Order of Service for April 19, 2020
Second Sunday of Easter
10:00 am
A Service of the Word
Officiating: The Rev'd Fergus Tyson
Assisting: The Rev'd Dr. Norman Knowles

St. Paul's Anglican Church
Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."
John 20:29b

The Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: CP #231 That Eastertide with Song was Bright (screens)

Collect of the Day (screens)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 PETER 1:3-9

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Canticle 26 (screens)

The Holy Gospel

People: ***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***
Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

JOHN 20:19-31

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.
People: ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***
Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

Homily

The Apostles' Creed (screens)

Confession & Absolution (screens)

The Peace (screens)

Offertory (*screens*)

Prayer over the Gifts (screens)

The Prayers of the People

An Easter Litany (screens)

Prayer in Response to COVID-19 (screens)

The Lord's Prayer (screens)

Closing Hymn: CP# 405 Alleluia #1 (screens)

The Blessing

Dismissal (screens)

Prayers for this Week

(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we ***pray for the Church of Ireland.***

In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle: In the Anglican Church we pray for ***the Archbishop Anne Germond, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Algoma*** and in the Lutheran Church we pray for **the dean, council, and congregations of the Manitoba South Area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod**.

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the parish of ***All Saints, Cochrane, and for their clergy Greg Clark, Matthew Perreault (Curate), Faith Brace (Hon.) and Elizabeth Short (Voc. Deacon).***

We lift to you our friends, in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands.

In our Parish Cycle, ***we pray for the safety and well-being of all members of our Parish, and pledge to stay connected with one another and face the challenges of COVID-19 together; we remember our clergy, Fergus Tyson, Cyril Haynes, Norman Knowles, Bob Mummery, and their families; and we especially uphold all who are infirm, immune-compromised, or on the front lines in this battle.***

We pray for our foster child Desta Keweti.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you ***the family of Joy (Abby's sister), the family of Barrin***, Antony, Judy, ***Raymond (uncle of Paul), the family of John,*** Crystal (niece of Rosemarie)***, Bill & Pat,*** for the family of Bob***, the family of Carmen,*** John, ***the family of Bonnie, Gerald, Shannon's father, Molly*** (mother of Sian), ***the family of Simon, Stephen, Dwight (Dorothy-Ann's cousin)***, Jo, ***the family of Brenda (relative of the Collers), the family of Joan (mother of Richard), Tracy, Roxie and the family of Andy, Julia, the Herritt family in their bereavement , Gael, Verna and her family***, ***Michael***, ***Barb,*** Jen***,*** Patrick, ***the family of Helen,*** Eleanor, Lena, ***Dorothy***, ***the family of Mauricia (mother of Ella),*** Max & Rebecca, ***Anne*** , ***Dozy's & Obie's family, Kathy***, ***Kevin, Richard (friend of Anne), Terry, Jerrod, Lynne (sister of Sheila***), the family of Ann & Peter***, Melissa and her family (friends of Jenn),*** Dennis***, Mike, Val, Martin, the family of Gwladys, Sheila, Melissa and her family, Adrianna,*** Peggy, Bob and Joanne, ***the family of Douglas***, ***Michelle, Ian, the family of Nina,*** Pat, Christine, ***Rick (brother of Sheila),*** Gwen***, Jacqueline, Ellen,*** Monika (mother of Dennis), ***Kathy (daughter of Bob & Joanne), Trudy (cousin of Iona), Len, Andrea's and Andrew's family, Margaret,*** Marlene and ***the family of James (father of Allison).***

We pray for containment of the COVID-19 coronavirus worldwide; protection for all those on the front lines or especially vulnerable to its effects; and full restoration of health for all those who are ill with it.

We pray for all struggling economically, and all those affected by fires, floods, storms and other natural disasters. We pray for us all to stand together in hard times.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and for an end to violence throughout the world. In particular, we pray for those whose lives have been torn apart by the violence; safe haven for all who have fled their homes; repentance for the perpetrators of evil; and for protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.

We thank you for your healing touch which sustains us every day, for all the many healings that have taken place in our parish, and for your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Ingrid Bolton for the many blessings of my daughter, Bianca, on her birthday.

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