

Wednesday Eastertide - Morning Prayer May 20, 2020 | le 20 mai 2020

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name. *Ps 100:4*

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Avancez par ses portes avec reconnaissance !
Entrez dans ses parvis en chantant ses louanges !
Rendez-lui votre hommage bénissez-le. *Ps 100:4*

Welcome and Announcements

ECS Foodbank is in need of plastic bags: to deliver food to the needy in our community. Please put any plastic bags you can donate in the bin out under the porch at 496 Birch, between 10am - 5pm, on Thursdays & Fridays, for the next 3 weeks: May 21-22, May 28-29 and June 4-5. Your help will be very much appreciated!
See more announcements following at bottom of the service

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

Today's Morning Prayer is from Northumbria Community
<https://www.northumbriacommunity.org/offices/morning-prayer/>

Our Opening Hymn - My Dwelling Place (Psalm 91) - Keith & Kristyn Getty
<https://youtu.be/eiuNq2OWgzq>

verse 1:

My dwelling place is God Most High
My refuge and my fortress
When plague and pestilence draw nigh
I'm hidden in His Presence
When terrors fall and arrows fly
His shield will be my safety
When stones across my pathway lie
On angels' wings I'm carried

verse 2:

My dwelling place is God Most High
A present help in danger
I rest secure in love's pure light
Beneath my Master's favor
He freed me from the fowler's snare
Where sin and shame had bound me
Deceived I'd made my refuge there
Till fearless He came for me

chorus:

Wonderful, powerful
My hope and my defender
Mighty God, Emmanuel
My dwelling place forever

verse 3:

My dwelling place is God Most High
I'll never seek another
For I am His and He is mine
My heart He'll keep forever
I know the Name on Whom I call
He promises to answer
With life He satisfies my soul
And crowns me with His pleasure

Opening sentences

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
to behold the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.

Call: *Who is it that you seek?*

Response: **We seek the Lord our God.**

Call: *Do you seek Him with all your heart?*

Response: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call: *Do you seek Him with all your soul?*

Response: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call: *Do you seek Him with all your mind?*

Response: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call: *Do you seek Him with all your strength?*

Response: **Amen. Christ, have mercy.**

Declaration of faith

To whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life,

and we have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Today's Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 First Fruits and Tithes

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, *and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.* ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our

oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm 100 All Lands Summoned to Praise God

¹Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

²**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

³Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

⁵For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.* ⁷*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Hymn: I Am the Bread of Life - Toolan | Notre Dame Folk Choir 2:42

<https://youtu.be/dX4uC3a7RC8>

John 6:25-35

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' ³²Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴They said to him, 'Sir, give us

this bread always.' 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.

Sermon My Dwelling Place - Rev Brian Perron

Today's Meditation

I will not die an un-lived life, I will not live in fear of falling or catching fire.
I choose to inhabit my days, to allow my living to open me, to make me less afraid,
more accessible, to loosen my heart until it becomes a wing, a torch, a promise...

Dawna Markova

Prayers for others

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.**

Canticle

Christ, as a light illumine and guide me.
Christ, as a shield overshadow me.
Christ under me; Christ over me;
Christ beside me on my left and my right.
This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.
This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Christ as a light; Christ as a shield;
Christ beside me on my left and my right.

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you.
May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.
May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Closing Hymn - Peace Like A River - Vinesong 0:28

<https://youtu.be/-gwgTqkMMk0>

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Announcements

Vestry Report

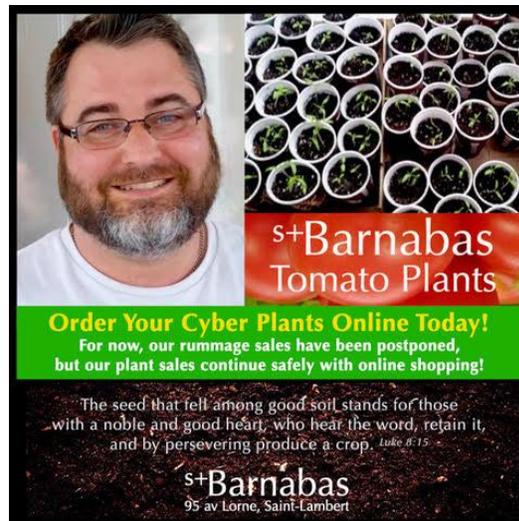
The amended Vestry Report was emailed to you on Friday. Again we welcome our newly formed Corporation. We applaud **Laura Prince** and **Susan Morehouse** who have served these past few years in the capacity of people's and rector's warden, respectively. We welcome **Ginette Hay-Ellis** as deputy people's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

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



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 stacking 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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