

The Territory of the People

Anglican Church

Territory Bulletin

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BISHOP'S MESSAGE:

In this ever-changing world, we are called to hear the familiar unchanging story differently this year!



As we come to Palm Sunday, the world and our lives seem so different this year. COVID 19 has changed our lives and the way we must now live differently. For the first time in my life I will experience this Palm Sunday differently by gathering with only a few other people at St Paul's Cathedral and together we will go on line to lead worship across the Territory. It seems so odd to me to be pondering how to celebrate Jesus' entrance in the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph without all the familiar actions, music and traditions which have been a part of my whole life. The children waving palm branches and shouting Hosanna, choirs singing special anthems, all the familiar hymns will not be part of our service this year. However, we will gather in a simpler service of the Word with the reading of the passion, and we will sing and pray together. And we will be invited to observe a Holy Week.

Holy Week will be different for all of us, likely worship daily through this holy week will be on line for many of us. Again, we will not participate in the familiar traditions of foot washing, stripping of the altar, meditation on the cross, Saturday Vigils, early morning worship – these traditions will all be set aside for this year. Despite the fact we will observe this Holy time differently, we do know that in this ever-changing world some things will **not** change for us. We know the story well, we will hear the familiar story differently this year, but for those of us who believe we are Easter people, we will hear it as an unchanging message for us. We will deeply experience Jesus' final days of suffering, and then once again experience the joy of singing loudly, even if alone, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, on the day of Resurrection.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen,

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

Happy Easter,

Blessings, *+Barbara*

Watch the Territory website for many opportunities to join in worship around the Territory and throughout the Province. Archbishop Melissa will be leading daily worship for the whole of the Province during holy week.

We have been invited to ring bells on Easter Day at 9 am throughout Canada. If it's safe to ring the church bell or ring a bell from your home, let us join with other Anglicans to welcome this happy morning!





Prayers...

- ❖ We pray for our parishes, and congregations during this time of uncertainty, change, and anxiety, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic
- ❖ We pray for our Bishop Elect Lincoln McKeon, and his wife Tanya, as he transitions from his parish ministry to Bishop of the Territory of the People
- ❖ We pray for Bruce Chalmers and family as he prepares to join us in ministry serving at North Thompson Shared Ministry.
- ❖ We pray for Len Fraser during his time of transition to retirement
- ❖ We pray for the Rev Canon Isabel Healy Morrow as she continues her journey of recovery through dialysis and chemo treatments, giving thanks for all who support her.
- ❖ We pray for Kim McNaughton as she prepares for ordination and commissioning in the United Church as a Diaconal Minister on May 10th. We pray for all in our community on the journey of discernment to ordination in the church of God.
- ❖ We pray for the Lillooet Shared Ministry in their search for new leadership
- ❖ We pray for St Michael's, Prince George, St. John the Divine, Quesnel and Grace Church Prince George during their time of transition
- ❖ We pray for Bishop Barbara during her time of transition.

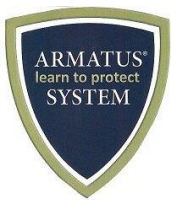
Territory News:

Notice of Annual General Meeting Assembly – The Annual General Meeting of the Territory of the People will be held on Saturday April 18, 2020 at 10:00 am by Zoom Video Conference; see notice and agenda on the Territory website [here](#).

The AGM will be followed by the Spring meeting of the Coordinating Council, also by Zoom.

COVID-19 and Idle Buildings - please click [here](#) for important information from our insurance company about buildings which are idle during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Armatus: Learn to Protect



With all this time on our hands as we self isolate at home and/or keep our social distance... we have an opportunity to complete the **Armatus: Learn to Protect** course modules online by using your personal computer or tablet. Each course takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. Although our churches are closed for the time being, they will re-open in due course and our ministry to others will continue.

Click [here](#) to see if you are required to take the modules. Should you require further information, please contact Cathy Wozlowski, Safe Church Administrator at wozcathy@gmail.com

Other News:

Messy Church Canada is holding a National "Messy Connections" Conference in Winnipeg from October 15 to 18, 2020. Information about the Conference and Registration can be found [here](#).



BISHOP'S SCHEDULE AND IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

April 9-12	Holy Week and Easter Day services lead by Archbishop Melissa. Services from around the Territory, check website.	June 25	Administration Committee – 7pm Zoom meeting
April 15	Deadline for Capital Grants	September 1	Deadline Anglican Foundation Grants
April 16	Administration Committee – 7pm Zoom Meeting	September 24	Administration Committee – 7pm Zoom Meeting
April 17	Council of the North – Zoom Meeting	October 2-4	Equip – Kamloops
April 18	Territory Assembly/AGM – 10am Zoom Meeting - Coordinating Council following the AGM	October 15	Deadline Parish Grants
April 20	BC House of Bishop Zoom Meeting	October 15	Deadline Rufus Gibbs Grants
April 21	National House of Bishops – Zoom Meeting	October 15	Deadline Ministry Fund Grants
April 23	National House of Bishops – Zoom Meeting with National Chancellor	October 31	Administration Committee – 9am In Person budget meeting – Kamloops
April 24	National House of Bishops – Zoom Meeting on Faith Formation	Nov 20-21	Coordinating Council – the Shrine Cache Creek

HANDY LINKS:

- Anglican Church of Canada
- Anglican Journal
- Anglican Foundation
- The Anglican Diocese of Montreal
- Book of Alternative Services
- Calendar of Intercessions Prayer Cycle – [April to June, 2020](#)
- Common Praise online
- Employee Assistance Program - Lifeworks
- How to Pray – a meditation by St. Seraphim of Sarov b.1754
- Pilgrim Paths: labyrinth prayer walks accompanying the church year of prayer, feasts and celebrations. Volumes One and Two in pdf format
- PWRDF
- Territory of the People website

Christmas
was the
promise...



Easter is the
proof!