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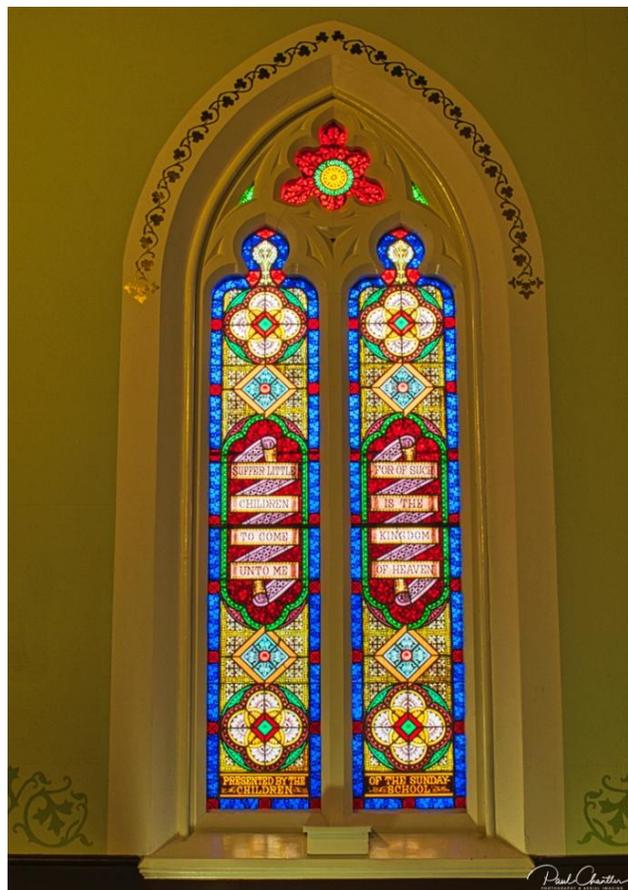
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Public Worship at St Thomas' Remains Cancelled Due to Covid-19

During the summer months, the Priest-in-Charge will celebrate the Sunday Liturgy - on behalf of the whole congregation - in the church on *Saturday afternoons at 4 pm.*

A Youtube video of this 'Sunday Vigil' liturgy will be sent out on Saturday evening.

The *Order of Service* is found below for those who wish to make use of it at home.

Here are some links to other online Sunday liturgies in our diocese:

- 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>

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>

Forward Day-By-Day - daily Bible readings & other resources for prayer and study - available online at: <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/>

The Anglican bishops of the province of Ontario have produced a document entitled "Loving our Neighbours: A template for the safe re-opening of our churches." It can be found at this link:
<https://files.constantcontact.com/99e294e0401/f1685c1f-2438-4915-93f8-2c658ad28e9f.pdf>
Anglican services will not be allowed to resume until September at the earliest.

The Diocese of Toronto has produced a new document entitled "Policy on Marriage" which outlines some important changes in our pastoral practice.
The document, along with a short video presentation by the Bishop of Toronto, can be found at the following link:
<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/parish-life/marriage/>

Contacting the Parish Office - Telephone contact with the parish secretary is possible from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, Tuesday to Thursday. In an emergency, or during vacation closure of the parish office, please call the Priest-in-Charge at home at 705-932-1231 (if the voice mail is turned off, please call 705-313-9002 and leave a message, which will be answered as soon as possible).

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. Volunteers from the parish are also available to offer assistance.

Some of our parishioners are making cloth face masks which are now recommended by Public Health for use in situations where physical distancing is difficult to maintain. To obtain a mask, please contact the Priest-in-Charge. A free-will donation (to cover the cost of the cloth) may be made but is not necessary.

A note from the Priest-in-Charge -

“I had hoped, by this time, to announce the recommencement of public worship--at least in some form (i.e., out-of-doors at Trinity the Marsh). However, our bishops have wisely asked us to continue on the path of caution and prudence and not gather together in any way, shape, or form until at least the fall. The diocese has just published guidelines for the practices that we will have to institute when we do, in fact, begin to gather for public worship at St Thomas'. The complete document is available at this link: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/2020/06/30/guidelines-for-reopening-in-the-diocese-of-toronto/> I will continue to send out a Youtube video of the Sunday liturgy (with short homily) each week. During the summer months, I will celebrate the Sunday liturgy at 4 pm on *Saturday* afternoons in the church, and then send out the Youtube video as soon as possible afterwards. One final bit of news: At the request of the Churchwardens, Bishop Shaw has agreed to renew my appointment as interim Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Cavan & Manvers for another year, beginning August 1, 2020.” RR

The Churchwardens continue to be extremely grateful to parishioners and friends of our parish who are continuing to make a real effort to keep up their regular offerings -- especially as we have been asked by our bishops to take a 'leave of absence' from gathering for 'in-person' worship this summer! Thank you for your support!

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 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
5th Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 14, Year A
July 5th, 2020

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
and blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. Amen.

**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.**

Come, Holy Spirit of God
and search our hearts with the light of Christ.

(silence for reflection)

Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
We have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit with us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, 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.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of your children
we do also for him.
Give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us,
but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Genesis (24.34-38. 42-49, 58-67)

So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' "I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" --let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.' "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the

servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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

Responsorial Psalm (45.10-17)

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house, and the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him; the people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people with all kinds of wealth.

The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes; in many-colored robes she is led to the king; behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.

With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.

In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.

I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.

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 Letter of Paul to the Romans (7.15-25a)

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is our Father, Lord of heaven and earth, who has revealed these things to the simple. **Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (11.16-19, 25-30)
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Homily - available on 'Youtube' video of this liturgy

Affirmation of Faith

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the Faithful

In peace let us pray to God saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all,
let us pray to God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For Andrew and Ryscilla our bishops, and for all the clergy and people,
let us pray to God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our country, for the Prime Minister of Canada and first ministers of the provinces and territories, for indigenous and First Nations leaders and elders, and for all in authority in this land and throughout the world,
let us pray to God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this township of Cavan Monaghan, for its citizens, and for every city and community,
let us pray to God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,
let us pray to God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and suffering, especially those who have asked for our prayers (*silence*)
let us pray to God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and refugees, and for all who remember and care for them,
let us pray to God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For deliverance from all affliction, strife, poverty, and fear. We pray especially for those who are oppressed through hatred, bigotry, or systemic racism... (*silence*)
let us pray to God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection... *(silence)*
and for all the departed,
let us pray to God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

In union with our patron St Thomas and all the saints, we commit ourselves, one
another, and our whole life to Christ our Saviour.

To you, O Lord our God.

God of mercy,
you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice;
and have promised to hear the prayers
of those who gather in your name;
fulfil now, we pray,
the prayers and longings of your people
as may be best for us and for your kingdom.
Granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the world to come the vision of your glory.
Amen.

Gathering our prayers into one, let us say together

**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,
Source, Word, and Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us now and always. **Amen.**

"The Blessing - Canada":

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

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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