

Holy Trinity Riverbend

WHAT'S THE BUZZ? HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

October 18, 2020

This Week's Bible Quote -- *"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." ... Psalm 73:26*



A Message from Rebecca:
The past two weeks of my vacation flew by faster than I thought possible. However, I was able to accomplish a major task that had been on the back burner for some time. I organized all of our books alphabetically by author. It took a full week, and I ended up culling a lot of books, (the Goodwill did well by me), but I'm happy with the results. If you haven't already guessed, I am like a magnet when it comes to books!

Our annual Buye medical card fundraiser ended September 27 but we had a flurry of e-transfers after that closing date and I am thrilled to report we raised enough money to purchase 28 additional medical cards. For those doing the math, in total we provided medical cards for **84** people. (\$420). That's astounding, and I can't thank you enough for your generosity.

As you are aware, we had to permanently close the doors to our beloved church. The number of repairs and upgrades needed were beyond our ability to handle. However, this doesn't mean our church family is closed! We may be temporarily 'churchless', but we will weather this set-back with grace and determination. We have a group of people in place who are actively searching for a new home for us and it is vital that we give them our complete support and hold them in our daily prayers. I will keep everyone informed of

their progress through this newsletter.

Part of closing our church meant draining the water tank and adding anti-freeze to the toilets and sinks to prevent damage. A big thank you to **Grant** and **Ian** for doing this on Friday. We are also looking for a home for the pump organ. It is free to anyone, or any organization, that can remove it.

Because we can no longer meet in person, we resumed our virtual coffee chats today. Thank you to everyone who logged on. It was wonderful to see each of you and catch up on what is going on in your lives. I am happy to say **Ping** is recovering very well from his recent surgery.

Catherine has been providing him with excellent nursing care.

Elisabeth is being kept busy at her practice as they slowly increase the number of patients they can see each day. **Patti** asked that we continue our prayers for Len and Joanne. They are being kept apart due to

CV19, as are so many family members in our congregation. It's not easy for anyone. **Brian and Carol** are looking forward to a short break in November as their daughter's meat shop celebrates its first anniversary today. Thank you to everyone who supported their new venture! **Win** asked me to send her hellos to everyone. She misses you but wants you to know she is doing very well. And we would like to wish **Chao** well as she started a new job recently. **Alex** led our Sunday school session this morning and did a great job. Thank you, **Alex**. In closing I would like to quote **Patti** who said we must all look to "**find joy in the journey**" as we navigate this pandemic. Good advice!

Inspirational and Other Thoughts:

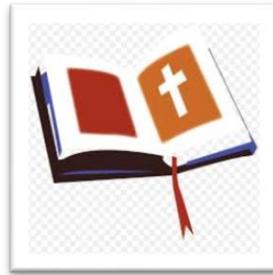
"Certain things catch your eye, but pursue only those that capture the heart." – Ancient Indian Proverb

And

"The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person who is doing it." – Chinese Proverb.

Sermon: As a reminder, a copy of the Sunday Sermon, and the Prayers of the People, are emailed to our

parishioners every Sunday morning. Today's sermon is from **Rev. Dr. Elisabeth** and Prayers are from **Rebecca**.



U pcoming for next Sunday, October 25, 2020:

Preaching: Rev.

Rebecca

Prayers of the People: Patti Holmstrom.

Readings –

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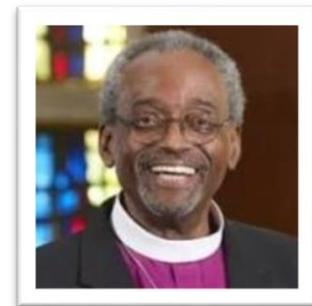
1 Th 2:1-8;

Mt 22:34-46

W hat Did Jesus Do? As many of you know I am drawn to words

of **Bishop Michael Curry**, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States. I was reading a Sermon he recently gave to the Episcopal House of Bishops and thought I would share an excerpt: *"Bishop Scott Hayashi of Utah [in an earlier sermon] said something that might be helpful to us. He made mention of the little acronym, what would Jesus do...WWJD, What Would Jesus Do? And he said that can be a helpful way of discerning what we might be*

being called to do at any given time. But he offered another alternative. He said, "What would happen if we began to ask the question, not what would Jesus do, but what did Jesus do? What did he do? What did he teach? What do Matthew, Mark, Luke and John tell us that Jesus did and taught?" I want to suggest that addressing that question, "What did Jesus do?" and summoning the Spirit to help us apply it to our lives and to our times may mean the difference between the church simply being another religious institution that exists for its own sake and the church being a Jesus movement that courageously follows the way of Jesus and his love, not for its sake, but for the sake of the world that Christ gave his life for and rose from the dead in." This is excellent guidance for all of us!



Fundraiser.

During the month of October, **Piper Johnson** is participating in a fundraising bottle drive. Money raised will go towards the cost of pool rental fees, additional

equipment that had to be purchased due to Covid-19 restrictions (swimmers cannot share any items such as flutter boards, large bottles, and other equipment). Depending what the year brings, it may also be used for competition fees but it's unclear if those will occur this year. **Julie and Steve are happy to come and pick up any bottles you may have.** Please email them at the address below if you are able to help Piper with this worthwhile endeavor.

juliesteve@shaw.ca

Plants for You! We have a number of plants at the church which are **looking for their forever home.**

They are:

- A large Christmas cactus.
- Many starter Christmas cacti in the Fig tree.
- A large Fig tree.
- A large Norfolk pine.
- Two small dieffenbachia.
- An Aloe Vera (can be split if people want some).
- Three large tropical plants.
- A few assorted plants we do not know the name of.

If you are interested, please let Rebecca know and she can arrange a time with you to pick up your choices.



Virtual Sunday School: Sunday School takes place each **Sunday from (9:00 a.m. to approx..9:30 a.m.) via Zoom.** Parents, if you would like your children to take part, please let **Sarah Alexander** know so she can arrange to deliver the necessary materials to you. We are also including (courtesy of the Diocese of Chelmsford), **an additional series of activities for younger and older children.** Please see the end of the newsletter to view the material you will need as well as the lesson.



Vestry –
Steve Johnson
Rector's Warden
Suzanne Pearson –
People's Warden
Grant Kvemshagen –
Treasurer
Sarah Alexander – Music
Director
Maureen Bantle
Vince Tejada

Reminder: Starting with the **next service, October 25, we are going to try to broadcast the HTR service via either Zoom or**

Facebook (we will let you know by Friday, October 23 which electronic medium we are going to use – assuming we can get the system to work).

HTR Virtual Coffee Session. We resumed our HTR Virtual Coffee Hour **on Sunday, October 18 at 11:00 a.m.** This is being done via Zoom, with the link being sent to all parishioners on Friday's. We hope you can join us as it is a great way to stay connected!



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Together @ Home

Lectionary Edition
Sunday 18th October
Eighth Sunday of
Kingdomtide

Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of Moses and the Glory of God.

You can find it in your Bible in:
Exodus 33 v 12–23

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children’s story version which best suits your group.

The other passages we might be thinking about at church this week are:

Psalm 99
Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

A prayer to say together

Dear God,
Thank you for the story Moses experiencing your Glory. Thank you that you love us and want us to experience your presence too. Today we echo the prayer of Moses ‘show me your glory’ and ask that you help us to learn about and experience more of you.

Thank you that we can feel your presence today through our helper the Holy Spirit. Help us to be carriers of your presence sharing your love with those we meet.

We pray that people who meet us would learn more about you and your love from our words and actions.
Amen.

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

What do you think God’s glory looks like?

The word glory is defined as ‘magnificence’ or ‘great beauty’! What is the most beautiful or magnificent thing you have ever seen? Perhaps it was a work of art, a stunning sunset or an incredible view. How much more amazing must the glory of God who created everything be?

What do you think the presence of God is?

Moses said that he did not want to go anywhere without the presence of God. Presence is when we feel something near us. We can know that God is with us wherever we go because we carry our helper the Holy Spirit in our hearts. We can feel the presence of God with us and carry God’s presence for others to experience too!

A question for children to ask adults

Can you think of a time in your life when you felt closest to God?

Family Activity 1

Get creative and create some art work together – what is the most “glorious” picture you can make?

Why not use one of these ideas:

- Create a picture of what you think God might look like? Share your ideas and then try to recreate it on paper or using any art materials you like.
- Create a picture of something glorious from God’s creation – a sunrise, sunset or stunning view. Why not use natural materials as part of a collage?
- Create the shiniest and brightest picture you can – you could use recycled materials and packaging like foil to get extra shine!





A verse to remember

Psalm 96 v 3

Tell the nations of his glory; tell all peoples the miracles he does.

Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

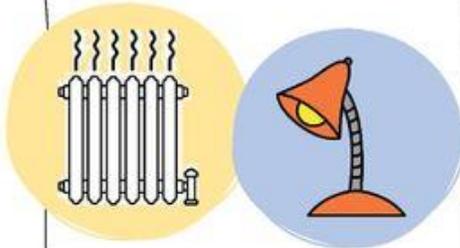
Active Prayer

In **Exodus 34 v 29–35** we read about when Moses went back down the mountain. His face shone with the glory of God and nobody could look at Moses without seeing something of God!

We can be carriers and radiators of God's glory in the world too, sharing the love and presence of God with others.

How many light sources can you find in your own home? How many radiators?

Travel from room to room and for each light source pray for one person you know who you would like to share God's love with. For each radiator pray for somebody in your group that they would be a radiator of God's love among their friends.



Science Fact: Even though they are called 'radiators' a radiator does not radiate heat! Radiators heat the air around them and this warm air spreads through the room by convection!

Family Activity 2

You will need: Scarves, a timer

Moses said to God he did not want to leave unless God went with him! Have a family three-legged race. Use a scarf to tie two people together by the ankle, then make them complete the course. If you have space, have a race across a room or garden. If you have an odd number of people in your family, you can take it in turns and time how long each pair takes.

If you have limited space, why not set yourself a challenge of an activity of route around the house to complete whilst connected together.



Waiting in God's Presence

Just like Moses we can experience God's presence with us. Spend some time as a family just waiting in God's presence.

Younger children might find it easier to concentrate if they first create a comfortable space to wait in using cushions and blankets. Give them time to settle and do not worry if they fidget or move around lots.

You might like to put on some gentle worship music or light a candle to create a restful space.

Pray and invite God to be with you as you wait and listen.

Afterwards you could spend time as a family sharing how you felt and whether you heard anything from God.



A colouring page you could print and colour together

Psalm 96 v 3

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PUZZLE SHEET



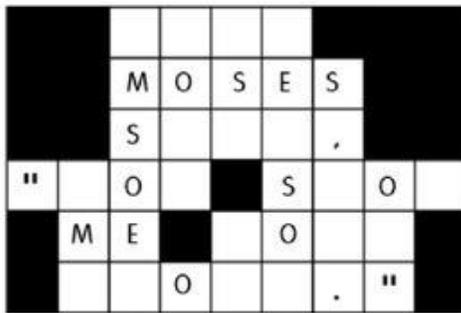
Join the dots to complete this picture of Moses.

When Moses came back down the Mountain his face was shining with God's glory so brightly that nobody could look at him.

What do you think that looked like?

Can you add colour, collage or drawing to the picture of Moses to show what it might have been like?

Moses dot to dot by Bible Pathway Adventures – find more free resources at www.biblepathwayadventures.com



The letters have all fallen from the grid! Can you put them back to reveal something that Moses said?

To help we have put all the letters from Moses' name into the grid!

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God told Moses he would go with him because he knew something about him.

Colour in all the shapes with a dot in them to reveal what it was!

