



Gladwin Heights United Church

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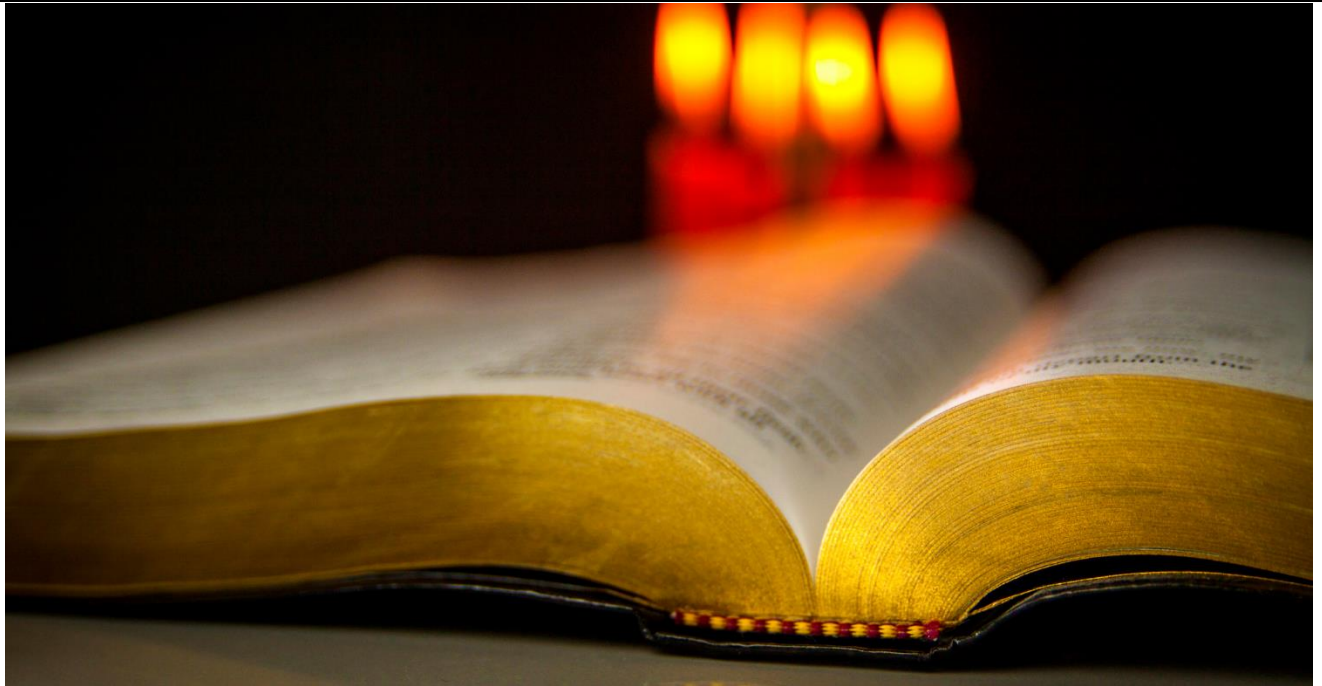
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Epiphany, Year B:



April 2021 LECTIONARY

Good Friday – April 2, 2021

- Isaiah 52:13-53:12
- Psalm 22
- Hebrews 10:16-25
- John 18:1-19:42

Resurrection Sunday/Easter – April 4, 2021

- Acts 10:34-43
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- John 20:1-18

Second Sunday of Easter – April 11, 2021

- Acts 4:32-35
- Psalm 133
- 1 John 1:1-2:2
- John 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter – April 18, 2021

- Acts 3:12-19
- Psalm 4
- 1 John 3:1-7
- Luke 24:36b-48

Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 25, 2021

- Acts 4:5-12
- Psalm 23
- 1 John 3:16-24
- John 10:11-18

Minister's Message

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
- Hebrews 10:19-25

Siblings in Christ,

For a few brief days in late March, we were permitted to hold in-person, indoor worship gatherings (albeit with tight restrictions). We began to ask each other, "could we do this? Should we do this?"

And then just as suddenly, the option was taken away again.

I think the uncertainty is more exhausting and stressful than a certain but distant finish line to this marathon we're all running.

That being the case, Paul's urging to continue meeting together elicits a wry chuckle or wistful sigh. "We'd like, Paul, we'd like to."

I think his sentiment remains relevant, however. Once per year, the high priest would enter the sanctuary, the holiest part of the temple, to make the atoning sacrifice on behalf of the people. Before passing through the curtain that shielded the holy place, he needed to ritually purify himself. Paul suggests that the crucifixion of Jesus Christ has purified us, rendering us fit to approach God in the closest way possible.

As the high priest was purified for a purpose (to sacrifice on behalf of Israel) so we too are purified and called for a purpose: to follow Christ, to continue to grow in holiness in the way of Christ, and to care for God's people: for each other. Some people, expecting to see the return of Christ soon, became disillusioned at his continued absence and ceased to attend the community gatherings and worship. In so doing, they were showing contempt for the gifts of God, ignoring their responsibilities to uphold their siblings in Christ, and re-separating themselves from God.

We are unable to meet in person, but we are likewise tired and disillusioned at the continuing restrictions necessary to combat this pandemic. But I would encourage you to remember the love of God for you in Christ, who walks with you even to and beyond your own cross, whatever that may be. If you have not yet received the vaccine, draw upon and show the strength and endurance you find in God's presence, and if you have been vaccinated, remember that you can still transmit the virus, and continue to live out your responsibilities in Christian faithfulness.

We are all in this together, brought together in Christ, and in Christ we will reach the finish line. Together.

Yours in Christ,

Tim

Birthdays

Charlie Bailey – April 10
Rev. Tim Bowman – April 14
Barb Everton – April 19
George Everton – April 19

Easter & Good Friday Service

Hello Friends

Please note that this Sunday is Easter - Or Resurrection Sunday, and we will have an online communion service. Come to the service prepared with Bread and you drink of choice. The link for the service is [Sunday Worship link](#) This is the same link we usually use.

Also Good Friday Service will be online at 10am Friday morning. Use the same link [Good Friday link](#)

The service will begin at 10am with no announcements. Please mute yourself on entering.

Our Cluster Survey is just over 70 completed. We would love to have over 100. If you haven't already done so please fill out the survey at the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MidFraserCluster>

Yesterday the province announced that those between 55 and 65 can receive the AstraZenica Vaccine starting [today](#). You can book an appointment directly with select pharmacies. Shoppers in the mall, Costco and Save On Foods on Whatcom Road at a few that are taking appointments.

Here is the complete list.

COSTCO PHARMACY 163	1127 Sumas Way
Loblaw Pharmacy #1558	2855 Gladwin Road
PHARMASAVE HEALTH CENTRE #086	#520 - 3033 Immel Street
SAVE-ON-FOODS PHARMACY #981	2388 Whatcom Road
SAVE-ON-FOODS PHARMACY 904	2140 Sumas Way
SHOPPERS DRUG MART #2288	2332 Whatcom Road
SHOPPERS DRUG MART 205	Suite 143 - 32900 South Fraser Way
SHOPPERS DRUG MART 2241	Unit 1 - 2871 Livingstone Avenue