

CALEDONIA CONNECTOR

Serving Anglicans in Northern BC

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Morning Prayer

Monday - Saturday ~ 8:00 PT

St. Mark's, Dawson Creek
Facebook Page

Mid-day Prayer

Monday - Saturday ~ 12:15 PT

St. Andrew's Cathedral
Facebook Page

Compline

Nightly

9:00 PT on Facebook

10 :00 PT on Vimeo & YouTube

Diocesan Service

Sundays

10:00 am PT on Facebook,
YouTube, and Vimeo

Synod 2021

Is planned for June 18 - 19 in Prince Rupert at St. Andrew's Cathedral. More details to follow.



The open grave

by Bishop David Lehmann

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

There is much joy to be celebrated this Easter, even as we struggle with CoVid restrictions and a third wave. We know that the love of God surrounds us and that we have salvation. I find this helpful, when I'm struggling to reframe what I am going through in light of the Easter story.

The pain and the confusion of the disciples would have been crippling. The disbelief at the change of the crowds in one week, from shouts of "Hosanna" to "Crucify". Jesus's brutal treatment by the soldiers. And his horrific and demeaning death. The 11 disciples, numbed by the shock and the betrayal of Judas and Peter, are now locked away,



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Bishop's Travels

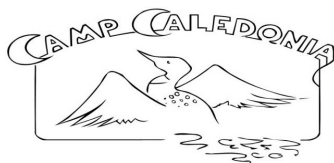
Due to CoVid-19 restrictions, the Bishop has no planned travels in April.

Synod 2021 Dates

Due to the ongoing outbreaks in the Diocese, the Executive are hoping for an in-person Synod on June 18 & 19, 2021 in Prince Rupert.

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hiding. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus step forward to care for the body on that Good Friday.

And then

The women who were at the cross go to the tomb to do what is right under the Law. They go, because they must. And then, God's revelation is made a little clearer. God's love is shown. Peter Marshall noted, "The stone was rolled away from the door, not to permit Christ to come out, but to enable the disciples to go in." And that's what they did. Though, they didn't understand. The veil of confusion is slowly drawn back.

Revelation ~ then and now

We hear over the Easter season how the revelation on that first Easter day took time. The women arrived, saw and heard. The disciples arrived, saw and heard. The disciples on the Road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus. Poor, Thomas missed out on Christ's appearing on that first week, but was present later. Christ continues to appear past His ascension through the work of the Holy Spirit and in the lives of his saints. Christ appears in our lives today. Sometimes in the unexpected ways, and in ways we don't readily recognize him.

An invitation

Every Easter, we are given an invitation to peer into the empty tomb. We are invited to wonder, watch, wait, and then journey on with the risen Lord. God continues to reveal himself to all people. Not everyone is blessed to see and to understand. We are called to make Christ known as people ask their questions and wonder about the empty tomb. We can be like Ezra and Nehemiah who had to explain the Scriptures as they were read out. For we, who have not seen and yet believe, can offer the faith that we have. We too can return and take hope and courage from those first believers and ponder what all this means. For we are all journeying, learning, and growing in faith and love.

Annual Reports

Please send them into the Synod Office as quickly as possible. Thanks!

Ruby's Thoughts

“Tarry thou the Lord’s leisure. Be strong and let your heart take courage and wait upon the Lord.” *Psalm 27:16*

Sometimes we complain that a Christian friend is lacking in Christian perfection. Or we can get downcast when we know that others are noticing that we are not perfect! It is a real breakthrough when we accept ourselves as imperfect. That sets the stage for us to accept others as imperfect. Christopher Page speaks of people as “damaged goods” rather than as damaged bads. God doesn’t give up on us. As Christians God eventually gets hold of us and makes our sins

Prayers for Easter

Book of Common Prayer

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Book of Alternative Services

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Good News in difficult days

some hope

Palm Parade

The congregation of St. Matthew’s in Terrace had a Palm Parade around the city to mark Palm Sunday. They stopped by parishioners homes to delivery Palms and Easter treats. This lovely gesture of community and faithfulness takes the Palm Procession to a whole new level! It is heartwarming to



crystal clear and helps us to rise above them. All in God's good time. That is where the verse in the psalm comes in: "wait upon the Lord." It is God who is running the show not ourselves. Even when it comes to our lives. We need to "be strong and let our hearts take courage." God will get around to helping us – he knows when we are ready to grow a bit more. "Tarry thou the Lord's leisure" watching expectantly for his help in growing in our faith and in our practice.

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see the Good News of Jesus's triumphal entry shared in this way.

Thanks to those who delivered Palms across the Diocese. And for those planning on other events over Easter, please send your pictures and stories.

Stories wanted

If you have a Good News story to share, please email it to admin@caledoniaanglican.ca Please include pictures, if possible!

Social Media

Please look for the Diocese on

Facebook @dioCaledonia

Vimeo by searching for the Diocese of Caledonia or vimeo.com/user110118524

YouTube Channel - *Diocese of Caledonia*

Tithing Options

One of the concerns expressed is how we can continue to support the mission and ministry of the local congregations. Easy! Either arrange to mail in or drop off post-dated cheques, complete the forms on the Diocesan website for direct debit, or go to CanadaHelps.org or PayPal Charities and donate to your parish or the Diocese. For more information, please contact your parish treasurer.

Gospel Based Discipleship

Attached are the Gospel readings for April. Read the Gospel three times asking 1. what words jump out, 2. what is Jesus saying to me, and 3. what is Jesus calling me to do? The Gospel Based Discipleship book may be found at www.anglican.ca

Gospel Based Discipleship—April 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Gospel</u>	<u>Colour</u>
1	Maundy Thursday	Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35	Red
2	Good Friday	Jn 18:1-19:42	Red
3	Holy Saturday	Mt 27:57-66 or Jn 19:38-42	Red
4	Easter Sunday — <i>Great Vigil</i> — <i>during the day</i> — <i>in the evening</i>	Mt 28:1-10 Jn 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8 Lk 24:13-49	White
5	Monday in Easter Week	Mt 28:8-15	White
6	Tuesday in Easter Week	Jn 20:11-18	White
7	Wednesday in Easter Week	Lk 24:13-35	White
8	Thursday in Easter Week	Lk 24:36b-48	White
9	Friday in Easter Week	Jn 21:1-14	White
10	Saturday in Easter Week	Mk 16:9-15	White
11	Second Sunday of Easter	Jn 20:19-31	White
12	Monday	Jn 3:1-8	White
13	Tuesday	Jn 3:7-15	White
14	Wednesday	Jn 3:16-21	White
15	Thursday	Jn 3:31-36	White
16	Mollie Brant (Konwatsijayenni), Matron among the Mohawks	Jn 6:1-15	White
17	Saturday	Jn 6:16-21	White
18	Third Sunday of Easter	Lk 24:36b-48	White
19	Monday	Jn 6:22-29	White
20	Tuesday	Jn 6:30-35	White
21	Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith	Jn 6:35-40	White
22	Thursday	Jn 6:44-51	White
23	George, Patron of England, Martyr	Jn 6:52-59	White
24	Martyrs of the Twentieth Century	Jn 6:60-69	White
25	Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>Vocations Sunday</i>	Jn 10:11-18	White
26	St. Mark the Evangelist	Mk 1:1-15 or 16:15-20	Red
27	Tuesday	Jn 10:22-30	White
28	Wednesday	Jn 12:44-50	White
29	Catherine of Siena, Reformer and Spiritual Teacher	Jn 13:16-20	White
30	Marie de l'Incarnation, Educator and Spiritual Teacher in New France	Jn 14:1-7	White