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# Parish e-News

## St Thomas' Anglican Church

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

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

***A Youtube video of this Sunday liturgy will be sent out following the service. The Order of Service is found below for those who wish to use it 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>

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

**Our bishops have set September 13<sup>th</sup> as the day that we are free to resume our regular Sunday services at 10.30 am.** The diocese has set out strict requirements that must be followed by parishes for the conduct of public worship: e.g., physical distancing, obligatory non-medical face masks, no congregational singing (only instrumental music and/or a cantor/soloist), holy communion in one kind only, etc. The Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens will provide detailed information on these rules closer to the time. *We look forward to seeing you back at church this fall!* We plan to continue to record Sunday services for our YouTube channel after start-up.

**The parish office (with Gail still working from home) is open Tuesday-Thursday, 9.30-11.30 am, telephone 705-932-2233 (please leave message).** For urgent matters, please call the Priest-in-Charge at home (705-932-1231). If (and *only* if) the home voicemail is turned off, please call 705-313-9002, and leave message.

**Some of our parishioners are making cloth face masks** which are now strongly recommended (and in some parts of the province now required) by Public Health for use in indoor settings. To obtain a mask, please contact the Priest-in-Charge.

**The Churchwardens continue to be very grateful to parishioners and friends of our parish who are making a concerted effort to keep up their regular offerings. 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](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**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Proper 18, Year A**  
**August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

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

*(silence for reflection)*

**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 fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom.  
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Genesis (32.22-31)

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Penuel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

*Responsorial Psalm (17.1-7, 15)*

Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

**From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.**

If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

**As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

**I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.**

Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

**As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

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 (9.1-5)

I am speaking the truth in Christ--I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

**Alleluia, alleluia!** We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (14.13-21)

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

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

*Homily - will be available on the '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***

Let us pray in confidence to the God of all compassion

We pray for the churches of the Anglican Communion , remembering especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Andrew and Riscylla our bishops, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, and all the clergy and people of this diocese. We pray also for all Christians throughout the world, and all people of good will, as we together face unprecedented challenges. *(silence)*

Gracious God, may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your world.

God of compassion:  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world, especially places where there is war, famine, and insecurity. We pray for all refugees, that they may find a place of welcome and friendship in our country and elsewhere. We pray for all members of the human family as we deal with the effects of pandemic disease. *(silence)*

God our friend, help everyone to share all the good gifts that you have given to us. May those who lead the nations of the world be given wisdom and compassion.

God of compassion:  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our local communities, for all who live and work in this township and county, especially all medical and other front-line workers. Let us give thanks for our life-giving

and beautiful, yet threatened and fragile earth and commit ourselves to make small but crucial steps in our own lives to care for God's creation. *(silence)*

God our creator, give us an awareness of the urgent need to conserve and sustain the gifts of your creation; and grant that we may always help each other, just as you love and help us.

God of compassion:  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, for the sick, for those in hospital or long-term care, for those who suffer in any way. In the silence of our hearts we recall those commended to our prayers. *(silence)*

God our strength, the comfort of all who suffer; grant patience and healing to your children who cry out to you in their distress.

God of compassion:  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died and for all who mourn, especially for the innocent victims state-sponsored violence or oppression. *(silence)*

God our hope, we believe that not even death can separate us from your love. Grant that the faithful departed may know your never-ending compassion and see you face to face.

God of compassion:  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves. In all we do this week, may we strive to care for others, following the example of Jesus our Lord and our brother. *(silence)*

God of compassion:  
**hear our prayer.**

Collecting all our prayers 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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

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