

He is Risen Indeed!

Passiontide – Easter 2023

“Then went in also that other disciple which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.”
(St. John 20.8)

Dear friends,

I hope this letter finds your heart glad – Spring has sprung! The days are getting longer, the birds are beginning to return, and the tulips and crocuses have miraculously pushed their tender, green heads up through the hard, cold earth into the light of day. These are the signs that every Canadian believes will come, no matter what – no matter how far below freezing the temperature; no matter how deep the snow; no matter how short and dark the winter days – we *believe* that Spring will come.

According to Oxford Reference, *to believe* something is “to accept it as true on the basis of inconclusive evidence. Belief is conviction, faith, or confidence in something or someone.” The thing is, we may not be able to actually see or touch those tulip shoots in the middle of January, but we have faith that they will come. Likewise, every Sunday morning, we say, “I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.” Although we have not actually laid our eyes on Him, we have seen God’s handiwork, and believe that He is real.


The capacity of Jesus’ disciples to believe in Him was greatly tested by His Crucifixion. There He hung, dead on the Cross, the One Who claimed to be the Resurrection and the Life; the Bread of Life; the Way, the Truth and the Life; the Light of the world. In fact, the faith of St. John, who is called “that other disciple” in the Easter Day Gospel, is nothing short of a miracle: “Then went in also that other disciple which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw and believed”.

The evidence was inconclusive because Jesus was not physically present, but John still believed. As one commentary says, “he believed that Jesus had not been taken by others from the grave. He saw there were no signs of haste or confusion, or of a rifled tomb. He believed that Jesus had risen, that this death of His had been done away, that He was living, as He said.” (from the Pulpit Commentary)

Every Easter the Lord offers us – each one of us – wherever we are in our life, an opportunity to believe in Him. To accept, by faith, that He is stronger than the forces of death. To trust that death has been changed from an end to a beginning. To have confidence that through Christ our sins have been forgiven and we are being re-made in His likeness, with a new heart.

That is the life-changing, Easter message: Christ is risen from the dead; and, with Him, we are risen to the new life of His truth and grace! Let us gather together, then, and offer God our worship and praise! Please see the other side of this page for details of Holy Week and Easter.

Looking forward to seeing you.



Chris VanBuskirk +

Services for Holy Week and Easter

Monday to Wednesday*
(April 3rd-5th)

8:30 AM – Morning Prayer
5:00 PM -- Holy Eucharist with the reading of the Passion

***Tuesday in Holy Week**
(April 4th)

10:00 AM – The Holy Eucharist at Camden Terrace
7:00 PM – Choral Evensong at St. Philip's (30 Lynch Street)

Maundy Thursday
(April 6th)

8:30 AM – Morning Prayer
10:00 AM – The Holy Eucharist
5:00 PM – Evening Prayer
7:00 PM – The Holy Eucharist with the Stripping of the Altar
9:00 PM – The Vigil begins

Good Friday
(April 7th)

9:15 AM -- The Way of the Cross leaves from City Hall
10:00 AM -- The Good Friday Liturgy
5:00 PM -- Evening Prayer

Holy Saturday
(April 8th)

8:30 AM -- Morning Prayer and Ante Communion
10:30 AM -- The Resurrection Garden Craft and Devotion for All Ages
at St. James (101 Fairview Drive)
5:00 PM – Evening Prayer
8:00 PM – The Easter Vigil at St. Andrew's (105 Elmwood Drive)

Easter Day
(April 9th)

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM - Easter Breakfast begins in the Hall
9:15 AM – Morning Prayer
10:00 AM -- Holy Eucharist
5:00 PM -- Evening Prayer

Easter Monday
(April 10th)

8:30 AM -- Morning Prayer and
5:00 PM -- Holy Eucharist

Easter Tuesday
(April 11th)

8:30 AM – Morning Prayer and
5:00 PM -- Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday After Easter
(April 16th)

8:00 AM -- Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM – Morning Prayer
10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist
12:30 PM - Moncton Anglicans Pot-Luck at the Moncton Garrison
5:00 PM – Evening Prayer

