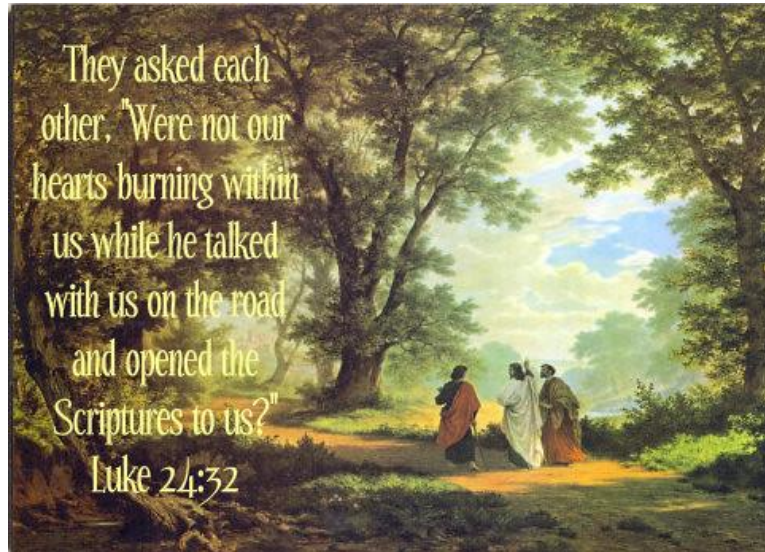


THE PARISH OF LONG POINT BAY



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

3rd Sunday of Easter
1st May 2022



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

Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak.

See Luke 24.32

Collect

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread.

Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

ACTS 9:1-6 (7-20); PSALM 30; REVELATION 5:11-14; JOHN 21:1-19

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Reflection Easter 3 Archdeacon Rick Jones

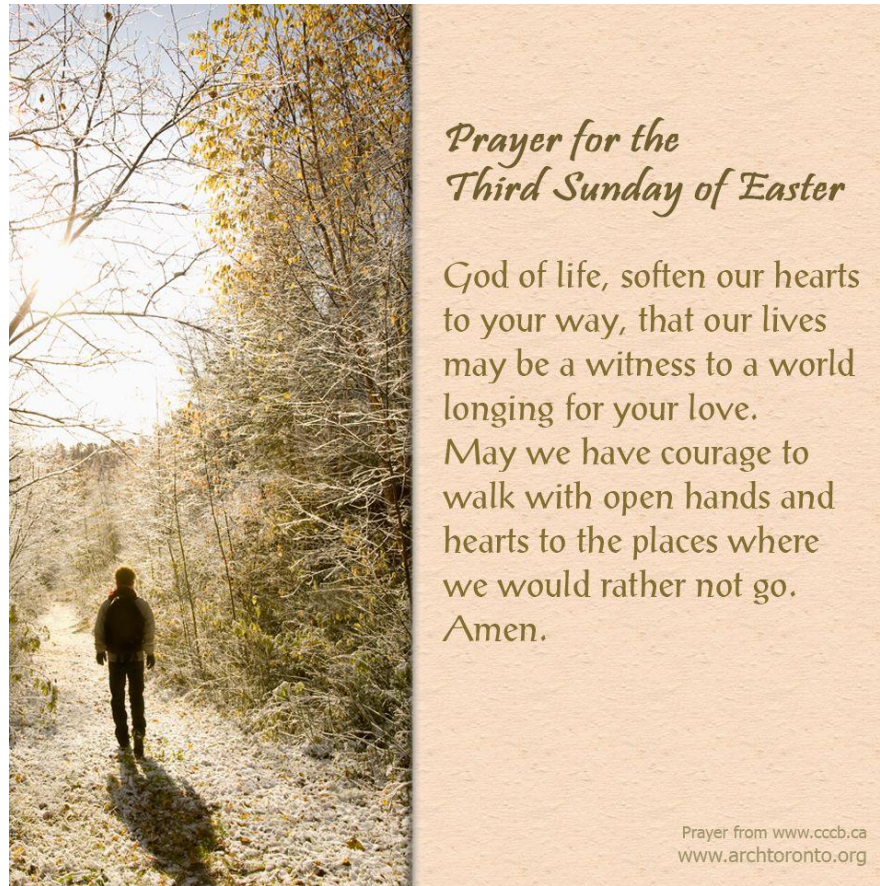
Two of the Early Church's patriarchs are featured in today's readings, Paul and Peter. We have the story from Acts of Paul's auditory vision of Jesus and conversion on the road to Damascus.

Remember he was literally on his way with letters from the Jewish High Priests to arrest any Jews that acknowledged Jesus as Lord. His experience of the Risen Christ literally changes the course of his life and history. He experiences not only the presence of Christ but also a call to proclaim to Jews and Greeks that Jesus was indeed the Messiah or Chosen one of God. We also heard the story of Peter encountering the Risen Christ in a meal of bread and fish and three times being asked to, "Feed my sheep". This three-time confession of obedience mirroring the three denials of just days earlier. Peter will go on from this encounter with the Risen Christ to become the leader of the "Followers of Jesus" in Jerusalem and Judea. In both cases these encounters with Jesus mark the beginning of ministries, they are calls to vocations, to follow the leading of the Risen Christ in their lives in the face of great difficulties and ultimately death.

It is interesting to remember that they were both powerful personalities that often clashed over how best to follow, and proclaim, the Good News that the Risen Christ, through the Holy Spirit, had the power to transform the lives of all who believed. They argued over how new non Jewish believers were to be accepted into what was essentially a Jewish religious group. We know that the Spirit guided both men to compromise and ultimately to accept that attitudes and ways of worship and observance needed to change. I think they were able to do this because they were open to the leading of the Spirit even if it meant rethinking much of what they had believed prior to their encounters with the Risen Christ.

In my ministry over the years I have worked with many congregations as a parish priest and also as a congregational development consultant for over 20 years. I have had the opportunity to be invited into the inner workings and struggles of dozens of congregations that were experiencing conflict or chronic decline and have been with many through the transformations of death. I have been asked many times, "What do we need to do to revitalize our congregation?" This is a subject of countless books by "experts", mandates from Bishops or Diocesan Vision Groups or even congregational visioning exercises. My experience has taught me that rarely do any of these schemes succeed. If you have been an Anglican for longer than five minutes you will have seen this yourself. So, what is the answer to the question of revitalization? What if that is the wrong question? What if the question could be, "How do I experience the Risen Christ in my life and in the world around me?" If we can't answer that question with passion and conviction, we really have no Good News to share with others. The issue in the end is not about preserving the Diocese or the congregation as institutions, perhaps we must bear our fruit in dying. The issue for me is how do I wake up in the morning and turn my mind and heart toward God, looking for God in all the experiences of my life and trying to suspend my own small ideas and judgements about things long enough to catch a glimpse of the Spirit's insights about what is happening. Easter is about transformation, death to life, every minute we can participate in living resurrection lives. We don't need to know how to do that any more than Paul or Peter, all we need, is to do our best, to be open to the Spirit in our lives, and have the courage to choose life. Will there be problems, absolutely, will there be suffering, probably, will there be death, yes, but is that the end of the story? Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Prayers of the people



Prayer for the Third Sunday of Easter

God of life, soften our hearts
to your way, that our lives
may be a witness to a world
longing for your love.

May we have courage to
walk with open hands and
hearts to the places where
we would rather not go.

Amen.

Prayer from www.cccb.ca
www.archtoronto.org

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 1 May 2022, we will be praying for the **Rev. Paul Sherwood** and the people of **Trinity, Simcoe**.

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

<https://youtu.be/YKfMArmD7u8>

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



There will be a Roast beef Dinner

Sat April 30th 5-7pm

St. John's Anglican Church, Woodhouse

\$18

Drive-through dinner

Roast pork, gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, coleslaw, dinner roll, dessert included.

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Sing along to this mornings Hymns

Hymn Texts – Sunday, May 1, 2022

430 – Will You Come and Follow Me

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
This I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

#205 – The Day of Resurrection

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
And, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth her song begin;
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

At this extraordinary time if you wish a telephone visit, please call Enrique. If you have any other announcements or news contact Anne Halls at the contacts below.

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