

# PASTORAL CARE MESSENGER

Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa, May 2021

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## Magnolia Tree

Magnolias bloomed in the Garden of Eden.  
A myriad sunlit candles  
Outdoing the tree of knowledge –  
So commonplace that angels  
Scarcely gave them a second thought.

Magnolias bloomed in God's backyard.  
Loathe to relinquish such a familiar sight  
Adam and Eve smuggled a handful of seeds  
As they "with wand'ring steps and slow  
Through Eden took their solitary way".

Magnolias blossomed in every land.  
Flamboyant flames of pink and white  
Dancing tenaciously in the breeze.  
They, too, were a covenant  
For all people and all time.

From a poem by Philip Lee,  
*Quintessentialruminations*

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My prayers continue to be with you and your family. Please know that every week the Pastoral Care team continues to hold you up in prayer when we do remotely the midday prayers on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you have any specific prayer requests please let us know and we'll add them to our prayers. Stay well... Blessings, Canon Hilary



Love life as the gift it is;  
for as many years as we're allowed to be;  
in as many ways as we're destined to be;  
in dead certainty that we will always be;  
alive and well in the heart and land of God;  
forever and ever and ever. Amen

*From the pen of a parson by Alan Houghton*

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