

Sunday April 5, 2020 Services Palm Sunday

A decision will be made by April 3rd on when (if) church services will resume.

Weekly Reflections

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" (John 11:40)

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe and put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

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April 2020 Lectionary Readings Year A

April 5: Liturgy of the Palms Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50:4-9A; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

April 12: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-8 or Matthew 28:1-10

April 19: Acts 2:14A, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

April 26: Acts 2:14A, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

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1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

2nd Reading: Romans 8:6-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Collect: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: A Giver of life, your Son has destroyed the power of death for all those who believe in him. Accept all we offer you this day and strengthen us in faith and hope; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living. Amen

Prayer after Communion: God of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son, also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: *Season of Prayer and Repentance* - Today, the fifth Sunday in Lent, is the focus of the Primates' Task Group's call for a period of prayer and repentance in the Anglican Communion. The Bishop of West Malaysia, Moon Hing, is a member of the Task Group and has written this prayer, which the Task Group offers to the Anglican Communion for use today.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Sovereign Lord of the universe, Creator of humankind, we, your unfaithful children, are truly

sorry for our sins and the lives that we have lived. We sincerely believe and confess in our hearts that only through the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross at Calvary, can we obtain Your forgiveness. We repent that: In thought, word or deed, we have committed serious offences against You and our neighbours; In laziness, despair and lust for power, we have provoked hatred, division and hurt within our communities; In greed, deceit and indifference, we have caused serious damage, unnecessary conflict and aggravated destruction to our refugee and migrant brothers and sisters; In selfishness, insensitivity and bias, we have encouraged and emboldened those who inflict hurt, pain and sorrow on our loved ones and families; In the name of religion, doctrine and even of Christ himself, we have wounded believers and pursuers of holiness and faith; In stubbornness, pride and arrogance, we have caused division and strife within Your church and among Your children; Mercifully send Your Holy Spirit – the Spirit of order and comfort – and cleanse us from all unrighteousness; restore in us true faith in Christ which brings truth, peace and harmony; and help us to walk together with our brothers and sisters in the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. George's New Glasgow & Strait-Chedabucto, NS

Provincial Cycle of Prayer: National Indigenous Bishop & the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples

Pictou County Council of Churches: St. Paul's United Church

ACW Prayer Partner Ministry: We pray for St. Andrews', Cole Harbour

Parish Prayer Cycle: Pray for St. James' and Marion Dort, Gloria Dort, Agnes Doucette, Joan Doucette, Mrs. Tiye Doughty, Jay Dunlop, Ron & Carol Dunn, Joyce Eaton, Margaret England, Melanie Erkvaara, Gary Esling, Helen Esling, Judy Fanning and Norman & Jean Ferguson

Parish Prayer List

Bob Austin	Karen Jeffery	Debbie Parker	Kerstin
Ruth Myles	Dagmar Hubley	Adelene McGillivray	Erma Chenell
Shavonne Lees	Rev Bill White	Bill Colbourne	John MacLean
Carvell Riley	Lisa	Dianne Hardy	Wayne Burry
Cheryl Lynds	Evan Crowe	Mary MacKeigan	Brian Kelly
Nancy Marcott	Jerry Austin	Bruce Heighton	
Charlene Hartlen	Cecil Hubley	Rhonda MacDonald	

Announcements

The Synod office is now closed until April 3rd when it will be re-evaluated. Staff are working from home and can be contacted by email – check the website for email addresses. www.nspeidiocese.ca

Rev Jewers and others are sending along resources frequently throughout this time.

Remember – it's important to follow social distancing and good hand washing practices. Check on your neighbours and family by phone or email/text!

As most of you know my mother passed away on March 10th after a painful battle with bowel cancer. It meant the world to me that I could be with her for the last sight days and nights of her life her on earth. My mother was a woman of great faith, that she passed on to me. She also had a beautiful singing voice, that she did not pass onto me. She was well loved by all who knew her and shared her gift of singing whenever she could. In her last few days she was not able to sing so I sang to her and prayed with and for her. What an incredible honour to have had this opportunity. I thank God each day that she died when she did as I or my other family members, would not be able to be with her. I want to thank each of you for your prayers, cards, calls, and gifts of food, all very much appreciated. "the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Darlene

Bible & Brew via Zoom April 6 at 630pm Enjoy in the comfort of your own home!