



Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

10:30 am

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The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron

The Reverend Canon Rob Lemon, Rector

The Reverend Canon Tom Patterson, Deacon

The Reverend Stephanie Donaldson, Deacon

The Reverend Allie McDougall, Assistant Curate

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Stephane Potvin

Processional Hymn #247

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Opening Prayers

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Act of Praise (*Please refer to the pew leaflet*)

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Acts 1: 6:14

PeterMussen

Psalm 68: 1-10, 33-36

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Second Reading

1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11

Catherine Uffen

Gradual Hymn #212

Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

The Gospel

John 17: 1-11

Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

Deacon:

The Gospel of Christ.

People:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Communion

All Christians of any age are welcome to receive communion with this community of God's people. At the time of communion, please come forward. The bread will be placed in your outstretched hands to which you may wish to respond "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available. You are invited to drink from the common cup. If you are uncomfortable drinking from the cup, you may pass by the chalice bearer or stop and touch the cup or bow your head briefly. In the Anglican tradition, it is completely acceptable to receive communion by only the bread or only the wine. If you are not receiving communion but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.

Communion Hymn #204

Truly, He Comes to Us

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord.

Amen

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #524

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Dismissal

Postlude

Stephane Potvin

A very special Thank You to
~ **The Rev'd Allie McDougall** ~
For Preaching & Celebrating for us today

The flowers on the Altar today are given to
the glory of God in loving memory of:
~ **Alan Slater** ~
From Jane, the Boys & Families

NOTICES FOR MAY 21st

Mapping the Ground We Stand On – Saturday May 27

Also called “the Mapping Exercise”, this is an interactive workshop developed by PWRDF to support Truth and Reconciliation, and it’s coming to St. James!

On a giant map of Turtle Island (the part that became Canada), participants will explore the presence of Indigenous peoples, the arrival of Settlers and the history of the relationships between them. It offers an opportunity to learn and reflect on the importance of land to reconciliation.

This is a Deanery of Huron-Perth event that is being hosted by St. James Stratford for all the churches in our deanery. Cheryl Marek (PWRDF) will be the Facilitator; Dr. Olive Elm of Oneida Nation of the Thames will be the Indigenous Elder.

When: Saturday, May 27, 9:00 am to 12 noon

Where: St. James Upper Hall

Register: by email to stouffer.mjs@gmail.com

GARDEN GROUP NEWS

First of all, we would like to thank everyone who supported The St. James Plant Sale last Saturday. We had our most successful event ever with an inventory of 582 plants for sale which enabled us to raise \$2000.00 for the St. James gardens. We are so pleased!

Secondly, we wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the sponsors of the flower barrels along the north side of the church. **Dorell and Harry Brightwell** have sponsored two of the barrels in recognition and support of the work of the Garden Group to beautify the grounds of St. James; **Charlotte McTavish** has sponsored a barrel to celebrate the joy of flowers with the hope that they brighten the day of all who view them; **Karen Haslam and Phil Guest** have sponsored a barrel dedicated to the glory of God in thankfulness for His many blessings; and, **James Noble** has sponsored a barrel dedicated to the courage of the Ukrainian people. Plans are under way to create five bespoke planter arrangements that we hope will bring pleasure to all passersby.

Finally, we hope you will take some time to tour the grounds and observe the evolving changes in the gardens. There are many new plants on site, such as the lovely pasque flowers pictured above, worth discovering as our restoration efforts from last year come into their own.

And there are more additions to come, boosted by our successful fundraising. Once again, for all the myriad ways you show your support, our grateful thanks.

(John Hindley on behalf of the St. James Garden Group)

Summer's A Coming

Music and Stories for Life's Journey – Featuring Tim Elliott (piano) and Judy Maddren (Readings). Concert takes place on Friday June 2nd at 7p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Free-will offering to support St. Paul's Foodbank. Non-perishable donations welcome.

Jazz Vespers

The next Jazz Vespers will be on Sunday June 4 at 4 p.m. featuring the Paul Shilton Quartet: Paul Shilton, piano; Larry Larson, trumpet; Mike McClennan, bass; Dave Champion, drums. Please invite your friends to this informal evening worship service.

Upcoming Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday June 10 at 8:30 am. Coffee, Tea, and Juice will be standing by at 8:15 am. We extend an extra welcome to any male members of the congregation who may not yet have attended a Men's Breakfast to join us. Freewill offerings are accepted.

St. Paul's Breakfast Program Pilot Project – Volunteer Job Description

St. Paul's Anglican Church is excited to test out a new outreach initiative in the Stratford community in the form of a free community breakfast. With the partnership of Langlois Law, we hope to offer a continental-style breakfast twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-9:30 am.

Volunteers will be required to assist with the following tasks:

- Setting up tables and chairs
- Putting out food and drink for breakfast guests and replenishing supplies when needed
- Monitoring the use of toasters and other relevant equipment
- Visiting with breakfast guests (you are welcome to eat, too!)
- Washing dishes
- Tearing down tables and chairs, and clean-up

We are seeking to staff 5 volunteers per shift, which will last from 7 to 10 am. If any of these tasks are within your capability and you are interested in participating in this pilot project, please reach out to **Mtr. Allie McDougall**, at alliemcdougall@diohuron.org to discuss your availability and be added to the schedule. Our first day will be **Tuesday, June 6th**.

Upcoming Readings - Sunday May 28

Acts 2: 1-21

Psalm 104: 25-35, 37

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

John 20: 19-23

Chancel Team #2

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 24 - Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. BCP Service
Christian Meditation at 4:30 p.m.

May 25 - Celtic Prayer Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.

May 26 - Bible Study on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.

May 27 -- Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at St. Paul's
Perth County Mapping Exercise Program – Upper Hall
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m.

May 28 - Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.