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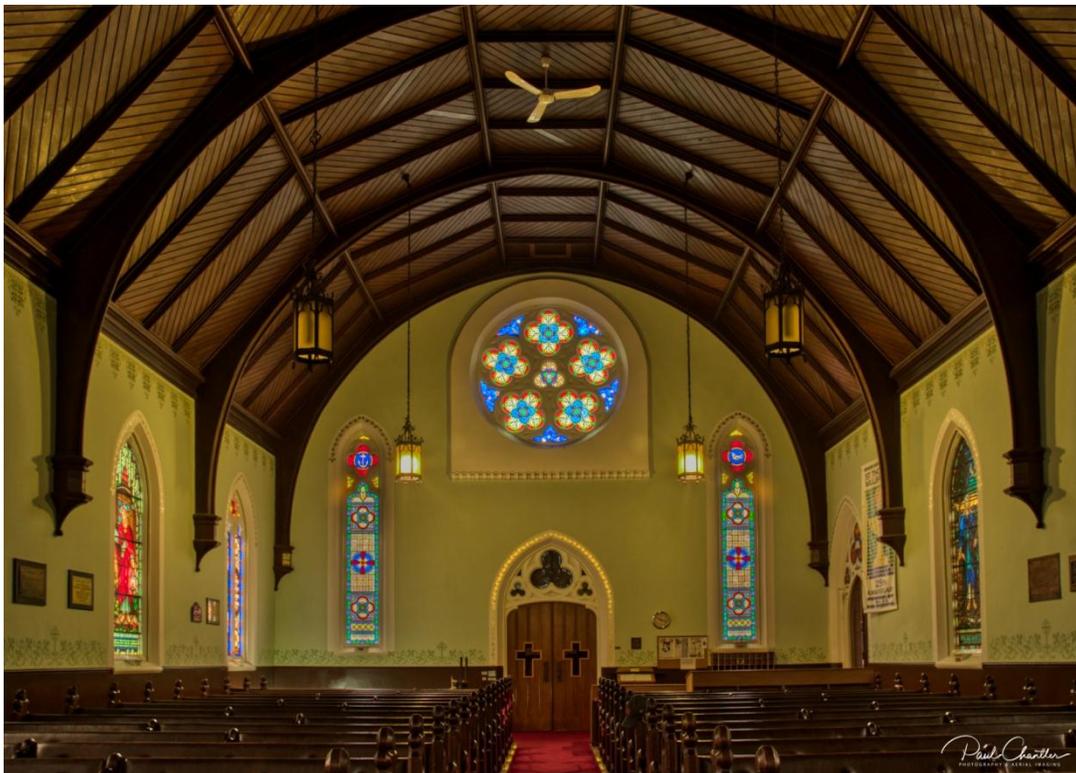


# Parish e-News

## 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/>

***A note from the Churchwardens:*** “Thanks to the fund-raising efforts and generosity of our hard-working ACW members, the hallways and washrooms of the parish hall have been re-painted. The hallways are much brighter--painted a light beige with darker beige trim--and now have a clean, fresh look. The washrooms are painted a light blue. The next scheduled maintenance/repair project approved in the 2020 parish budget--re-pointing of some of the worn brickwork on the exterior of the church--should be completed before the end of the summer.”

***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 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](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**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Proper 19, Year A**  
**August 9<sup>th</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,  
you sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church.  
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of your Spirit  
in love, joy, and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Genesis (37.1-4; 12-28)

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" --that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

*Responsorial Psalm (105. 1-6; 16-22; 45b)*

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

**When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread, he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**

His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron; until what he had said came to pass, the word of the LORD kept testing him.

**The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.**

He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions, to instruct his officials at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom. Praise the LORD!

**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 (10.5-15)

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I wait for the Lord; in his word is my hope. **Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (14.22-33)

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

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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  
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 terror. 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.**

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.**

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom as we 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,  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,  
be among us and remain with us now and always. **Amen.**

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