

# EPIPHANY THIS WEEK

July 1 - 7, 2022

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**Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost -** worship in the Church with Rev. Elizabeth.

**8:30am – This service has been suspended for the summer and will resume on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**10:30am –** Worship Celebration (BAS) with Holy Eucharist

**Readings for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost –** 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.

**Summary of Readings –** The deceptively simple story of Elisha’s healing of Naaman who suffered leprosy serves as our story from the First Testament. Quite fittingly, Psalm 30 praises the God who heals and delivers from death. Various moral exhortations conclude this portion of Paul’s teachings in his letter to the ancient church in Galatia. The gospel story tells of Jesus’ commissioning of the seventy and of their triumphant return.

## **Questions for Reflection and At Home Prayers**

*God heals and commands us to go out into the world and heal others. How are you a healing person? What situations around you are in need of healing? How can the church be an agent of healing?*

**Morning –** Holy God, each morning when we wake up, we are reminded of your presence. The light of the sun, the sounds of the birds....your creation serves as witness of your love and your imagination. Let us take it all in and transform our awe into praises that those around us can hear each day and know that you are God. Amen.

**Evening –** Creating God, we have heard your voice. Through smiles, through words, through music, through tears.....we have heard your voice! Give us the comfort of your presence as we begin to live out the end of our day, and allow us to have rest and the same peace that your disciples declared when they entered somebody’s home and said, “Peace be with you.” In the loving peace of Jesus we pray. Amen.



## **Rev. Elizabeth’s Office Hours**

Between Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> Rev. Elizabeth will not be holding regular office hours as she is using these weekdays as her set PD days.

Rev. Elizabeth will continue to lead worship for us on Sundays and is available through email; and she is available in the event of an emergency.

You can email Rev. Elizabeth at [greenepiphanypriest@gmail.com](mailto:greenepiphanypriest@gmail.com) Thank You.



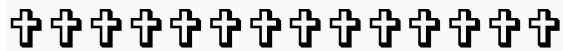
**RETURN TO THE COMMON CUP:** After asking the congregation for their opinions, it seem the comfort level with respect to the use of the chalice is about 50/50. We are not ready to remove masks, nor are we ready to go back to kneeling at the Communion Rail. Starting this Sunday, and hopefully throughout the summer at least, we are going to reintroduce the Common Cup.

A chalice bearer will stand on either side of Rev. Elizabeth at the Communion Rail. If you chose to receive the wine from the common cup you simply go to the chalice bearer, receive the wine, and then return to your seat.

**NOTE:** Intinction, or dipping the wafer into the wine, is not permitted. Respiratory droplets and other germs commonly found on hands and fingers, still remain the highest risk for spreading Covid or any other germ or virus and these germs end up in the wine from your hands/fingers.

If you choose not to partake of the common cup, that is absolutely fine, you can simply receive the bread and return to your seat, as we have been doing through most of the pandemic.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to Rev. Elizabeth or the Wardens.



**A NOTE FROM THE WARDENS** - The Wardens for the Church of the Epiphany are deeply grateful to all faithful members of our church community who have continued to offer financial support for the work and ministry of our parish. Our shared ministry could not and would not be possible without your care and generosity. As we move closer to the summer months, we kindly ask that if you know you will be away for any length of time this summer, that you please consider making your offerings by way of post-dated cheques, or through the Electronic Offering Program (see info below). Again, your financial support is of great value to the life of the Church of the Epiphany; we are truly grateful for all the financial gifts that you share, all for the glory of God.

Sincerely,  
Terry Kett – Rector’s Warden; Gilles Tessier, Peoples’ Warden; Marion Collinson, Deputy Rector’s Warden



**THE ELECTRONIC OFFERING PROGRAM** is a service that is offered to you and your parish to assist in giving and receiving donations. In this computerized age where many of us pay our bills online this service allows many to donate to their church and other ministries electronically. If you wish to join the EOP or amend your current donation, you can find the form on our website by clicking [here](#) or printed copies are available in the church office.



**DONATE NOW BUTTON** - Did you know you can help support the life and ministry of the Church of the Epiphany through the Donate Button that appears on our website. If you or someone you know worships with us online, please consider making a donation. Your help and support is greatly appreciated. Thank You,



**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** - If you wish to donate Memorial Flowers in memory of a loved one, or you would like to give flowers (purchased or from your garden) to mark a special occasion such as a wedding anniversary, the birth of a child or grandchild, or another set day in the church year, please call the Church Office to arrange for your flower donation. Thank You.

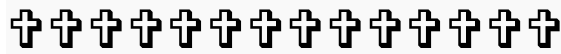


**SUDBURY PRIDE - CELEBRATING 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PRIDE CELEBRATION JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>-17<sup>TH</sup>**

Be sure to check out Fierste Sudbury Pride for a list of events happening during this year’s Pride Week in Sudbury. Everyone is welcome to join Rev. Elizabeth in the *Pride March* happening on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Then on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> our worship will uphold and celebrate God’s wonderful and beautiful diversity revealed in humankind with a special Pride Worship Celebration at 10:30am. Let’s all come together and be present-day signs of God’s all-inclusive love for all people as we celebrate and give thanks for the 2SLGBTQ+ community!



*We see you. We hear you. We celebrate you. We give thanks for you.*



**PRIMATES WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND** – Conflict, climate change and COVID-19 have combined to create a deadly situation in Sub-Saharan Africa. Families in 23 countries are facing starvation as drought and the war in Ukraine disrupt food supply. The Government of Canada has allocated \$250 million toward hunger relief in countries where the situation is most dire. As well, **the government will match all donations made by individuals to the Humanitarian Coalition's Appeal to End Hunger by July 17**, up to a total of \$5 million.

**What is the Humanitarian Coalition?**

The Humanitarian Coalition is an organization of 12 Canadian relief and development agencies, including the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Through its membership in the Foodgrains Bank, PWRDF is able to participate in Humanitarian Coalition appeals. We have done so twice before, when the government announces a matching fund to encourage donations.

**How you can help?**

Please continue to pray for an end to hunger and for peace in the world. Please share this e-blast and watch our social media for updates. Click [here](#) to make your gift online, or send a cheque payable to PWRDF to 80 Hayden Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2. (Please note **Appeal to End Hunger** on the memo.) You can also donate by phone at 416-822-9083 or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and we will return your call.



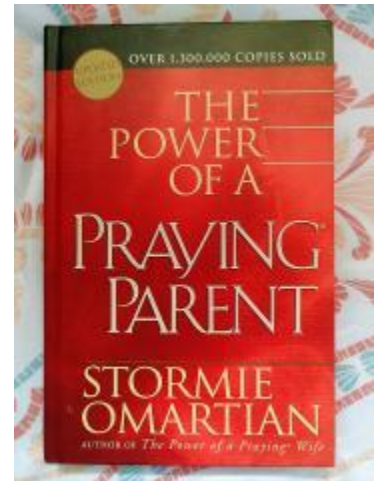
**THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY'S ANNUAL BOOK SALE** – All being well, our annual parish book sale will be happening in September, on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, here's a book sale preview:

***The Power of a Praying Parent*** by Stormie Omaritan

Stormie Omartian and her husband, Michael, spent 20 years raising their children...and more than 40 years praying for them. Now, in 32 short, easy-to-read chapters, Stormie shares how you can pray through each stage of your child's life, from early childhood to adulthood. Learn how to put your child's life in God's loving hands in such areas as his or her

- safety
- walk with God
- success in school
- friends
- family relationships
- gifts and talents

It's never too late to discover the joy that comes from being a part of God's work in your child's life. You don't have to be a perfect parent. But you do need to be a praying parent.

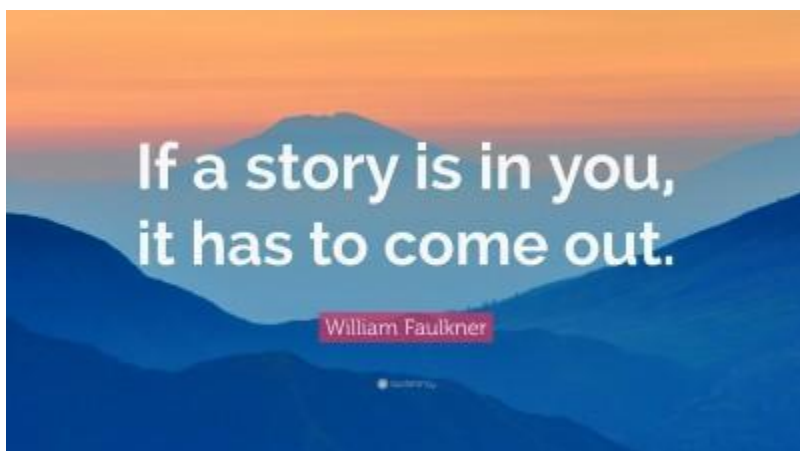


If you are interested in this book and would like to purchase it in advance, please email Evelyn Fillier at [keeper1916@gmail.com](mailto:keeper1916@gmail.com)



**A NOTE FROM REV. ELIZABETH – *We Want Soup! Please, Tell Us the Story Elizabeth!***

*Oops, I did it again.* It is what I refer to as an “occupational hazard”. It happens from time to time, and



sometimes it happens more often than at other times. It happens when I am thoroughly drawn in by a biblical passage or text, and when I am suddenly filled with the desire to communicate information, inspiration, revelation, education; along with ideas and insights that may be new, or old, or somewhere in between.

That “thing” that I am speaking of, is when I know that my sermons have become too long. Preaching sermons that are too long is an occupational hazard for me and for

many who preach on a regular basis. I remember several years ago when I was part of an ecumenical *Clergy Care* group. Several of us who were parish and/or congregational ordained leaders shared and compared notes about the many and various challenges that come with preaching every week. The issue of long sermons often came up in our *Clergy Care* group. I remember when someone said that, for the preacher, *the temptation is to prepare and dish out a thanksgiving feast each week, when in reality all the people need and want is a simple bowl of soup.*

Thanks to the firm but gentle care and support of some of our church members, it has been brought to my attention that my sermons have become too long, and that what people really want and need right now is a *simple bowl of soup*, by way of a shorter sermon or homily. I have also received several requests that I tell more biblical stories by heart. I hear you.

Therefore, and after much prayer, thought, and reflection, I have decided that during the month of July, I will tell the gospel story by heart at the chancel steps so that we might better listen with fresh ears to what Jesus has to teach us, to show us, and to say to us. I will then offer a very brief but relevant reflection on what God may be inviting us to see, to hear, to do or to become. I pray this slight change in our worship, and in my preaching style in particular, will be light, refreshing and meaningful - like a really good, but simple bowl of soup that we can all share together as friends and disciples, and that I pray, will offer us spiritual nourishment that will last.

To God be the Glory.  
Thanks be to God.

Yours Faithfully,  
Elizabeth+



## LET US PRAY

**FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY:** Corrine Banks and her daughter Karen; Philip and Mary Hopkins; Lenard and Donna Punstel; Myrna Morrison.

**FOR THOSE IN NEED:** Annet; John; Ron; Marg; Jean; Mary; Norm; Ruth; William; Steve; Frances; Nick, Ellen and George; Della; Dorothy;

### **A PRAYER FOR CANADA DAY:**

Creator God, who provides for your people with wisdom and love over all, accept the prayers we offer for this land proclaimed as Canada and known by many names. Forgive us for our ignorance, our malice, our self-righteousness. Forgive our history of misusing your name to persecute, diminish and cause suffering. Guide our repentance towards truth, listening, reconciliation and healing. That we may live with integrity and justice in obedience to your will. Bless all your servants, the leadership in this land with courage and wisdom, that your people may walk together with hope and peace. Through Jesus Christ, the peacemaker who came to teach us to live in truth and love. **AMEN**

(via the Diocese of Saskatoon 2021)



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