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*St. Paul's Anglican Church built in 1837 on Lot 17, Conc. 4
(Drawing by Catherine Dalhaise from her book Cornerstones.)*

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 *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.

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 Diocese of Toronto has now produced guidelines for the safe resumption of public worship. The Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens will be using this document to develop best practices for our own Sunday services when they resume (God willing) sometime in the fall. The complete document can be found here:
<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/2020/06/30/guidelines-for-reopening-in-the-diocese-of-toronto/>

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/>

The parish office will be closed next week. For urgent matters, please call the Priest-in-Charge at home at 705-932-1231 and leave a message. If, and only if, the voice mail is turned off at that number, please call 705-313-9002 and leave a message. Your call will be returned 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.

We are very sad to announce the passing of Betty Lunn. Please keep Joe and the whole family in your prayers. Private family burial service this week. Public memorial service will be held at a later date. "May she rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory!"

The Churchwardens continue to be extremely 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 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
6th Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 15, Year A
July 12th, 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,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless
until they find their rest in you.
May we find peace in your service,
and in the world to come, see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

A reading from Genesis (25.19-34)

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

Responsorial Psalm (119.105-112)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.

I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.
I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.
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 (8.1-11)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law--indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

Alleluia, alleluia! The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it. **Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (13.1-9, 18-23)
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or

persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

Let us pray
for God's people throughout the world,
for this gathering, for Andrew and Riscylla our bishops,
and for all who minister in Christ's name. *(Silence)*

Holy God,
by your Spirit
the whole body of your faithful people
is governed and sanctified.
Receive our prayers,
which we offer before you
for all members of your holy Church,
that in our vocation and ministry
we may truly and reverently serve you.

God of love
grant our prayer.

Let us pray for the nations of the earth,
for the wellbeing of all people, especially the victims of war and terrorism. We pray for
Elizabeth our Queen and all those in authority. *(Silence)*

God of compassion,
kindle, we pray, in every heart
the true love of peace,
and guide with your wisdom
those who govern the nations of the earth,
that justice and peace may increase,
until the earth is filled
with the knowledge of your love.

God of love
grant our prayer.

Let us pray for the poor, the sick,
the hungry, the oppressed, prisoners,
the unemployed, and those in any need. *(Silence)*

Gracious God,
the comfort of all who sorrow,
the strength of all who suffer,
hear the cry of those in misery and need.
In their afflictions show them your mercy,
and give us, we pray,
the strength to serve them,
for the sake of Jesus Christ
who suffered for us.

God of love
grant our prayer.

Let us pray for the mission of the Church
and for the coming of God's reign
among all nations and peoples. *(Silence)*

Loving God,
you have made all races and nations
to be one family,
and you sent Jesus Christ
to proclaim the good news of salvation
to all people.
Pour out your Spirit on the whole creation

and hasten the coming of your reign of justice and love among the nations of the world.

God of love
grant our prayer.

Let us remember with thanksgiving before God those who have died in Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone. Let us pray that God may be glorified in all the saints. *(Silence)*

Life-giving God,
we give you thanks and praise for the wonderful grace and love declared in all your saints. Grant to us, and to all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, a share in the fullness of your joy.

God of love
grant our prayer.

Let us give thanks for all God's goodness. *(Silence)*

You are worthy, O God,
to receive honour and blessing and praise. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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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