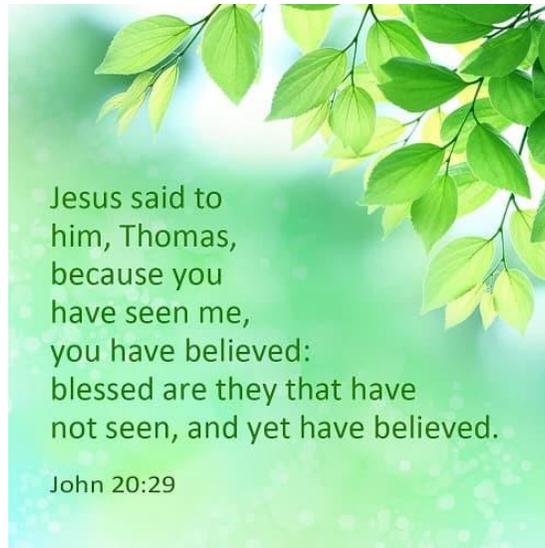


THE PARISH OF LONG POINT BAY



PORT ROWAN ♦ PORT RYERSE ♦ TURKEY POINT ♦ VITTORIA ♦ ST. JOHN'S WOODHOUSE

2nd Sunday of Easter
24th April 2022



Jesus said to
him, Thomas,
because you
have seen me,
you have believed:
blessed are they that have
not seen, and yet have believed.

John 20:29

Opening

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

Sentence

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. *John 20.29*

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

ACTS 5:27-32;

PSALM 118:14-29 OR PSALM 150;

REVELATION 1:4-8;

JOHN 20:19-31

Reflection for the 2nd Sunday of Easter from Rev. Jack Cox

As I was looking at today's Gospel, 2 things occurred to me. The 1st was an admission by a colleague over the Easter weekend that he had never met the risen Christ. The second thing was in today's Gospel, that when Jesus went to his closest followers after his death, the doors where they were gathered were locked. That immediately prompted a question for me: How many of those of us who call ourselves Christians have never really met the risen Christ/Jesus? Now I also know that we Anglicans tend to be a little uncomfortable when we hear that "Come to Jesus" call/language. But what I also know is that when we talk about Easter, Resurrection, The Risen Lord, if I asked, "Do you believe...?" and the answer is "Yes!", what if I then asked why do you believe? The usual response would point to the bible and the resurrection narratives of the gospels or to somebody who told you about Easter, or some response that indicates that's our faith tradition. Rarely would I expect someone to talk about their personal experience of meeting Jesus. In those instances, I would probably think (but probably wouldn't say) 'so you believe because of what somebody else experienced?' Now that's ok. We all have to start somewhere. But, for me, that's not the place to stop – and I can only say that because I was introduced to a way of 'praying' that, at its core, is the visceral experience of meeting, being with Jesus and learning how to listen.

It wasn't until I was in my 40's that I was introduced to contemplative prayer. (By that time I had been a member of a religious order for over 20 years, had studied Theology full time for at least 6 years (3 years at the post graduate level) and been ordained for at least 4 years, and had never heard of contemplative prayer). So don't feel badly if this hasn't been something you've come across. So when I read today's gospel, what jumped out at me was the 'locked doors' of the gospel. What are the locked doors that have kept us from really, personally, meeting Jesus? I suspect the simplest answer was the same as it had been for me – I had simply not had the 'opportunity' (or if I had it, I wasn't taught how to 'see' it).

So let me introduce you to contemplative prayer. This kind of prayer/reflection/listening is dead simple! It really is all about '**listening**', about letting the Spirit speak to you through a text, a personal experience. It's about learning how to relax, just open your mind and heart and allowing God to speak to you (through just about anything – a biblical text, a personal experience, a conversation with someone etc., etc., the medium for the message is limitless). The medium I will use for instructional purposes will be biblical texts. But the same process works for personal experiences, struggles, challenges, etc., etc. It's about trying to 'listen' to what God is trying to communicate to me through personal 'experiences'.

As an example, you could pick a text, a life experience or a problem - and sit with it, allowing God's presence to 'speak'. How do we let it speak? There are several possible paths: Quiet your mind, open yourself to God's presence and simply sit quietly with that presence and that text or life's problem. Let the problem and God's presence be together. What do you see? What do you hear? Does the presence of God change how you see the 'problem'? God's presence doesn't always suddenly change/fix the problem. But in time, God's presence does 'change' the problem. It may change how we see the problem. It may change the possible direction we could take (a change we wouldn't have seen without God's presence).

This practice of 'seeing'/ experiencing God's presence doesn't suddenly change everything – but, in time, it does change everything! But it definitely does take practice!

Prayers of the people from Colin Clarke

Almighty God, in you lies the power of redemption. Uphold us with the knowledge of your undying love and the light of the resurrection.

Forgive us when we falter and lose sight of You. Grant us the courage to do what is right, to be kind and just and merciful as you are, when the stresses of the world around us threaten to bring out the worst in our natures.

These remain very difficult times for many. We pray for comfort to those among us in pain, suffering loss, or feeling alone.

Through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, we are commanded to love all people. Help us to be the light of Christ to others in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

We ask all this in the name of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

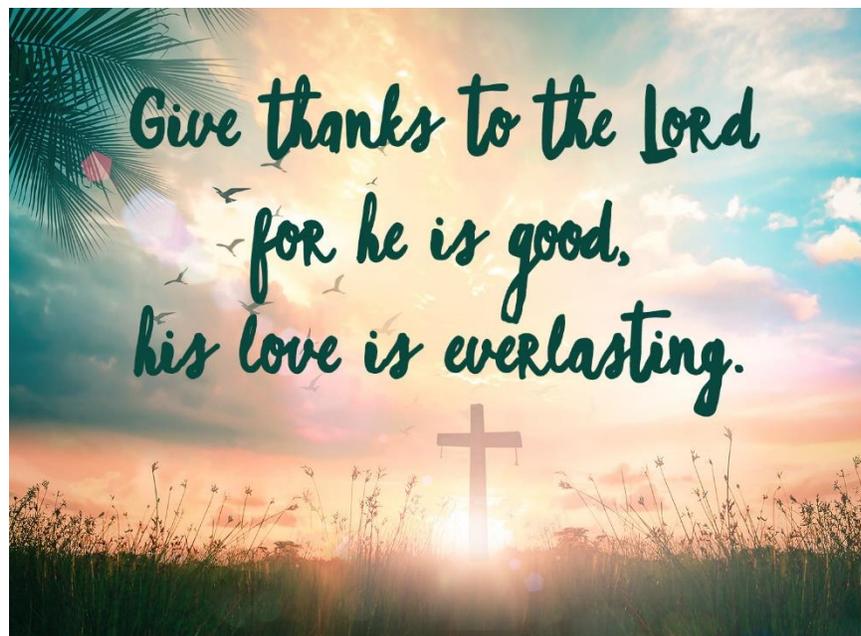
Amen.

We pray for Todd, our Bishop Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark National Indigenous Archbishop, Marinez Bishop of Amazonia, AD Rick Jones, Rev Enrique Martinez, and Rev Jack Cox.

For the week beginning Sunday 24 April 2022, we will be praying for the **Rev. Canon Tony Bouwmeester** (interim) and the people of **St. Paul's**, Port Dover.

We also pray for those who have asked for our prayers Betty F., Don G., Franz and Elaine Z., Steven K., Rebecca M., Trista P., Bill MC., Dwayne M. and Andrea B., Susan A., Olivia H., Karen M., Dale F, Rose G, Julie, Carol M., George F., Carol H., Bud W. Juanita K. Mary B., Sabrina S, Colin C. his father Michael, Pat A. and all their families, and anyone you know needs your prayers

Also our shut-ins at home or nursing homes June, Shirley & John, Julie, Sheila, Sylvia, Anna and Jack B.



It is important that we keep the prayer list and shut-in list up to date. If you know of any changes to these lists, can you please email Anne at lpbparishsecretary@gmail.com or Enrique at enrique6921@gmail.com

If you know of anyone that has asked you to pray for them let us know and we will add to the list

Prayer of Confession

Search us O God and know our hearts today
Try us and know our anxious thoughts,
see if there are any hurtful ways in us
and lead us in your loving and life-giving Way

Words of Assurance

God knows our secret fears, ignorance & selfish ways.
God forgives, forgive yourself, forgive others
Amen

Closing Prayer

Send down your abundant blessing, Lord, upon your people who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Grant them pardon; bring them comfort. May their faith grow stronger and their eternal salvation be assured. We ask this through Christ our Lord

Please click on the link to watch this week's Parish Video

<https://youtu.be/Cd0LHD9utbM>

ANNOUNCEMENTS



There will be a Roast beef Dinner

Sat April 30th 5-7pm

St. John's Anglican Church, Woodhouse

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Drive-through dinner

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Sing along to this mornings Hymns

Hymn Texts – Sunday, April 24, 2022

215 – Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God hath ransomed Israel into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.
2. 'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen.
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
From that Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.
3. Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendour,
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!
4. Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold thee as a mortal;
But today amidst the twelve thou dost stand, bestowing
That they peace which evermore passeth human knowing.
5. Alleluia now we cry to our Kind immortal,
Who triumphant burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal;
Alleluia, with the Son God the Father praising;
Alleluia yet again to the Spirit raising.

460 – Lord, the light of your Love Is Shining

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining,
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.
2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I many enter your brightness; search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.
3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness so our faces display your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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