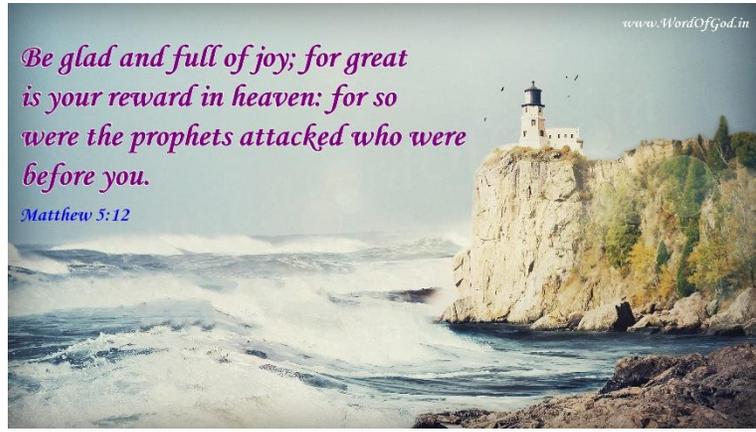


4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 31st 2021



Opening

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also, with you.

Sentence

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

Matthew 5.12

Collect

Living God, in Christ you make all things new.

Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20;

PSALM 111;

1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13;

MARK 1:21-28

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Reflection for January 31st from the Rev'd Dr. Justin Comber

Today's Gospel reading is incredibly important for understanding the world around us, the way that things work, the suffering of other people, and the mission of Christ. The details are interesting—it would be easy to simply blame everything that goes wrong on demons, and it is tempting. But that isn't exactly what I mean. This passage offers us a default and a hope. Quite simply, Mark acknowledges two Kingdoms—the one currently in possession of our world, and the coming kingdom of Jesus. The Gospel of Mark is not just a history of the things Jesus did, it was a message of hope for everyone struggling to see hope, to light in darkness, or anything good when all around seems grim. That view, the dark one, is the default. Darkness rules this day. But Jesus changes things. When we see the good things that God is doing, when we name them, call them good, and seek them out, we cease to be the possessions of this dark age and begin to belong to Christ. His Kingdom is coming with authority, it is good, you'll recognize it when you see it, and, when you do, you'll come to belong to Christ. I pray that the light of Christ will shine in each of our hearts and that we will be filled with the hope of his coming.

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Prayers of the People from Jack Addison

God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

God embraces the wounded and broken.

God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

God is the light of our lives.

God is the one who makes all things new.

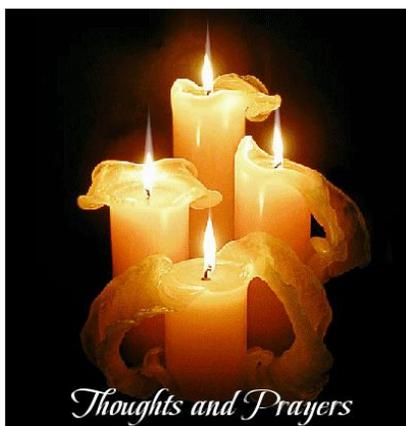
Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

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, Rev. Jack Cox

For the week beginning Sunday January 31, 2021, we will be praying for **Fr. Mario Hryniewicz** (interim) and the people of **Holy Trinity, St. George**.

We pray for our shut-ins at home, hospital and in local nursing homes. We especially remember: June, Shirley, Iris, Julie, David, John, Anna and Jack B.

Pray as well as for the ones who have asked for Your healing touch upon their lives: 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., Delores B., Dale & David F, Rose G, Eric, Julie, Janice S., Barbara S., Judy Z. and anyone known to you. Amen.



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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@hotmail.com

If you know of anyone that has asked you to pray for them during this pandemic, we will put on the prayer list for a month.

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

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you today, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen

Doxology

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please click on the link to watch this week's video

<https://youtu.be/RXUdPex94ow>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Memorial will have their Zoom Vestry meeting on Sunday January 31st at 11am. If you have not yet received log in details - please let me know



Dear friends,

With the declaration of a State of Emergency for the province of Ontario beginning at 12:01am on Thursday, January 14, 2021, the RED Stage Loving Your Neighbours Guidelines have been updated. The RED Stage guidelines may be found [here](#). Below are the updates as well as some reminders for this period of time. The next few weeks will be difficult in many ways but we are not alone. God is with us, “an ever present help in times of trouble.” May you feel God’s presence with you during these during these days.

- Recording or Live-streaming services: a maximum of three (3) persons will permitted to be present to record or live-stream worship services, including any AV people. If a parish feels a strong need to a maximum of two others present, they may seek permission from their Territorial Archdeacon for a maximum of five persons, total. This request is to include the reasons for needing more people and a description of the locations and movement of people throughout the service. While the provincial maximum is higher than this number, we believe it is important for the church to lead by example in reducing our non-household contacts as much as possible.
- Even though there will be very few people present when recording or filming these services, masking and physical distancing guidelines must be followed. If a mask is removed to preach or officiate, no other person may be within 12 feet (2m) of the person who is not wearing a mask.
- If the services are filmed in segments so that more than three people are seen to be involved but are not present at the same time, it would be helpful to have that stated at the beginning or end of the service.
- The dropping off of Sunday School lessons and materials, worship materials, parish newsletters, bulletins, etc is permitted if done in a non-contact manner.
- Church buildings are to remain closed except for the following:
 - Recording or live-streaming worship as above
 - Counting of offerings: two persons only may be present in the building to count offerings and prepare the bank deposit. As we are not worshipping in person, there will likely be less physical offerings so this may only need to be done bi-weekly. The counters are to wear masks and to maintain physical distancing.
 - Parish office staff or clergy who need access to office equipment to provide parish materials. Only those tasks which absolutely cannot be done from their home should be done at the church. Time at the church is to be minimized as much as possible.

- Regular security/maintenance checks done by a single individual (or couple from the same household) as required by insurance carrier.
- Food insecurity or Out of the Cold programs.
- 12-step programs (maximum of 10 people/meeting)
- A schedule should be developed so that the above persons do not overlap.
- A communication should be sent to the parish informing them that the church building is closed for the present time and that they may not drop into the building for any reason without prior authorization from the wardens.

Should any of our restrictions differ from those of the provincial government or your local health unit, the more stringent regulations are always to be followed.

Ash Wednesday and Lenten resources will be shared within the next couple of weeks.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Stay home, stay safe.

Blessings,

Tanya+

The Venerable Tanya Phibbs

Archdeacon of Huron

Sing along to this morning's hymns

Hymn Texts-January 31, 2021 – Epiphany 4

450 – You Call Us, Lord, to Be

1. You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind and think with tender heart.

Thus chosen, now, O lord, we ask

for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

2. You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,
to take the risk, and dare to show what love can do.

Thus chosen, now, O lord, we ask

for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

3. You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;
to tend it as a place of blessedness and worth.

Thus chosen, now, O lord, we ask

for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

4. You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,
to know we best receive when joyfully we give.

Thus chosen, now, O lord, we ask

for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

576 – For the Healing of the Nations

1. For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

2. Lead us, Father, into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

3. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice, may we hallow life's brief span.

4. You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

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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