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Eastertide Message

Archbishop Shane Janzen



*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is Risen, indeed. Alleluia!*

The great Easter Anthem. Filled with hope, with promise, and with new life. These are the themes of Eastertide. Yet, as one of my brother bishops wrote me, it would seem we are in 'Coronatide'. The life we knew is totally different. The great Services of Easter were celebrated in empty churches, devoid of the ritual, sights and sounds of the holy Season of Resurrection. How quickly things changed; how impermanent did some things become; how precious became life. Virtual Masses have become the new 'normal' for so many of our parishes, including the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist here in Victoria, as we live-stream and record our 10 am Sunday Mass on Facebook and YouTube.

What we are experiencing now, the strangeness, the anxiety, the changes to old patterns, old ways of doing things, were part of what the Apostles experienced that first Easter behind closed doors, empty of people, filled with anxiety and fear. Yet into that void appeared Jesus – He had risen! Into the fear and anxiety, confusion and emptiness, came the comforting words of the Lord and Saviour – “‘Shalom’ Peace be with you.”

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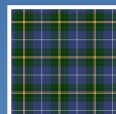
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The change in the Apostles was dramatic. From that point on-ward each of them would look upon Jesus, upon the ancient Scriptures, upon their own lives, from the point of view of the Resurrection. There was in that room and among the gathered disciples a perceptible change. The atmosphere of fear and failure had been replaced by one of victory and peace. The tomb was empty; death was defeated; Life was triumphant. The peace of the Risen Lord had come upon the disciples that Easter Day. And that same peace of Christ is with us today, in the heart and soul of every Christian – even in our own time of fear, anxiety, and ‘sheltering-in-place’.

In Eastertide, the peace and promise of the Resurrection is renewed in each one of us. As with the physical transformation of the church from Maundy Thursday to Good Friday to Holy Saturday to Easter Day, the Church herself is transformed, enlivened and made bright again, empowered with the Spirit of her Risen Lord.

As disciples of the Risen Christ, as the children of God and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven, we advance upon this world with power and faith; proclaiming to it the message of salvation in Jesus Christ. We proclaim the Easter Faith of the Risen Lord. The Faith that overcomes the world.

But each and every Christian should know and realize that the battlefield on which the Christian believer overcomes the world is not in the great and dramatic but in the battlefield of ordinary daily living. It is in day-to-day living that Christian faith wins or loses; it is in day-to-day living that the crown of Christian character is gained or lost. And it is in our own day to day living as Christians amidst our world that we are given opportunities to extend the invitation to faith in the Risen Christ, to show the true face of love, and to fulfill the Great Commandment of Christ to evangelize the world.

So, let it be your responsibility, and mine, this Eastertide to bear witness to the truth of salvation in Jesus Christ. Let the battlefield of

daily living be for you and me a place of victory, especially in this time of fear and anxiety when faith is being severely tested.

Our Lord said to His frightened, disheartened disciples: “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

We are a people of faith, not a people of fear. We are an Easter people! Let us then in faith reach out to save our fallen world in the love and peace of the Risen Saviour.

The peace of the Risen Christ and the joy of Eastertide be with you all.

+Shane B. Janzen
Primate and Metropolitan



*Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist,
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Easter Message: Our “Way in the Wilderness”

Bishop Craig Botterill

These are difficult times, and many of you must have asked yourself “will our church survive this Covid-19 pandemic?”. Rest assured that, while we do not know the way ahead, God does. God’s plan is sometimes hidden from us and we cannot fathom His ways, but turning to scripture we can find some answers.

Speaking to His chosen people, after their exodus from Egypt, we read in Deuteronomy 8:

“Obey the laws of the Lord your God. Walk in his ways and fear him. ² Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. ³ He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ⁵ Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you.

Surely this time in which we live in isolation, avoiding social contact and public gatherings, is our forty years in the wilderness. Perhaps God is testing us just as He tested the Jews? Will we remain faithful? Are we sincere in our Faith? Will we return to take our part in regular public worship when it is again safe to do so and will we continue to financially support our parishes?

If the answer is “yes”, then our church will survive. In the meantime, we do what we can to communicate God’s love and grace to His people and to worship using technology. At the Cathedral of Saint Aidan in Halifax we have video recorded all of our Masses since Lent IV and make them available on YouTube. Our channel can be found by searching Nova_Scotia* within YouTube. Parishioners who don’t have internet access join us live by tele-conference.



Online studies for the priesthood continue through St. Bede’s College, preparing us for the future. Postulants are using this time to double-down on their academic work and I, and other clergy, remain busy teaching classes and marking papers. Distributing sermons by e-mail, having parishioners maintain regular telephone contact with one another, sharing our hopes and fears “together in isolation”, and using postal mail and e-transfers to sustain financial support of parish expenses, like utility bills, are all part of this “time of testing”.

You will note from the scripture passages quoted above that we do not walk aimlessly, but that God leads us all the way in the wilderness. If we continue to obey His laws, walk in His way, and fear Him this journey will lead us to the restoration of our regular church life, which will flood back in, richer, more vibrant, more alive than ever before.

With every blessing,

+Craig Botterill, Bishop Ordinary, Diocese of Canada East



EASTER II: GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

"In the Shadow of Evil and the Empty Tomb"

Archbishop Shane Janzen

"I am the Good Shepherd." This resounding declaration of Jesus has meant everything to generations of Christians. It makes an instant appeal to the depths of our being, even though many of us are city dwellers and may never have seen a shepherd in our lives. But the thought of care for the sheep that is involved in this title is plain enough.

Yet in the midst of this Eastertide, with the joyful words of our Lord's Resurrection still sounding out in our hearing, we learned of evil in a rural area of Nova Scotia last Sunday, the Octave Day of Easter. Evil compounded by fear and anxiety over the coronavirus pandemic. Evil daring to wear the uniform of those sworn to serve and protect. An evil man who took the lives of 22 innocent people. Grandparents, parents, siblings,

young people, a mother expecting her second child, a veteran RCMP officer, a dedicated teacher. All in the shadow of the Cross and the glow of the Empty Tomb.

Eight years ago, following a similar senseless mass killing, the pastor of a rural church said in his sermon at the prayer vigil held in that community: "Evil is a choice. It does not come from God. Even though evil can overcome us, it cannot overcome God."

In our Gospel for this Second Sunday After Easter, we hear Jesus declaring that He is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the flock. In Isaiah 40:11, we read: "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs in His arms, and carry them in his bosom." Again, we read in Isaiah: "As one whom his mother

comforteth, so will I comfort you." (Isaiah 66:15)

Evil is a choice. It does not come from God. Even though evil may seem to overcome us in this moment, it cannot overcome God. There are no words to explain the 'why' of last weekend's events in Nova Scotia. There are no words to explain why in the midst of a global pandemic an evil man would deliberately, knowingly, and systematically kill others.

Evil has no reason, evil has no explanation, evil cares not for innocence nor age. Which is why God determined that evil would not have the final word. Evil would not be allowed to overcome nor destroy the handiwork of God made visible in the innocence of His creation. God sent forth His only begotten Son so that life, not

death, goodness, not evil, would have the final word. The victory of the Cross, the triumph of the Empty Tomb, the glorious 'Alleluia' of Easter Resurrection, these would be the eternal word overcoming human tragedy, human grief, incomprehensible evil.

On Good Friday, evil attempted to kill God's only Son. On Holy Saturday, hell reached out to grasp his dead hand, only to realize that Jesus lives – He who reached out His hand not in surrender but to raise up those who had died and dwelt in the shadow of death. On Easter Day the power of Jesus' resurrection proclaimed that God has the final word; God has the final victory. In Sacred Scripture we read: 'O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?' (1 Cor. 15:55)

Now, on this Second Sunday in Eastertide, the families, friends, colleagues, and neighbours of those who died last weekend are drawing close in faith, in love, in healing. Not allowing the last hours of their loved ones to determine the fullness of their life. Not allowing evil, and this evil act, to be the final word. Faith, hope and love continue strong. Those loving caring people in that rural community, along with people across our land, will not allow evil to have the last word or the final victory. God's righteousness will prevail.

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Jesus, the Good Shepherd, laid down his life for us on the Cross; but the story did not end there. We know that He rose again and entered into Glory. The joyful proclamation of Easter Day still rings out in our ears -- "Alleluia, Christ is Risen; He is Risen indeed, Alleluia."

As Christians, ours is an Easter faith. A faith which proclaims that nothing – not evil, or violence, or sickness, or death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Saint Peter in the Epistle which we read this morning, reminds us that our Easter faith is an assurance that no matter what we may suffer or endure or face in this life, Jesus has gone before us, both in suffering and in victory. He has left us a living example that we should follow in His steps, and thereby partake ourselves of the victory of the Cross and the Empty Tomb. He became for us, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

Throughout the days of our lives, and in each of our days, the Lord, the Good Shepherd, continues to shepherd us along our pilgrimage. Jesus has not left us alone to fend for ourselves; but has gone before us, preparing a path we may safely walk, and a place where we may dwell secure. For "we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand." (Ps. 95:7)

To be sure we will have good days and bad days, times of triumph and times of struggle, days of joy and times of sorrow, but I believe and know with all my heart and soul that Christ will see us through.

I know too that at the end of our days, when death's dark night shall enfold us, each of us in our turn will hear Jesus' voice calling us home. And as a sheep listens for the voice of its shepherd, so our souls will listen and recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd: "Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another...." (Job 19:27)

He will lead us safely home to pastures green beside still waters, "where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting."

"I am the Good Shepherd, saith the Lord;
I know Mine own and Mine own know Me."

Amen.

*The Most Reverend Shane B. Janzen,
Primate and Metropolitan
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Spiritual Communion

When unable to attend Mass



✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Collect

O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us so to reverence the holy mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever know within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle (Revelation 3:20)

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

The Gospel (St. John 15:5)

I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

*Take a moment to think of the failures of the past week:
recall any sins you have committed since your last
Communion and offer them to Christ.*

Act of Contrition

O Heavenly Father, I confess that I have sinned greatly against thee in thought, word, and deed, and have done that which is wrong in thy sight. I ask thee to forgive me my sins, and to give me grace always to resist temptation and to do thy holy will; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Act of Reception

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy Church where thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving. I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus, dwell in thy servant in the fulness of thy strength, in the perfection of thy ways, and in holiness of thy spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of thy Spirit, and to the glory of thy Father. Amen.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

Act of Praise and Thanksgiving

✠ Blessed, praised, and adored be Jesus Christ on his throne of glory in Heaven, and in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

Anima Christi

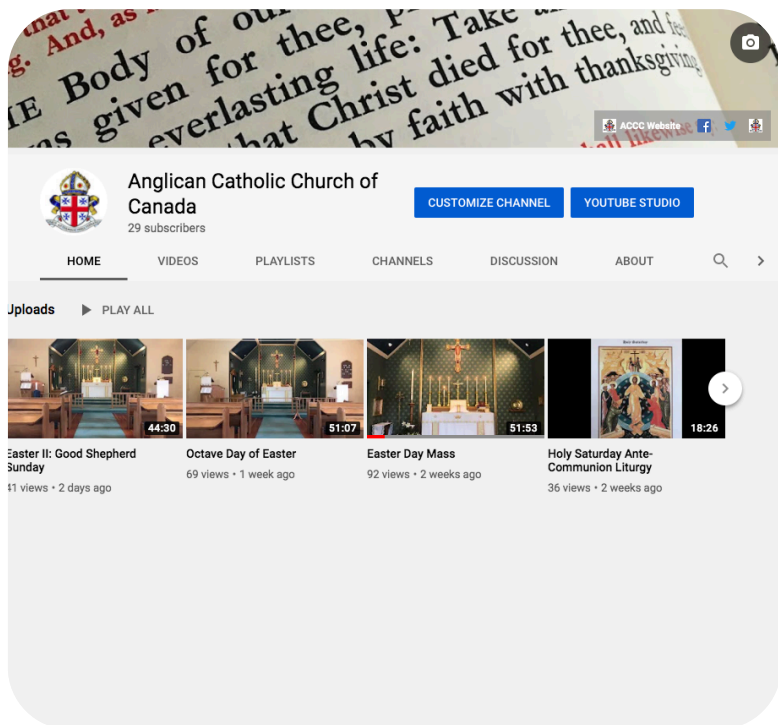
Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus, hear me;
Within thy wounds hide me;
Suffer me not to be separated from thee;
From the malicious enemy defend me;
In the hour of my death call me,
And bid me come to thee.
That with thy Saints I may praise thee
For ever and ever. Amen.

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Parish and Mission Updates

News from Around the ACCC

Online Services



Given current circumstances with the global pandemic, a number of parishes have made services available online.

The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist (Victoria, B.C.) live-streams the 10:00 am Sunday Eucharist on its Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ccsje/>

The Mass is also recorded and may be viewed on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI85GSmMFT3qVVFwFAZmOlq>

The Cathedral in Victoria will continue to offer Services online even after restrictions have been lifted

ACCC YouTube Channel

The Cathedral Church of Saint Aidan (Halifax, NS) records their Sunday Eucharist and posts the Services to YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIHcy0obGcSzcdCU2myQTiQ>

At All Saints Renfrew (Calgary, AB), Father Robert Short is recording Services and uploading them to YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6jrlbYkvafG3ZBWAdAMJ2Q>

The congregation of the Church of the Resurrection (Edmonton, AB) is synchronizing private Evensong and looking for other ways to stay together.

The Parish of Saint Barnabas (Moose Jaw, SK) is recording Services and uploading them to their YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI5AlmFbcm5cAaoZAgAVWeQ>

The Clergy of the Diocese of Canada West are meeting via Skype for fellowship and spiritual mentoring.

If your Parish is offering Services or other resources virtually, or if you have questions regarding online tools, please let the ACCC office know.



TAC Updates

Proclamation of Ratification of the Constitution of the Traditional Anglican Church

The Primate of the Traditional Anglican Communion, Archbishop Shane Janzen, is pleased to announce the adoption and ratification of the new Constitution of the Traditional Anglican Church, which reconstitutes the worldwide Traditional Anglican Communion into the global Traditional Anglican Church.

The Traditional Anglican Church comprises national Provinces with Dioceses, Parishes and Missions in Australia, Canada, Columbia, Great Britain, Guatemala, India, Ireland, Salvador, South Africa, United States of America, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Venezuela.

The Traditional Anglican Church (TAC) is governed by the Primate with the College of Bishops and General Synod (comprising the College of Bishops, House of Clergy, and House of Laity). The TAC continues to be founded on the doctrinal, moral and governing principles set out in the Affirmation of St. Louis (1977); and

is unified as an international Traditional Anglican Church to more effectively witness to the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and to promote Christian unity, both with other Continuing Anglican Churches as well as other Christian Churches and jurisdictions around the world.

The Primate's Proclamation and the Constitution of the Traditional Anglican Church are available on the TAC website: <http://traditionalanglicanchurch.com/353>



Prayer in the time of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people: Continue, we beseech thee, this his gracious work among us, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic; cheer, heal and sanctify the sick; grant to the physicians, nurses and caregivers wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down thy blessing upon all who labour to prevent suffering and to forward thy purposes of love; through Jesus Christ our