

OCTOBER 11, 2020

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

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Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:

Page 620; Introit: Psalm 34.1-10; Gradual: Psalm 92.1-4

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- TODAY HARVEST THANKSGIVING**
8:00 am in person Mass; 9:30 am Streamed* Mass
11:00 am in person Mass; 4:00 pm Streamed* Evensong & Devotions
- Mon. Oct 12 **Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed**
- Sun. Oct 18 **THE FEAST OF ST LUKE**
In person Masses at 8:00 and 11:00 am (please register)
Streamed* Mass at 9:30 am.

4:00 pm **THE FEAST OF SAINT LUKE WITH THE ORDINATION
OF JAMES SHIRE**
(registration on Eventbrite will be required for in-person attendance, and it
will be live streamed as well. Please see below)
- Sun. Oct 25 **TRINITY XX**
- Sun. Nov 1 **ALL SAINTS' DAY**
- Mon. Nov 2 **ALL SOULS' DAY**
- Sun. Nov 8 **THE SUNDAY AFTER ALL SAINTS' DAY**

** the church is closed to the public during streamed events.
Please see St Thomas's website to see YouTube videos of these services.*

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.

A reminder about social distancing: while it is wonderful to be able to chat with each other outside the church on Sundays after mass, please remember to wear a mask and keep your distance!

Welcome back to St Thomas's!

We are very grateful to all those who have worked so hard to prepare us for returning to public worship reverently and safely. There are many regulations we have to abide by, not least of which is keeping a six-foot distance between people at all times. We all need to do our best to contain the spread of Covid 19, and as a result, for the time being, our Services will look and feel different than they have in the past. Most notably and regrettably, the congregation cannot sing at this time. Only the clergy and cantor will do so. The Collection plate will not be passed during the Service.

Please place your donation in the plate located at the Registrar's table in the Narthex when you came in. It will also be available there at the end of the Service.

In addition to this Notices leaflet, two liturgical documents will be provided at 11:00 am: a large-sheet "Ordinary of the Eucharist" containing elements of the Book of Common Prayer liturgy that do not change from week to week, and a booklet containing the "Proper" – those elements that do change: music, collects, readings, psalms and intercessions that are specific to today. None of the documents provided should be shared. You may take them home.

Please read the following, and listen carefully to the clergy's verbal instructions regarding the procedure for receiving Holy Communion. Remain in your seat until invited by the sidespeople to move into the centre aisle. Follow the floor markings to maintain a safe distance. Stand in the marked space six feet from the priest when you arrive at the front pew to hear the words of administration "The Body of Christ given for thee", then come forward to the priest and extend your hands folded one upon the other; carefully enclose the Host in your hands and proceed to the table to the left or right near the pulpit or lectern. Those seated on the left side of the church (facing the altar) will move to the pulpit and those on the right to the lectern. Once there, remove your mask from one ear to consume the Host, replace your mask and sanitize your hands with the sanitizer provided on the table. Return to your seat by the side aisles. It is not permitted to receive on the tongue at this time.

If you need to use the washroom, please proceed to the one normally designated for women at the bottom of the stairs at the main entrance. There is no access to the Parish Hall. Only one person is allowed to use the washroom at a time. Maintain physical distance while waiting.

At the end of the Liturgy, during the organ voluntary, please remain seated. Sidespeople will invite people to leave, pew by pew, beginning with the back rows. Those wishing to remain to the end of the organ Postlude may do so. While we would all love to be able to socialize after Church, it is not yet safe to do so. If you wish to greet friends afterwards, we ask that you move well away from the exit doors, so that others can get out of the building safely.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In Christian charity, these protocols are meant to protect others as well as ourselves.

JAMES SHIRE'S ORDINATION – Sunday, October 18 at 4:00 pm

The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, on behalf of the Diocese of Hawai'i, will ordain James Robert Shire to the Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's One Holy and Apostolic Church on Sunday, October 18 at four in the afternoon at St Thomas's Anglican Church.

Registration for the Liturgy will occur over Eventbrite and it will be live-streamed at : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0WDnmEmY2ok>.

Your prayers are requested.

LARKIN-STUART LECTURE 2020

We are delighted to announce that the Lecturer this year is the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, The Most Rev'd Michael Curry. The lecture will take place by videoconference on Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 pm. More details to follow.