

Wednesday Eastertide - Morning Prayer
April 29, 2020 | le 29 avril 2020

And the hand of the Lord was with them,
and a large number who believed turned to the Lord. *Acts 11:21*

La main du Seigneur était avec eux,
et un grand nombre de personnes crurent et se convertirent au Seigneur. *Actes 11:21*

Welcome and Announcements

Happy Birthday to Barbara Brown, Saturday April 25th.

Barbara says, "Saturday was special for me as it was my 92nd birthday & I expected to celebrate it alone. However, with my son's help on my iPad on something called gallery view I saw & talked to all my sons; grandchildren & I even watched my 2 great grandchildren playing as everyone sang Happy Birthday".

Happy Birthday to Laura Prince, today April 29th.

Please remember in prayer the family and friends of **The Venerable John Lee.**

John died peacefully April 21, Tuesday afternoon at home after a recent diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. John will be missed by many. **more details at end of this bulletin**
Rest in Eternal Peace, Faithful and Humble Servant.

Your tithes and offerings:

You may still safely continue to support the work of your church by giving online through links found on the [St-Barnabas on-line Donations Page](#). It is easy; either [e-Transfer](#) or St-Barnabas [CanadaHelps link](#). And as always, at your own discretion through Canada Post: 95, avenue Lorne, Saint-Lambert, QC J4P 2G7

And this includes any donations to PWRDF, in memory of John Lee.

*(Regarding **discretion and confidentiality**, all donations and mail are received and opened only by our Church Treasurer, so complete confidentiality is assured.)*

Please be generous, more than ever, as the work of the church continues as it has always done well beyond the Sunday morning. Our needs increase and bills continue to come into the church for payment; now is no different and even more the case as we reach out to our neighbours.

Speaking of Neighbours...

The **ECS Food Bank** running out of St-Andrews Church is still operating and could use some help with donations. At your discretion and always with safety in mind first, **see how you can help at end of this bulletin.**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

The Penitential Rite

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Morning Prayer

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He gave us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

Rejoice, then, even in your distress.

We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

God has claimed us as his own.

He called us from our darkness into the light of his day.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Proclaiming the Word - A reading from Acts 8:1-8 *Persecuting and Preaching*

¹That day a severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria. ²Devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him. ³But Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison. ⁴Now those who were scattered went from place to place, proclaiming the word. ⁵Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them. ⁶The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did, ⁷for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed; and many others who were paralysed or lame were cured. ⁸So there was great joy in that city.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 34

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.
Come let us rejoice in Him.

Gospel Hymn: It is Well With My Soul | First Baptist Dallas Choir & Orchestra
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krf7N7rRIV4>

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 6:35-40

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

³⁵Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.

'The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon Never Driven Away - Rev Brian Perron

Affirmation of Faith - Hear, O Israel

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Intersessions and Thanksgivings

Please remember *The Venerable John Lee* and his family in your prayers.

Greeting of Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

And *let the peace of Christ* rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. *Col 3:15*

Collect - *Let us pray* - 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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God, let us pray as Jesus taught

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

May you be blessed with proclaiming the word to the scattered, to always reside in the light of Christ, and that all you do will be done in God, especially now during these times of isolation. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn - Breathe On Me, Breath Of God ~ Steve Green

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S140Ew5PhI8>

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Stay connected

Listen to our on-line messages posted on our [St-Barnabas website](#) and [Facebook](#) page, as well as in the emails that we will send twice a week. I encourage you to share these posts with your families, as words and thoughts of encouragement. Also, if you hear of individuals in need of something, let us know; we will see what we can do with members who have put their names forward to help in a safe and manageable way.

Share your stories

Send us an email at barnabas@bellnet.ca of what you have been up to, and to share your experiences of getting through this isolation. Share your stories with us to brighten the lives of others, and stay safe.

Keep in touch

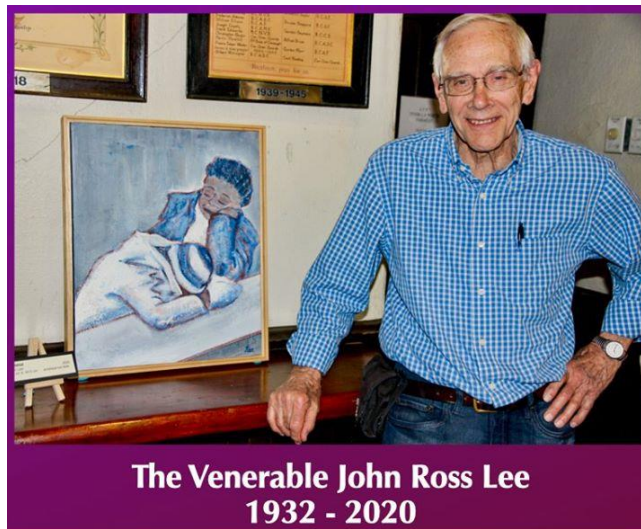
So stay tuned and reach out to members you feel concern for, allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you and to minister to those shut-in and alone at this time. Be safe, 'Stay Home', for your sake and for the well being of others, and... wash your hands!

The Venerable John Ross Lee
1932 - 2020

John Ross Lee, retired priest of the Diocese of Montreal, died at age 87 on Tuesday 21 April 2020 only nine days after his diagnosis of stage IV pancreatic cancer and discharge from hospital on Easter Day. He spent those nine days receiving palliative care at the home of his closest friend the Rev'd Holly Ratcliffe with the help of the CLSC palliative care team. This care was aided immensely by Sandra Fortier who came out of nursing retirement and self-isolation to stay with him, along with Gabriel Lee, his youngest son from Toronto. But because of COVID19 all other contact with family and close friends had to be by telephone and zoom.

Born in Winnipeg Manitoba, John was the fifth child and only son of John Lee and Mabel Cranstone. As a postulant for the Diocese of Rupert's Land, John was sent to Union Theological Seminary in NYC where he was deeply influenced by some of the theological giants of the twentieth century. This formation shaped his understanding of the priesthood throughout his long ministry and life. He was ordained deacon in the Diocese of Rupert's Land in 1956 and priest in 1957 where he served in parish ministry until 1969.

Beginning in the 1960s John became involved with CUT (the Canadian Urban Training Project for Christian Service) and the World Council of Churches URM (Urban Rural Mission).



A Humble Man with a Listening Ear for God's Will

"The first service that one owes to others in community consists in listening to them. Just as love for God begins with listening to His Word, so the beginning of love for the brethren is learning to listen to them. It is God's love for us that He not only gives His Word but also lends us His ear."

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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The many attributes of one man were shared by so many; Rest in eternal peace dear friend

John desired that any donations in his memory be directed to the PWRDF:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/128882669RR0002-st-barnabas-st-lambert/>

The ECS Food Bank

Operates out of St-Andrews Church is still operating but could use some help with donations of food distributed to the needy in St-Lambert and Ville Lemoyne. At the moment Anita and Reverend Barry are filling the needs as best they can with a few other helpers. As the buildings are closed at this time, they are not receiving food directly from our churches in St-Lambert. At your discretion and always with safety in mind first, here is how they would like you to help.

Here are items that they need:

(Not Costco sizes as many of the recipients are single and the majority are men, living alone and do not cook)

canned vegetables

canned fruit/applesauce

peanut butter (*not large size*)

loaves of bread (*they can freeze them*)

canned meals

frozen meals (*already to go*)

They have drivers (who live under the same roof) and volunteer shoppers (for 1 month/year) on a weekly basis, but the stores right now are not allowing stacking up of quantities, which is why they need your help.

If you can help with donations please call at the church 450-671-1862 and leave a message, or at the Presbytery 450-923-0794. After confirmation, the donations can be brought on Thursday and/or Friday between 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm to the side door of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (corner Green and Birch). It is the door that has a small porch (overhang). Please ring the bell, leave the food on the stoop and then social distance. Anita and/or Barry will retrieve the food. Each delivery of food to the recipients includes a pamphlet and card that Anita produced with a message saying that 'this food is being delivered by volunteers and is from our 5 ecumenical churches with love'. Please spread the word to our parishioners who are able to shop and, from time to time, may be able to pick-up one or two more items. Or donate via St-Barnabas indicating ECS Food Bank: http://www.st-barnabaschurch.com/ways_to_donate_to_st-barnabas
For more information visit http://st-barnabaschurch.com/volunteers_always_welcomed

God bless you and thank you for your thoughts and prayers,

Brian and Joyce

The Reverend Brian Perron
St-Barnabas St-Lambert

A Word of Happiness for 2020

I myself am God, your God: Keep my statutes and live by my laws.
Keep my Sabbaths as holy rest days, signposts between me and you,
signalling that I am God, your God." *Ezekiel 20 :20*

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