

APRIL 18, 2021

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER DAY

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Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:

Page 191, Introit: Psalm 33.1-9; Gradual: Psalm 63.1-4

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY

EASTER II

8:00 am Said Eucharist

9:30 am Sung Eucharist (*live streamed*)

11:00 am Sung Eucharist (*live streamed*)

4:00 pm Evensong Prelude, followed by Evensong (on Zoom)

4:45 pm Coffee Hour (on Zoom)

Wed. Apr 21 12:15 **Low Mass** (*please register*)

Sat. Apr 24 12:15 **Low Mass** (*please register*)

Sun. Apr 25 **THE FEAST OF SAINT MARK**

8:00 am Said Eucharist (*please register*)

9:30 am Sung Eucharist (*live streamed*)

11:00 am Sung Eucharist (*live streamed*)

4:00 pm Evensong Prelude, followed by Evensong (on Zoom)

4:45 pm Coffee Hour (on Zoom)

Sun. May 2 **EASTER IV**

Sun. May 9 **ROGATION SUNDAY**

Thurs. May 13 **THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**

Pre-Registration to attend Services: Please do this on Eventbrite via the parish website www.stthomas.on.ca or by calling the office at 416-979-2323 X 4.

CHANGE IN COVID GUIDELINES FOR CHURCHES:

The current Provincial Emergency permits churches to remain open for public worship with 15% capacity. Nevertheless, after consulting with parish leaders and the diocese, we have decided it best to close the 11:00 am Eucharist to public worship. It will continue to be available on our YouTube channel, as will the 9:30 Eucharist. Evensong this week will be at 4:00 pm on Zoom. We will limit our in-person liturgies to:

- 8:00 am Sunday with a capacity of 15 persons, and
- 12:15 pm on Wednesday, April 21, and Saturday, April 24 of the coming week with a capacity of 10 persons.

All protocols regarding masking and distancing remain in place. Please pre-register on Eventbrite if you wish to attend. While our precautions meet all public health requirements for essential gatherings, and there is no evidence that our churches have been a source of transmission during the pandemic, it is important that we continue to be vigilant. Please do not come to church if you feel unwell or are especially vulnerable to Covid 19.

These celebrations of the Eucharist are offered not only for the spiritual benefit of those able to attend, but for the good of the whole church, and our city and province at this critical time. As the number of infections remains very high, we pray fervently to our heavenly Father for all those affected, especially those in hospital, and for medical personnel struggling to cope. May God be with them all.

ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS – Dates Available!

Please contact the office at office@stthomas.on.ca if you are interested in having memorial flowers after Easter and up to the end of June.

Dates available include April 26, May 9, 16 & 30, June 6 & 13.

Presently we are putting flowers on the High Altar approximately every second week, and having two or more families share the cost. If you would like to have a loved one memorialized in April, May, or June of 2021, flowers will cost \$50.00.

The cost for flowers has increased significantly over recent years so we will be transitioning from the old rate through this COVID19 period. If you would like to continue your memorial when we are able to have in-person services once more, the cost for High Altar flowers will be \$125.00, and the Lady Altar will become \$75.00.

SAINT THOMAS'S RECTORY CAMPAIGN - A MESSAGE FROM FR BRINTON

Dear friends,

How grateful we are to all those who have contributed or pledged to the cost of renewing the Rectory and making it a welcoming home for our new parish priest and his family! To those of you who have not already contributed, but may be considering doing so, I am glad to announce that a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous has offered us a very generous **matching opportunity** which will double the value of any **new pledges or donations** made between now and the end of June, up to \$50,000.

In the Prayer after Communion of the BCP we offer unto God “ourselves, our souls and bodies to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice”. Implicit in that prayer is the belief that our whole lives, not just our pious thoughts, are to be aligned with God’s purposes. Giving of our material goods for the good of the poor and of the whole Church is part of our faith. If you have not already done so, and you are able, I invite you to prayerfully consider donating to the St Thomas’s Church Rectory fund.

Yours faithfully,

The Rev’d Canon David Brinton OGS
Interim Priest-in-Charge

For information, contact michael57rowland@gmail.com. To donate by credit card go to <https://www.stthomas.on.ca/donate-ohiof-rectory>.

Make cheques payable to St Thomas’s Church, Huron Street. Please write Rectory Campaign on the memo line.

*The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of almighty God:
in loving memory of Graham Wright;
of John, Michael, Lenore, Margaret, Stephen and Floyd Burnie, given by their family;
and
in loving memory of Molly Wright, from her son Tim Wright,
and Anneli Pekkonen and Alicia Wright.*

Ordinary Weekday Introit: Psalm 66.1-2

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, alleluia / sing praises unto the honour of his Name, alleluia; make his praise to be glorious, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Ps) Say unto God, 'O how wonderful are thy works! because of the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies feign obedience unto thee.' Glory be...[Repeat Antiphon]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021; 12:15 pm

Acts 8.1b-8; Ps 66.1-6; John 6.35-40

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021; 12:15 pm

Acts 9.31-42; Ps 116 11-18; John 6.60-69