

EPIPHANY THIS WEEK

April 21 – 27, 2023

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Worship Celebration for Earth Sunday, and the Third Sunday of Easter, April 23rd

8:30am – Traditional said service with Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30am – Main Worship Service with music and Holy Eucharist (BAS)

READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

SUMMARY OF READINGS: In the story from Acts we hear the final section of Peter’s Pentecost sermon, when he urges

his listeners to repent, be baptized, and receive the gift of God’s Spirit. The psalm is a song of thanksgiving in which the psalmist reflects on an experience of divine deliverance and offers himself in thankful praise to the God who delivered him. The portion we hear from the First Letter of Peter teaches that salvation is something that we have already experienced. It reminds us of what is already ours in Christ, and how we should live accordingly. The gospel story tells of Jesus’ encounter with the two men en route to Emmaus. In this story, we see faith in the risen Lord arising from nothing: the men first encounter Jesus as one who is a stranger, but eventually their hearts are opened to the true reality of his New Being, in the promise of new life.



QUESTION FOR REFLECTION AND AT HOME PRAYERS: The disciples on the road to Emmaus were with Jesus for hours as he taught them the meaning of the Scriptures. However, they finally recognized him as the risen Lord only in “the breaking of the bread.” How does the Lord’s Supper enable you to recognize Jesus?

Morning – Lord Jesus, your rising from the tomb heralds the dawning of life eternal as the dawning of this day holds the possibility of life anew. Open my eyes to the signs of your resurrection and confirm in my heart the power of your amazing love, that I may with confidence sing “Alleluia” to your promise of new life. Amen.

Evening – Loving God, you have upheld me with your love even when I have not been aware of your presence. As I rest from my labours let me sleep without the fear of darkness or death and rise refreshed to begin a new day in humble service, through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.



In care and consideration for all, if you are not feeling well, or have any ill symptoms such as coughing, fever, fatigue, or a sore throat, please stay home and join us for the worship services that will be offered online.

We are delighted to welcome you online if you are not able to join us in person. Thank you.

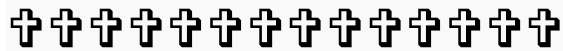


REV. ELIZABETH’S “DROP IN” OFFICE HOURS for the week of April 23rd:

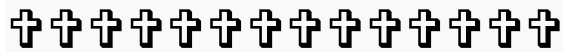
Tuesday April 25th – 11:30am-3:30pm

Thursday April 27th – 10:30am – 1:30pm

If you would like to schedule a meeting or a visit with Rev. Elizabeth at any time, please email her at greenepiphanypriest@gmail.com or leave a telephone message for her at the church office. Thank You.



FINANCIAL VESTRY: Our Financial Vestry Meeting will take place on Wednesday May 3rd at 7:00 via ZOOM. The link will be sent a few days prior to the meeting.



ORDINATION CELEBRATION! We hold the Rev. Beverly van der Jagt in our prayers as she prepares for her ordination to the Anglican priesthood in the Diocese of Algoma. All are welcome to gather at the Church of the Ascension on Saturday, April 22nd to share in this wonderful celebration. The ordination service begins at 4pm.



DEANERY COUNCIL MEETING FOR SUDBURY-MANITOULIN: The Church of the Epiphany will be hosting a Deanery Council Meeting on Saturday April 29th from 1pm-5pm. It is important that your Incumbent, Wardens, Treasurer, and Synod Delegates attend this meeting.



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE: in memory of Debbie Glover will be held, by her family, on Saturday, April 29th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The celebration will take place at the Lockerby Legion located at Long Lake and MacIsaac Roads just past the 4 Corners.

Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord.



A NOTE FROM REV. ELIZABETH

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Dear Friends in Christ,

Did you know that the first official *Earth Day* happened 53 years ago, in 1970? Perhaps that explains why our wonderful hymn, *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, plays in my head every year at this time; Earth Day is literally as old as I am! *All Things Bright and Beautiful* is a beloved hymn in the Anglican Church, not just in Canada, but around the world. The hymn was written by Cecil Frances Alexander, an Irish poet and hymn writer, in the 19th century. The words of the hymn celebrate the beauty and diversity of the natural world and remind us of God's love and care for all living creatures. In Canada, the hymn is particularly important because it is often sung during services that celebrate God's creation and the natural world, such as the Blessing of the Animals, Earth Day Sunday, and during the Season of Creation. This year, and as I hum it to myself, I am particularly mindful of all creatures "great", but most especially those that are "small", like bees and butterflies. Bees and butterflies play a vital role in Northern Ontario's ecosystem and are important for several reasons:



Pollination: Bees and butterflies are essential pollinators, transferring pollen from one plant to another, which helps plants reproduce. They play a significant role in Northern Ontario's agriculture, contributing to the production of fruits, vegetables, and crops.

Biodiversity: Bees and butterflies are important for maintaining our region's biodiversity. They help to pollinate a variety of plants, which in turn provides habitats for other animals and insects.

Food chain: Bees and butterflies are crucial links in the food chain. They are a food source for many other animals and insects, including birds and small mammals.

Environmental indicators: The presence or absence of bees and butterflies can indicate the health of an ecosystem. They are sensitive to changes in the environment, and their presence or absence can provide insight into the health of the ecosystem.

We, as with so many other creatures, depend on bees and butterflies, because bees and butterflies play such a vital, critical role in maintaining the health, sustainability, and productivity of Northern Ontario's ecosystems. With God's help, there are things that we can do to help bees and butterflies: We can scatter seeds or plant wildflowers and other native plants in our gardens. This is good because bees and butterflies rely on native plants for food and shelter.

We can avoid using pesticides and herbicides in our gardens because these sorts of chemicals can be very harmful to bees and butterflies, and we can support local farmers who use sustainable farming practices that protect bees and butterflies.

This Sunday, as we pray and give thanks to our Creator God for Mother Earth and for all of God's creation, let's remember the bees and butterflies, small creatures who make a big difference to the life and health of God's wonderful and fragile creation.

To God be the Glory. Thanks be to God.

Yours Faithfully,
Elizabeth+



This Sunday is Earth Sunday in Celebration of Earth Day

An Important Message from a Dandelion on Earth Day, April 22nd.

"Hello, I'm a dandelion.

A lot of people call me a weed but I'm a friend and come to help you!

My flowers are the first food for insects after hibernation and unlike most other plants, I have pollen AND nectar, not merely one OR the other! And I am generous with them!

When you see me, remember that I'm the ONLY one who wants and can grow in that particular spot. Because:

Either the soil is too compact / hard / stomped and I want to loosen it for you with my roots.

Or there is too little calcium in the soil - don't worry, I will replenish that for you with the dying of my leaves.

Or the soil is too acidic. But I will also improve that for you if you give me the chance.

Or a mixture of the above reasons, of course.

I'm here because your soil needs my help so best you let me grow without disturbing me! When everything is fixed, I will disappear again, I promise!

Are you trying to remove me prematurely with my root? However meticulous you are, I will return 2x as strong! Just until your soil is improved.

You can even tell by my growth at which stage my help is at. If my leaves are flat on the ground then I'm far from ready but if they all reach up then I'm already a long way on my way.

Something completely different is that I am 1 of the first bloomers in spring so I will announce spring / summer for you.

During the day when it's hot, I open my flowers but, in the evening, when it cools off, I close them again quickly. In fact, if it's not hot enough during the day I won't open them at all!



My flowers are even delicious for you people by the way, did you know? I used to be called "honey (or gold) of the poor" because my flowers are so sweet in e.g., jam, sauce or salad! The internet is full of recipes - check them out.

But wait until the end of May or later before you start picking and even then, don't pick everything yet! The biodiversity and bees will be very grateful!

Thank you and thanks be to God."



SOCK IT TO THE HOMELESS: Sock Drive to Help the Homeless - Starting in May

In recognition of foot-health month, the DeSimone Foot and Ankle Centre will be launching their annual "Sock It to the Homeless" campaign.

Their annual Sock Drive will begin on May 1st and will conclude on May 31st. We are all encouraged and invited to participate in this important, local outreach initiative.

Please bring your new, never-been-worn-before sock donations to the Church of the Epiphany on May 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. Or you can take your new sock donations to the DeSimone Foot and Ankle Centre located at, 761 Lasalle Blvd. Let's all do our part to "sock it to the homeless" by donating fresh new socks. Thank you.



ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH to host TRINITY YOUTH CHOIR: On Saturday, April 29, we have the privilege of hosting in Sudbury an amazing group of young singers from the Kitchener/Waterloo area. Trinity Youth Choir is a group of approximately 60 youth and young adults who periodically join together to form a touring choir. Trinity Youth is a joint youth group from the Grace, Oasis, and Zion Mennonite Churches. They sing hymns and sacred music in four part harmony, a cappella, (that is, unaccompanied). They do not ask a fee for their gift of song but will welcome freewill donations to Ray of Hope, a Kitchener organization that serves vulnerable people struggling with hunger, homelessness, poverty, and other challenges. Be inspired by their music. Saturday, April 29 at 6:30 at St. Andrew's United Church, 111 Larch Street, Sudbury. Here are some examples of the Trinity Youth Choir.

Come to the Water
<https://youtu.be/4CstI9695vc>

Stay with Us
<https://youtu.be/bRQfVEDD46E>



LET US PRAY

FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY: Anthonia Costa Bannya; Samuel Fritz; Myrna Morrison; Ruth Corston; Robert Nanka-Bruce; Peter and Nancy Williams

FOR THOSE IN NEED: Carol; Chip; Rick and Marilyn; Robert; Linda; Corrine; Frances; Steve; Jeremiah; Monique; Nick, Ellen, and George; Della; Sandra; John and Judith



Watch us LIVE on Sunday Mornings at www.epiphanysudbury.org/our-services

Announcements for ETW should be sent to etw@epiphanysudbury.org by NOON each Thursday.