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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 Sunday, September 13th as the day that we are free to resume our regular church services. The diocese has set out strict requirements that must be followed by parishes for the conduct of public worship. The Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens will provide detailed information on these rules in early September. *We look forward to seeing you back at church this fall!* We hope to continue to record Sunday services for our parish 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.

One of our parishioners is making non-medical cloth face masks which are now required by Public Health for use in indoor settings or where physical distancing is a challenge to maintain. To obtain a mask, please contact the Priest-in-Charge.

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
11th Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 20, Year A
August 16th, 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,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent into our hearts the spirit of your Son.
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty
of the children of God;
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 (45.1-15)

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty. And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.'" Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Responsorial Psalm (133)

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

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 (1.1-2a, 29-32)

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. a God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people. **Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (15.10-28)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

We give you thanks and praise, O God of all creation, for the grandeur of all that you have made, as we say: Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank you for the healing waters of creation, which bring pleasure and health, purity and life. *(brief silence)* Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We thank you for the richness of the good earth that brings forth fruits and flowers, a pleasure to taste and a joy to behold. *(brief silence)* Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We thank you for the soaring birds of the air, the crawling creatures on the Earth, the gliding fishes in the seas, for all creatures great and small with whom we share this precious web of life. *(brief silence)* Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We thank you for the changing seasons, the invigorating sunlight of day, the deepening mystery of night, the wonder of the stars, and the call of the unknown in the universe.
(brief silence) Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Grant that we may be saved from misusing and dishonoring the wonders of your hand.
(brief silence) Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Grant that we may be saved from squandering resources, abusing our companion species, and polluting the habitat we all share. *(brief silence)*
Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Grant that we may be saved from the folly of imagining ourselves free from the fate of your whole creation. *(brief silence)* Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Grant that we may remember your commandment to love and restore the earth.
(brief silence) Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Grant that we may faithfully care for each other and all of your creation in its many and diverse forms. *(brief silence)* Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Grant that the sick may be restored to health of mind, body, or spirit. We remember in the silence of our hearts for all people in need. *(brief silence)* Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all the faithful departed, that they may rest in peace, and rise with Christ in glory. *(brief silence)* Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give to you, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray,

**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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