine as an outward sign of his living presence. May we, who at this time cannot celebrate the holy mysteries of his Body and Blood, receive him spiritually in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving; that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. 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.**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord:  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,  
be among us and remain with us now and always. **Amen.**

"The Blessing - Canada":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BSuwlEaQi54>

*(Thanks to Fr Glenn Empey of St Luke's Peterborough for making us aware of this link)*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

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