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LENT 2018

'Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John'

Lenten study by Society of St. John the Evangelist

The Witness of the Evangelist

"This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true."
John 21:24

Today, our theme is the witness of the evangelist ... that is, St. John, the beloved disciple, the one who reclined close to Jesus at the Last Supper. And this is the verse from scripture:

"This is the disciple who is testifying to these things, and has written them. And we know that his testimony is true." And I can't resist reading one more verse, because it's the very last verse of the Gospel of John. "But there are also many other things that Jesus did. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that could be written."

But the point here is the evangelist, St. John, the beloved disciple, was an eyewitness. And we read elsewhere, in the First Letter of John, that (John) heard (Jesus') voice. He saw him with his eyes. He touched him with his hands, and he was there. And this experience of being in the very presence of Christ changed him, and the experience has compelled him to tell others about him.

And that is the nature of Christian testimony that's rooted and grounded in personal experience, (the) experience of the first disciples, the apostles, the evangelists. And this testimony passes from person to person, from generation to generation. And the Holy Spirit moves in and through our own testimony or other people's testimony to their own experience.

But we give testimony not only in our words, but in our actions as well. And the reason we know about God's love revealed in Jesus is because people we knew have witnessed to him on his behalf. And those people who knew him in the first century witnessed on his behalf and witnessed to the change that was wrought within them through their contact with Jesus Christ.

So our prayer might take a couple of different directions. We might reflect on those individuals in our lives who have been witnesses to the love of God in Christ and give thanks for those particular individuals, like parents or grandparents or friends or teachers, whoever. Or we might reflect on how we ourselves are being a witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ in our lives and through our words and in our actions, as well.

Br. Mark Brown

News and Events:

1. Deanery Council News:

- a. Next meeting April 21, 2108 at Holy Trinity, Little Current
- b. For the Deanery Council meeting: Mr. Tom Linck has resigned his position as Lay Steward and so the Deanery Council will be asked to elect a Lay Steward at its next meeting on April 21. We thank God for the service Tom provided to the Deanery while he served in this position and ask God to bless him in this next stage of life. Please prayerfully consider who should be nominated for this position. A job description can be found in the Diocesan Canons or you may contact the Ven. Glen Miller at livelyanglican@bellnet.ca.

c. HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Church of the Epiphany: See also attached poster

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 - "Sunday of the Passion" with 8:30 am Blessing of the Palms & BCP Eucharist and 10:30 am, Blessing of the Palms, Solemn Procession & BAS Choral Eucharist.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK - 10 am, Holy Eucharist & 7:30 pm - "The Tenebrae" (The Gathering Darkness)

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7:30 pm, Commemoration of the Last Supper & Stripping of the Chancel

GOOD FRIDAY - 11 am, Solemn Liturgy & Meditation on the Cross

EASTER EVE - 8 pm, The Great Vigil of Easter including the blessing of the Easter Candle, Holy Baptism, & the first Eucharist of Easter (Guest Preacher - The Rev. Sarah Armstrong). This is a Deanery event with a Deanery Choir.

EASTER DAY, April 1st - Holy Eucharists of the Resurrection at 8:30 & 10:30 am

St. Peter's Elliot Lake and beyond (Rev. Henk and Beth Willems are responsible for two Lutheran churches in the area as well):

Good Friday service at St. Peters Elliot Lake—2.00 pm.---7 last words of our Lord on the Cross

Good Friday walk with stations of the CROSS—from Sagamok to Zion Lutheran church Massey

Easter Sunday—9.30 AM.—ST PETERS ANGLICAN—Elliot Lake
 ---11.00 AM—FAITH LUTHERAN—Elliot Lake
 ---1.30 PM---SAGAMOK FIRST NATIONS -Massey
 ---ZION LUTHERAN ---MASSEY---- time to be announced

St. Alban's Capreol: See attached poster

Church of the Ascension: See attached poster

Parish of Christ Church Lively and St. John the Divine Copper Cliff:

Sunday (Palm Sunday) - 9 am at Christ Church, 11 am at St. John's Blessing of the Palms

Wednesday 10 am at St. John's, Holy Communion service

Thursday 5:30 pm at St. John's, Parish Pot-Luck dinner and an Intergenerational Service for Maundy Thursday

Friday 10 am at Christ Church, Good Friday liturgy followed by a fellowship hour

Saturday 8 pm at the Church of the Epiphany, participation in the Deanery Easter Vigil service.

Sunday Easter Eucharist - 9 AM at Christ Church; 11 AM at St. John's

St. George's Anglican, Espanola:

Palm Sunday, Intergenerational Service at 10:30 a.m. followed by snacks

Maundy Thursday Service at 9:30 a.m.

Good Friday Service at 10:30 a.m. followed by hot cross buns

Easter Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.

Easter Weekend on Manitoulin Island

Saturday March 31 11 am at St. Paul's in Manitowaning – Easter Vigil (adapted) with Holy Communion

Sunday April 1 Morning Prayer for Easter:

9 am at Holy Trinity, Little Current and St. John's, Kagawong

11 am at St. Francis, Mindemoya and All Saints, Gore Bay

Sunrise service in Manitowaning: hosted by Manitowaning United Church **7 am** at the New England Road followed by a service at Knox United Church at **10 am**

Easter Vigil Service at St. Mark's Chapel, Thorneloe University March 31
10 AM. See attached poster. Submitted by Rev. Bob Derrenbacker

Reflections on the Stations of the Cross. Sunday March 25 at 4 Pm St. Patrick R.C. on Walford Road Sudbury. It weaves together prayer and music to provide a portal into Holy Week. Please pass it on to others who might be interested. Poster attached. Submitted by Tony Chezzi.

2. **ST. ALBAN'S, CAPREOL:**

Our prayers are with this community of faith as they say good bye to Rev. Doug Prebble and begin the search for a new Incumbent. They are relying on Bishop Anne to guide them in this process.

3. **Manitoulin Island Congregations**

To the 5 Congregations on Manitoulin Island, congratulations: Bishop Anne has made the announcement that a new Incumbent has been appointed to the Manitoulin congregations:

Bishop Anne Germond is pleased to announce the **appointment of the Rev. Doug Prebble as Interim Incumbent for the parishes of Manitoulin Island effective April 15, 2018 for one year.**

4. **Diocese of Algoma:**

Bishop announces upcoming ordination – Patti Brace

Bishop Anne Germond is pleased to announce the upcoming ordination of Patti Brace, God willing, as a deacon in the church of God. The service is scheduled for Saturday, June 9th, 2018 commencing at 1 p.m. at Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury. The Rev. Dr. Bob Derrenbacker, Provost of Thorneloe University and Honourary Associate at Church of the Ascension, will be the preacher. A reception, hosted by churches within the Sudbury-Manitoulin Deanery where Patti has served, will follow the service. All are welcome!

Patti has a B.A. (Hons) from Trent University, Peterborough; a M.A. (English) and a Ph.D (English) from Queen's University, Kingston; and she is near to completing her M.Div. from Trinity College, Toronto (2019). She is currently an Associate Professor at Laurentian University, Sudbury.

As a cradle Anglican, Patti has been involved in various aspects of church life from her childhood. She admits to pursuing career choices and starting a family while at the same time discerning a call to ordained ministry that "refused to go away". She is actively involved in her parish home in Sudbury (Epiphany) and has been involved in various parishes in Canada and the UK when travels and academic pursuits took her from Sudbury.

We uphold Patti and her son, Caleb, in prayer as she prepares for this next step in her journey.

5. Future Events to Mark on Your Calendars:

i. An **ecumenical ALPHA** sponsored by the churches in Espanola will begin March 22 2018. Contact Bev Van der Jagt.

ii. **Church of the Ascension**

GIANT YARD SALE April 7 2018:

Spring is in the air and it's that time of year again for our annual yard sale! Start your spring cleaning and set aside those gently used or unwanted items. Someone else's junk is someone else's treasure!

Drop off for items is Friday April 6th from 3-8 and yard sale is April 7th from 8-3. If you need help to get your items to the church for the yard sale, please contact Jennifer Ames at (705)618-2319.

Like to have fun and be social? Come on out and give us a hand at the yard sale. Whether it's a few hours or all day, your help is appreciated! See attached poster!

Wednesday Eucharist and Bible Study

Eucharist and Bible Study are available every Wednesday. This week we will be starting a new book – Genesis. You do not want to miss this exciting study! All Welcome!

ALPHA

An Alpha program will be running from February into April here at the Church of the Ascension in partnership with the Samaritan center and Restoration Church. Alpha is a program that explores life's big questions from a Christian perspective with those who have little or no Church background and with those who have been Christians a long time. If you are interested in taking the course or

helping out with this exciting ministry, please talk to Father Aidan - armstong.aidan@gmail.com. All Welcome!

Making Palm Crosses - March 22

Come in for a couple hours in the afternoon on March 22 starting at 1:00 and help make palm crosses. Everyone welcome!! Light refreshments will be offered.

- iii. **Messy Church at St. John the Divine Copper Cliff April 3 and June 5 2018:**
The four churches of Copper Cliff develop and sponsor Messy Church every second month on the first Tuesday from 4:45-7:00 PM. Although children come with a parent, it is designed for those families in Sudbury's Gatchell, Copper Cliff and Lively areas who have little or no contact with Jesus or church. There is registration, worship, meal and craft times. The planning committee also plans events for the fall.
- iv. **APRIL 16 2018: An invitation is extended to all Anglican women** to join with their Lutheran sisters for a ladies' afternoon social and program on Monday April 16 beginning at noon. The event will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 189 Regent St., Sudbury. There will be a light lunch followed by a Six Word Memoir program for hopefully a bit of fun.
Please RSVP to Pam Radunsky at 705-587-2349, or email: bpradunsky@persona.ca before April 9th
- v. **Diocese of Algoma ACW Annual Information Tues. May 29th to Thurs. May 31st:**
See separate document attached
- vi. **Deanery Daily Vacation Bible Schools**
Fund Raiser April 23 2018 at Boston Pizza (The Kingsway). DVBS receives 10%(?) of the dinners sold to 100 or more people. Last year, this event raised \$380.
July 2-6 2018 at St. John's Copper Cliff - 9AM -12 PM
Aug 13-17 2018 at The Church of the Ascension - 9 AM -12 PM
- vii. **'Stand Up' Program** being offered at the YMCA. The program is **FREE** of charge to members and non-members of the YMCA. Some of the members of our congregations in the Sudbury Deanery may find this of interest. Contact the YMCA 705-688-7300. See attached poster.
Submitted by Megan Trimmer.

We are sending our this Digest weekly on Wednesday, usually before 10 PM. Feel free to send me and Allison Cline (our Webmaster) any and all events and news. Articles are also very welcome. You can use either my personal email as above or the Deanery email address above.

We would like to receive items by the Sunday night before Wednesday. Some items may be repeated due the date of the event. If you have some news and/or articles and miss the Sunday cut off, please send directly to either personal e-mail address above. We will gladly include parish events, special events, and worship times. Please make sure all info is as accurate as possible, and any poster type submissions are as camera ready as possible to be included as PDF attachments to the Digest.

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