

Wednesday Eastertide – Morning Prayer May 13, 2020 | le 13 mai 2020

When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. *Acts 15:4*

A leur arrivée à Jérusalem, ils furent accueillis par l'Église, les apôtres et les responsables ; ils leur rapportèrent tout ce que Dieu avait fait avec eux. *Actes 15:4*

Welcome

Announcements and updates are found at the end of the service.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

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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.**

Our Opening Hymn – Take my life and let it be – Brian Doerksen

<https://youtu.be/pdOzE7HBOjU>

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.

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The Invitatory

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us worship.

A Song to the Lamb Canticle 24 - Revelation 4.11; 5.9-10, 13

Splendour and honour and kingly power are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is,
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation,
a kingdom of priests to serve our God on earth.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendour, for ever and for evermore.

Proclaiming the Word - A reading from Acts 15:1-6 – The Council at Jerusalem

¹Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.'
²And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. ³So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. ⁴When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. ⁵But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, 'It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.'
⁶The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 122 – Song of Praise and Prayer for Jerusalem

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there the thrones for judgement were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.'

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.'

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Gospel Hymn: Abide with Me - Matt Maher

<https://youtu.be/GIuC9-4aB7Q>

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 15:1-8

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus the True Vine

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon *Abide in the Word! - Rev Brian Perron*

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Intersessions and Thanksgivings

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 - Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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 the Holy Spirit to believe and to proclaim the Word of God to the scattered and the lonely, 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 - IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL 5:50

<https://youtu.be/Qp4MjHWZS5c>

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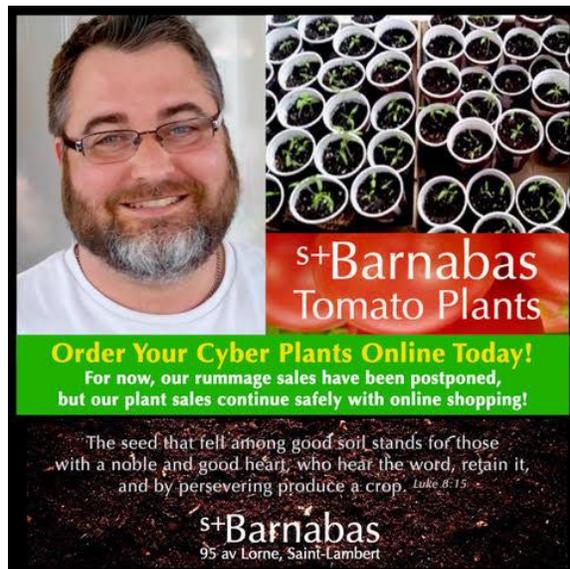
Announcements

Tomato Plant Fundraiser

Order your plants today from Paul Carter
by emailing the church at:
barnabas@bellnet.ca.

The types of tomato plants being sold this
year are:

-  Roma Tomatoes – Italian
-  Yellow Pear Cherry
-  Old German Green
-  Regular Red



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Tomato Plants**

Order Your Cyber Plants Online Today!
For now, our rummage sales have been postponed,
but our plant sales continue safely with online shopping!

The seed that fell among good soil stands for those
with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it,
and by persevering produce a crop. *Luke 8:15*

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Vestry Report

The amended Vestry Report was emailed to you on Friday. Again we welcome our newly formed Corporation. We applaud **Laura Prince** and **Susan Morehouse** who have served these past few years in the capacity of people's and rector's warden, respectively. We welcome **Ginette Hay-Ellis** as deputy people's warden and **Jeffrey**

Goernert as deputy rector's warden as they join **Jane Lawrence** and **Paul Carter** who are now senior people's and rector's wardens, respectively. We thank **Catherine Gilbert** for her many years as treasurer and welcome Laura Prince into this role and responsibility, one she has been fulfilling for most of last year as acting treasurer. We thank those who are continuing on as department heads and committee chairs and you, the congregation of St-Barnabas, for your love, care and ongoing support for the work we do in our community. God bless you all.

Your Tithes and Offerings,

You may continue to safely give to God by supporting the work of your church by donating online through links found on the [St-Barnabas on-line Donations Page](#). It's easy; donate either with [e-Transfer](#) or our [CanadaHelps link](#), or through Canada Post to [95, avenue Lorne, Saint-Lambert, QC J4P 2G7](#). And this includes any donations to PWRDF, in memory of [John Lee](#).

Your ongoing donations are critical at this time and remain completely confidential. **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 now as 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 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 volunteer drivers (who live under the same roof) and shoppers who go monthly, but the stores right now are not allowing stocking up of quantities, which is why they need extra assistance at this time. **If you can help, please call** the church at (450) 671-1862 or the Presbytery at (450) 923-0794 and leave a message. Donations should 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 (indicate ECS Food Bank)** in care of St-Barnabas [on-line](#) or via Canada Post For more information visit http://st-barnabaschurch.com/volunteers_always_welcomed

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!

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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