

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3rd 2026

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me. John 14:6



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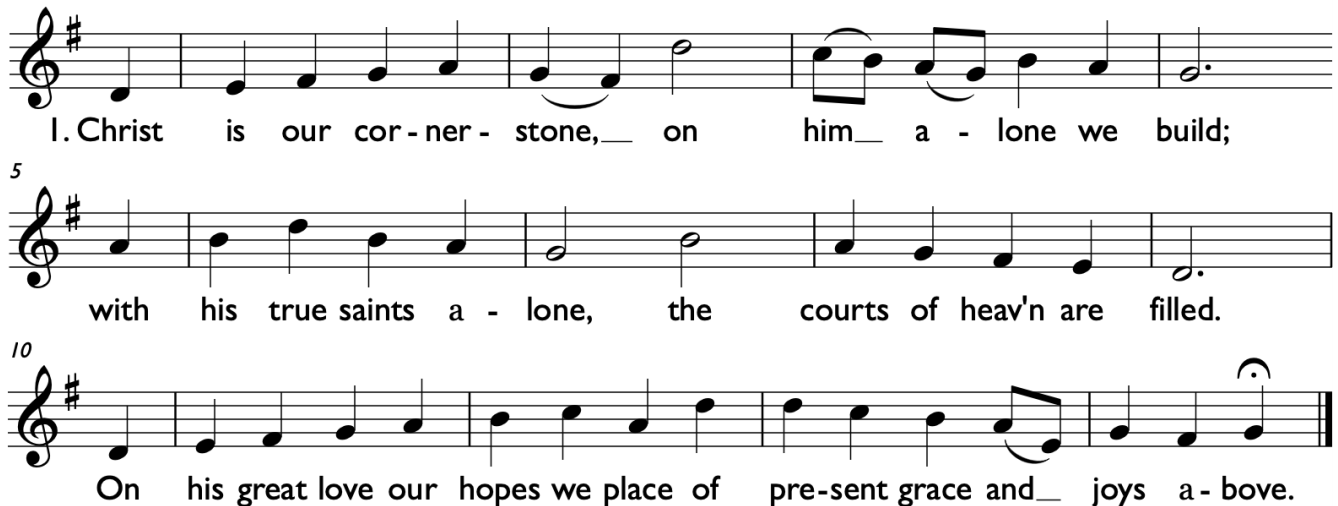
Book of Alternative Services

Please stand and sing our opening hymn

Opening Hymn Christ Is Our Cornerstone

HAREWOOD
CP 459

Samuel Sebastian Wesley
1810 - 1876



1. Christ is our cor-ner-stone, on him a-lone we build;
5 with his true saints a-lone, the courts of heav'n are filled.
10 On his great love our hopes we place of pre-sent grace and joys a-bove.

2 O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring.
Our voices we will raise
the Three-in-One to sing,
and thus proclaim
in joyful song
both loud and long
that glorious name.

3 Here, gracious God, do thou
For evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh.
In copious shower
on all who pray,
each holy day
thy blessings pour.

4 Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day
when all the blest
to endless rest
are called away.

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray. (silence)
Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

“Christian Education” – The children are invited to the Assembly Room for the church school.

Please be seated

A Reading from the Book of Acts: Reader: Doreen Kyomugisha

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. (*Acts 7:55-60*)

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5

Please remain seated for the Psalm

Piano:



In-to your hands, O Lord, I com-mend my spi-rit.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.
Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.
Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me. *Refrain*

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Refrain

"My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving kindness save me." *Refrain*

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter:

Reader: Catherinanne George

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

(1 Peter 2:2-10)

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *Jesus Is Risen From the Grave*

CHILDER
CP 232

John L. Bell
(1949-)

Unison

1. Je - sus is ris - en from the grave, Je - sus is ris - en from the grave,
2. Je - sus will meet his peo - ple, Je - sus will meet his peo - ple,

5
Je - sus is ris - en from the grave, Al - le - lu - ia
Je - sus will meet his peo - ple,

The musical notation is for a unison hymn in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff contains the first two lines of lyrics, and the second staff contains the final two lines. The melody is simple and suitable for a unison choir or group.

Holy Gospel *John 14:1-14*

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

3. Je - sus is here in bread and wine, Je - sus is here in bread and wine,
4. Je - sus will live for - ev - er, Je - sus will live for - ev - er,
5 Je - sus is here in bread and wine, Je - sus will live for - ev - er, Al - le - lu - ia

Homily The Venerable Sam Thomas

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say:

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Leader Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. *I invite you to take a comfortable posture: standing or sitting for the Prayers of the People.*

(A brief silence.)

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God:

People Receive our prayer.

Leader God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God:

- People**
Leader **Receive our prayer.**
God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God:
- People**
Leader **Receive our prayer.**
God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick especially Marg, George, Althea, Leah, Carolyn, Roy, Rick, Bill, Sue. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God:
- People**
Leader **Receive our prayer.**
God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God:
- People**
Leader **Receive our prayer.**
God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are ever separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed especially as we entrust Carol Grant into God's gracious keeping. Merciful God:
- People**
Leader **Receive our prayer.**
God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to God's table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
People **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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Please stand

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

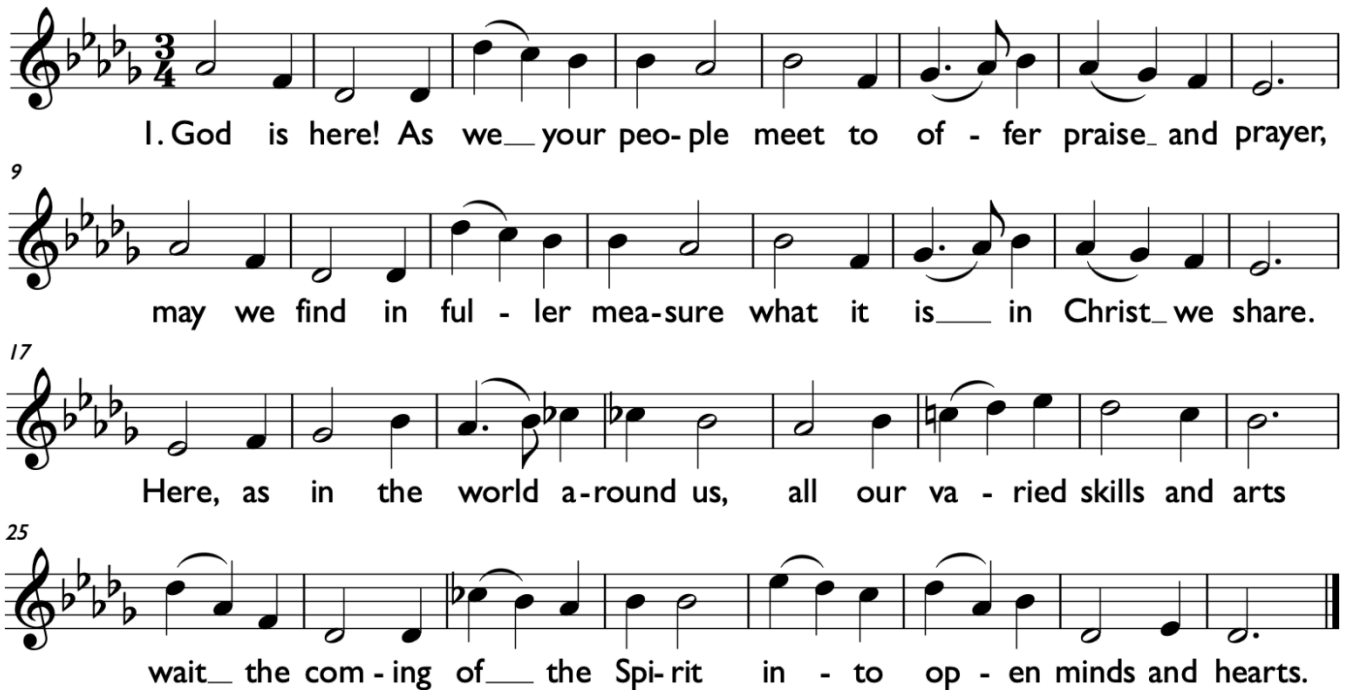
People **And also with you.**

Please offer one another a sign of the peace before we all sing the hymn

Offertory Hymn God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH
CP --

Cyril Taylor
1907 - 1991



I. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
9 may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
17 Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
25 wait the coming of the Spirit in to open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace.
Here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.

Here, in honesty of preaching,
here, in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

We all sing the Sanctus:

LAND OF REST
CP 719

American Trad.

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might, _
5 heav'n and earth_ are full of your glo-ry. Ho - sa - na in__ the high - est.
9 Bles - sed_ is he who comes_ in the name of the Lord.____ Ho -
13 sa - na in__ the high - est. Ho - san - na in__ the high - est.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

People

**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Land of Rest
CP 721

American Trad.

All sing:

Organ:

A - men, A - men, A - - men.

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

Priest. As our Sa-viour taught us, let us pray:

People

4
Our Fa - ther in heaven, hal-owed be your name, your king - dom come,

7
your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread.

9
For-give us our sins As we for-give those who sin a - gainst_ us.

11
Save us from the time of trial, and de - li - ver us from e - vil.

13
For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

The choir will sing the **Agnus Dei** to the *Missa Simile Est Regnum Caelorum* (The Kingdom of Heaven is like...)
Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548 – 1611)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi:
miserére nobis/dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us/grant us peace.

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gluten-free communion wafers are available.
Please indicate your wish to the administrant at Communion.

Communion Anthem:

Laudate Dominum (Praise the Lord)
From *Vesperae solennes de confessore*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 – 1791)

Laudáte Dóminum omnes gentes
omnes populi;
Quóniam confirmáta est súper nos
misericordia eius
et véritas Domini mánet in æternum

Praise the Lord, all you nations;
laud him, all you peoples.
For his loving-kindness toward us is great,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for
ever.

Glória Pátri et Filio
et Spiritui Sáncto.
Sicut érat in pricipio et nunc et semper
et in sáecula sáeculorum Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, And in everlasting ages. Amen

We all sing the **Communion Hymn** Thou Art the Way: to Thee Alone

Next page.

I. Thou art the way: to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;

5
and those who would the Fa - ther seek must seek him, Lord, by thee.

- 2 **Thou art the truth: thy word alone
true wisdom can impart;
thou only canst inform the mind
and purify the heart.**
- 3 **Thou art the life: the rending tomb
proclaims thy conquering arm;
and those who put their trust in thee
nor death nor hell shall harm.**
- 4 **Thou art the way, the truth, the life:
grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.**

Please stand

Prayer after Communion *(silence is kept)*

Celebrant Let us pray.
God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life.
May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People Amen.

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,
**People whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask
or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the
Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Announcements and Blessing

We all sing the Post Communion Hymn Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son

MACCABAEUS
CP 210

G. F. Handel
1685 - 1759



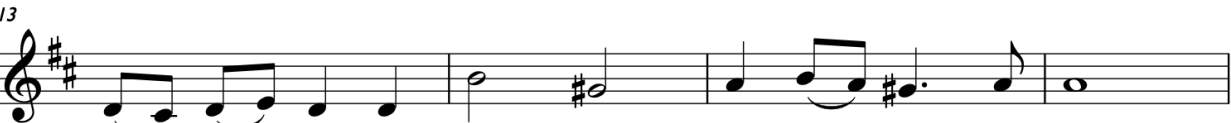
1. Yours be the Glo - ry, Ri - sen, con- quering Son:



5 End - less is the vic - tory o - ver death you won.



9 An - gels robed in splen - dour rolled the stone a - way,



13 kept the fol - ded grave - clothes where your bo - dy lay.



17 Refrain: Yours be the Glo - ry, Ri - sen, con- quering Son:



21 End - less is the vic - tory o - ver death you won.

- 2 See! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
lee the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord is living; death has lost its sting!**

Refrain

- 3 No more we doubt you, glorious, Prince of life:
what is life without you? Aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors
through your deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above.**

Refrain

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:

Deacon Go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Grand Triumphant Chorus in A Major* Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Notes on the music today:

Guilmant was a French organist and composer. Organist of la Trinité church in Paris for 30 years, Guilmant became known for his improvisations, both in the concert and church setting. His inspiration came from Gregorian plainchant, and he was greatly noted amongst his colleagues for his mastery of these melodies.

He gave concerts in the United States (the first major French organist to tour that country), and in Canada [sadly, no documented evidence that he came to London, Ontario], as well as in Europe.

He set up the Schola Cantorum in Paris (a music conservatoire focussed more on church music) in opposition to the operatic craze that was overtaking Paris at the time. Guilmant saw himself as keen to preserve church music at a time when the church authorities were looking with suspicion at the operatic style of organ and choral writing of many of his peers.

Despite this, his Grand Triumphant Chorus opens with a clear reference to Verdi's *Aida* (and in namesake!). It is a jolly march that has a charm of its own without being too ostentatious. The last page of the piece requires a unique effect: part of the organ is coupled together and quickly off again. This effect - created by a switch rocked back and forth emphasises the main chords, acting in the same way that cymbals and drums enhance an ending. This effect will be very dependent on my page turner to work! No pressure Isabelle...

Coffee Hour

After the service please join us for coffee and cold drinks.
Youth Group meets in the Guild Room.

Today's Liturgical Leaders

Celebrant – The Very Reverend Dr Kevin George
Preacher – The Venerable Sam Thomas
Gospeller – The Reverend Pat Henderson
Organist & Director of Music – Laurence Williams
Servers – Tristan Fair, Clark Home, Raphael Samuel
Lay Administrants – Doug Campbell, Bette Ferguson
Greeters – Mary Mitches, Marilyn Papple
Welcome Minister – Kim Chalk, Doreen Kyomugisha
Live Stream – Jade Vajna
Warden – Yvonne Donlan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carol Grant given by her family.

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer – Today we pray for the parishes of Christ Church, Ayr; St. James, Cambridge; St. John's, Cambridge; and St. Luke's, Cambridge.

Music at Saint Paul's:

Tuesday 5th May at 12:15 for 35 minutes

Lunchtime Live!

Our much-acclaimed Lunchtime Live! concerts continue this Tuesday. With our audiences regularly topping 100 people, these concerts are not to be missed.

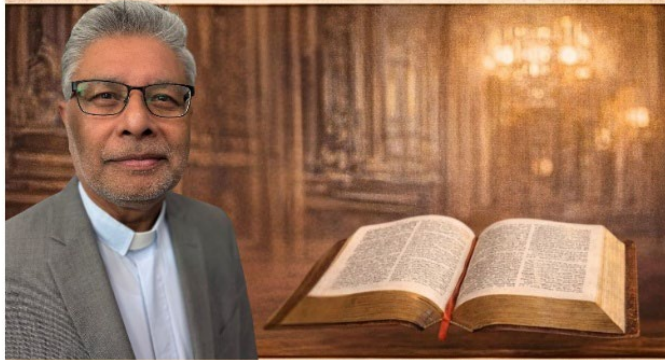
Rummage Sale


We will be having our **Annual Rummage Sale** on Saturday June 6 from 9:30am until 1:30pm. When you are cleaning out your cupboards and closets please remember that we would like your "STUFF". Your donations can be dropped at Cronyn Hall beginning Monday June 1, 9:30am until 3pm. We will accept donations daily until Friday at Noon. For more information contact Gayle Anderson or Judy Brown.

HAPPY PURGING!

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY


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 Every Wednesday at 11:00 am

Led by Archdeacon Sam Thomas

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