



April 15, 2020



This week at St. Andrew's



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An Easter Prayer

Living God,
long ago, faithful women
proclaimed the good news
of Jesus' resurrection,
and the world was changed forever.
Teach us to keep faith with them,
that our witness may be as bold,
our love as deep,
and our faith as true.
Amen.

Music from Martin and Maribel

"Ofertorio", "Toma mi vida" or "Esto que te doy" is a well-known church song in several Latin American countries. It recognizes the deep longing that we have to give.

[Click here for the video](#)



Jorge's Recital

Our friend and scholar, Jorge Carrizales gave his graduate recital at Uvic but unfortunately, due to the pandemic, there was no audience present. However, you can see his moving recital called Echoes of México: National Airs by clicking the link below!

This recital is an anthology of over 100 years of piano music from Mexican composers

[Click here for the video](#)

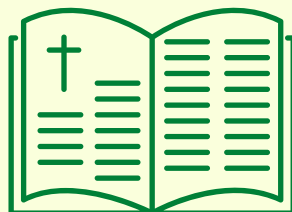


Read from your bible this week

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31



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Parable from the Pastor



Your affirmation has been kind. "Thank you for the worship services. Thank you for creating the beautiful music, for the readers who shared their video's and their voices. Thank you for helping us stay connected when we cannot physically be present in worship." These are a few of your warm greetings sent to Christine and others who have provided such incredible instrumentals and vocals for our on-line worship (such as Susie, Emily, Martin and Maribel, and Jorge), to Whitney for her creative mastery in blending a multitude of small video clips into one cohesive worship experience, to Martin for his gift of music, his technical expertise in cleaning up sound clips of music and for creating a website that is inviting and easily accessible in helping us communicate more effectively the work and ministry of St. Andrew's during these challenging times. And last but not least, to all the spouses of the above who support, help, guide and serve behind the scenes so that we may continue to say, "St. Andrew's is still the church since it was never about the building, but rather, the people who remain connected to one another in a multitude of ways.

One of the joys of these last several weeks has been the gift of tuning into the websites of other churches who are in quarantine mode as well. Sunday mornings has provided a rich opportunity of listening to the worship services of colleagues in ministry as well as churches known for beautiful music, good preaching and meaningful liturgy. Such was the case this past Sunday when I was able to worship with Washington National Cathedral and hear the message from Bishop Michael Curry. Additionally the rectors in serving Holy Communion offered the Blessing of the Bread and the Cup, and in lieu of not being able to have an actual congregation partake of the elements, led in this prayer:

The Invitation to Holy Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Did you notice the part of the prayer, "Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. " We cannot be together now to receive Holy Communion. During these tense and tenuous days, what an opportune time to pray this prayer of community and communion, with God and with one another. Thank you, St. Andrews for your faithfulness and kindness. Amen.



[Click here for a video update from Rev. Mitch](#)

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Are you having difficulty getting your offering to the church?

You can send your offering by mail; the church mailbox is secure and checked regularly.

If you would prefer to have someone drop by and collect your church offering please contact one of the following and we will be pleased make arrangements to collect your envelope, taking all the necessary precautions to maintain safe social distance.

Jack Reimer- jackreimer@shaw.ca
Leona Johns- d.l.johns@shaw.ca
Colina Titus- colina.titus@gmail.com

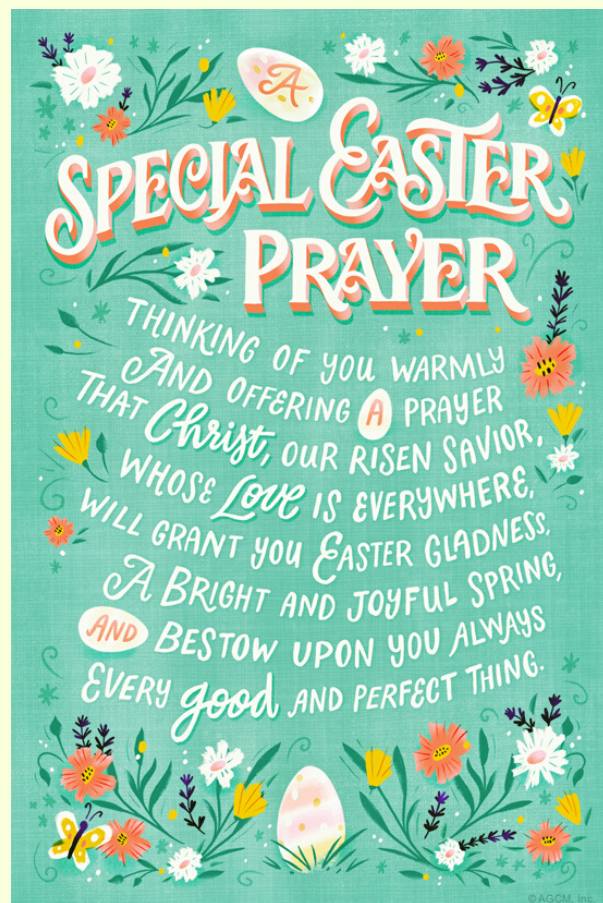
If you would like to sign up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR), please contact Leona Johns



Amazing Grace in Banff

Everyday at 1pm Heather Jean Jordan rings the bells of St. George In The Pines as a symbol of hope and community for the town of Banff.

[Click here for the video](#)



Look what was found in the
Times Colonist!
Congratulations to Norman and Audrey

