**March 28, 2024 – Maundy Thursday – Email/At Home Missal**

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**Worship March 28, 2024 06:00 pm ZOOM room opens; service begins at 6:30 PM.**

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31st, 2024 –APRIL 7th, 2024:**

**You will find the video for March 24th, 2024, at the following YouTube link:**

[**https://youtu.be/T-O7usoGp4g**](https://youtu.be/T-O7usoGp4g)

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**Announcements: Coming Events** *(save these dates)* ***bold print - events being held here at St. Peter’s***

1. **Mar. 29 Good Friday Service** *(see below for further details)*
2. **Mar. 31 Easter Breakfast** *(see below for further details)*
3. **Apr. 3 Weekly Bible Study** *(see below for further details)*

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1. Apr. 5-7 Bishop’s spiritual Retreat for Lay Persons *(see below for further details)*

**Apr. 11 Prayer Encounters: The Labyrinth** *(see below for further details)*

Apr. 16 Public Lecture– *(see below for further details)*

Aug. 11-23 Ontario Mennonite Music Camp *(see below for further details)*

**The Life of St. Peter’s for the week of March 24 – March 31, 2024**

1. **Monday** 6:00 pm TOPS - R.F.F. *(Art Room)*
2. Tuesday 7:00 pm Scouts - R.F.F. *(Scout Room, Art Room, Fellowship Hall)*
3. **Wednesday 10:30 am Weekly Bible Study *(Art Room)***
4. **7:00 pm Praying the Catechism *(via zoom)***
5. **Thursday 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Worship**
6. **Friday**  **10:00 am Good Friday Worship**
7. **Saturday**
8. **Sunday**  **8:30 – 9:45 am Easter Morning Continental Breakfast**

 **10:00 am Worship Service** – A passage from **Mark 16:1-8** *(Resurrection, empty tomb, and*

 *fleeing in fear)*

**Pastoral Visit: Pastor Laura is available for visits by appointment by calling the church office, 519-653-4721. Whether you have a particular pastoral concern or would just like some one-to-one time to get to know Pastor Laura, she would love to meet with you.**

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1. **Prayer List: Bill, Don, Tammy, Alice, Don, Lynn, Helen, Sharon, Donald, Shirley, Clara, Jeff, Aaron, MacKenzie, Rhett, Jan Ken, Lee, Maria, Deborah, Fred, Anne, Sherri, Carol.**

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1. **Weekly Bible Study** **- Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Art Room. Everyone is welcome!**

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1. **“Praying the Catechism” – A season of intentional prayer for Lent & Easter - Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on Zoom from February 21 to May 15. Join Pastor Laura on zoom each Wednesday for prayer, conversation and mutual support as we work our way through “Praying the Catechism” this Lenten and Easter seasons.**

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1. **Choir Practice is cancelled on Saturday March 30, 2024.**

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1. **It's Maple Syrup Time at St. Peter's. The Maple Syrup we supply is from a local 5th generation farm, producing Maple Syrup for over 100 years. Since 2018 all of our Maple Syrup is "Certified Organic."**
2. **"It's truly the best Maple Syrup I have ever tasted." Pastor Monika 1 litre Mason Jars are $24.00.**
3. **Please contact Alex Black or St. Peter's office to order Maple Syrup.**

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**GREENHORIZONS BIGYELLOWBAG - GIVE & GROW PROGRAM - This fundraiser is open to all and enables each one of us to raise funds for St. Peters.  If you don’t have a lawn or garden, not a problem, you can still help by spreading the word to your neighbours, friends and relatives.  Each time that an order is placed at Greenhorizons Sod at 855-424-4224 for a BigYellowBag of soil using the code STPETERS24, you will save $5.00, and the church will receive $10.00. Spread the word, and the soil!**

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1. **We need you to help feed our neighbourhood!** The freedom Centre has joined with Cambridge Community Table to offer a meal to our community twice a month on Tuesday night. We need volunteers: Food Preparation, set up, take down, meet and Greet. Every hour you can give once or twice a month. Call for information 519-591-6518 or email rosemary@freedomcentre.ca.

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1. Move with Robert(Free Exercise Class Mondays 1:00 – 2:00 pm, YMCA Certified Fitness Instructor – Wear exercise shoes/bringwater/no registration required/ arrive by 12:45 pm – Trillium United Church, Cambridge)

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1. **Good Friday Worship – Friday, March 29th at 10:00 AM**

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**Please join together on Sunday March 31, 2024, 8:30 – 9:45am for Easter Morning Continental Breakfast**

**There is a sign-up list in the Narthex for contribution to the breakfast.**

**Community Event - “Prayer Encounters: The Labyrinth” - Thursday, April 11 7:00-8:30PM at St Peter’s (810 King St E). Praying with the labyrinth is an ancient form of walking meditation. Join us to learn more about this practice from a Christian perspective. The evening will include:**

* **A short teaching**
* **The opportunity to walk a labyrinth using your feet or finger**
* **Make and take your own finger labyrinth**

**There is no cost to attend this workshop but we appreciate pre-registration if possible to ensure we have enough supplies. Call 519-653-4721. All are welcome! Please note, we are semi-accessible (chair lift).**

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1. April 16, 2024 Public Lecture – The Gospel of Peace (John Dear – Priest/Peace Activist/Author; Nonviolence in the tradition of Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. – No Charge (donations welcome); copies of ‘The Gospel of Peace’ will be available $25 (cash). All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church, 210 Silvercreek Parkway N. Guelph.

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1. Ontario Mennonite Music Camp is a place where youth in grade 6-12 develop and enrich relationships, faith, musicality, and leadership in a fun and supportive summer camp environment. Hosted at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo, August 11 to 23, 2024. Register by April 12 for early-bird camp fees. [uwaterloo.ca/grebel/ommc](https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/ommc)

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**Presiding Pastor: Laura Sauder**

**Organist & Director of Music: Bradley Moggach**

**Assisting Minister: Kim Strassburger**

**Reader: Barbara Berg**

**Announcements & Instructions for the Service**

**Gathering Hymn: ACS # 930 ‘Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now’**

1 Three holy days enfold us now

 in washing feet and breaking bread,

 in cross and font and life renewed:

 in Christ, God's firstborn from the dead.

2 The myst'ry hid from ages past

 is here revealed in word and sign,

 for Jesus' story is our own:

 new life through death is God's design.

3 Christ, lifted high upon the tree,

 before you ev'ry knee shall bend

 and ev'ry tongue in praise proclaim:

 "You are the Lord of all. Amen."

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**Greeting**:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you ~~a~~ all.

***C: And also with you.***

**“The Meal” – Mark 14:12-25**

*As we gather this night to share a meal together, we remember the final meal Jesus shared with his closest friends.*

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, the disciples said to Jesus, “Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?”

He sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city. A man carrying a water jar will meet you. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The teacher asks, “Where is my guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?”’ He will show you a large room upstairs already furnished. Prepare for us there.” The disciples left, came into the city, found everything just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

That evening, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. During the meal, Jesus said, “I assure you that one of you will betray me—someone eating with me.”

Deeply saddened, they asked him, one by one, “It’s not me, is it?”

Jesus answered, “It’s one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me into this bowl. The Human Onegoes to his death just as it is written about him. But how terrible it is for that person who betrays the Human One!It would have been better for him if he had never been born.”

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. I assure you that I won’t drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way in God’s kingdom.” *(CEB)*

The Gospel of the Lord.

***C: Praise to you, O Christ.***

**Prayer of the Day:**

P: Let us pray,

Jesus, you invite us to come, for all is ready; but we are not prepared, not really. We don’t understand what’s coming, and we don’t like the hard parts. We don’t feel worthy, we’ve made big mistakes. We want to get it right, but we know we don’t. And so, we place our trust in you, for you are trustworthy and true, and it is your goodness that brings us here. **Amen.**

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**The PEOPLE’S SUPPER**

**Table Grace**

 *Everyone is invited to partake of the meal.*

 *Please take your time eating; there is no need to rush.*

**Lenten Acclamation: ACS Setting 12 *(sung)***

Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God.

Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God.\*

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**“The Garden” Mark 14: 26-42**

Jesus said to them, “You will all falter in your faithfulness to me. It is written, *I will hit the shepherd, and the sheep will go off in all directions*. But after I’m raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”

Peter said to him, “Even if everyone else stumbles, I won’t.”

But Jesus said to him, “I assure you that on this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

But Peter insisted, “If I must die alongside you, I won’t deny you.” And they all said the same thing.

Jesus and his disciples came to a place called Gethsemane. Jesus said to them, “Sit here while I pray.” He took Peter, James, and John along with him. He began to feel despair and was anxious. He said to them, “I’m very sad. It’s as if I’m dying. Stay here and keep alert.” Then he went a short distance farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if possible, he might be spared the time of suffering. He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible. Take this cup of suffering away from me. However—not what I want but what you want.”

He came and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Couldn’t you stay alert for one hour? Stay alert and pray so that you won’t give in to temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak.”

Again, he left them and prayed, repeating the same words. And, again, when he came back, he found them sleeping, for they couldn’t keep their eyes open, and they didn’t know how to respond to him. He came a third time and said to them, “Will you sleep and rest all night? That’s enough! The time has come for the Human One to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let’s go! Look, here comes my betrayer.”  *(CEB)*

The Gospel of the Lord. ***C: Praise to you, O Christ.\****

**Engaging with the Story**

***(The text of Pastor Laura’s message will be sent out in a few days and the YouTube video of this service will be uploaded as well at that time.)***

**Hymn of the Day: Music: ELW # 348 ‘Stay With Me’**

Stay with me,

remain here with me,

watch and pray.

Watch and pray.

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**Prayers of Intercession:**

A: Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God who waits in the garden, gather your church around the world during this holy week and empower us to keep vigil with you. Humble the powerful and lift up any who are marginalized. Renew our faith and make us bold in service and love to our neighbors. Merciful God, ***C: receive our prayer.***

God who blesses the grain of the soil and the fruit of the vine, inspire in us a reverent care for the earth. Sustain fields, gardens, and wild places, that all people are fed and every living thing flourishes. Merciful God, ***C: receive our prayer.***

God whose greatest commandment is love, guide all who govern by the principle of love. Transform unjust human systems that oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and concern for those who are vulnerable. Merciful God, ***C: receive our prayer.***

God who was betrayed, comfort people everywhere who have suffered abuse at the hands of someone they knew and trusted. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of victims of exploitation. Help all in pain to know that you are near (*especially we pray for Avery, Ruth and those on our prayer list and those we name before you now aloud or silently in our hearts…*). Merciful God, ***C: receive our prayer.***

God who sits at the table with us, grant the joy of your presence to all who share the meal. Strengthen communities of faith in grace and courage. Merciful God, ***C: receive our prayer.***

Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

Amen.

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**Sharing of the Peace:**

The peace of Christ be with you.

***C: And also with you.***

**Offerings of the People**

**Offering Hymn: ACS # 966 ‘Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken’ *(verse 2 – 4 with refrain)***

2 Loaves were broken, words were spoken

 in a quiet room one night.

 In the bread and wine you gave them,

 Christ, you came as Light from Light.

***Refrain***

 ***By your body broken for us,***

 ***by your wine of life outpoured,***

 ***Jesus, feed again your people.***

 ***Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.***

3 Loaves are broken, words are spoken,

 as in faith we gather here.

 Jesus speaks across the ages:

 "I am with you; do not fear!" ***Refrain***

4 By the loaves you break and give us,

 send us in your name to share

 bread for which the millions hunger,

 words that tell your love and care. ***Refrain***

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**Offertory Prayer:**

A: Jesus, you are the bread of life

and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered

that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food

but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name. **Amen.\***

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**You are invited to prepare your table with bread and wine, or crackers and juice, whatever is available to you, so that you may participate in the meal.**

**The Lord’s Supper: Click here for the communion liturgy from worship on YouTube:**

[**https://youtu.be/kmZJQiBM8QY**](https://youtu.be/kmZJQiBM8QY)

**Great Thanksgiving: ACS Setting 12: ‘Dialogue…’ (page 36) (spoken)**

The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

**ACS Setting 12: ‘Preface…’ (*Maundy Thursday*) (spoken)**

Gathered round a table

is where Jesus so often met people…

Where he could see people face to face,

listen to their stories, share their laughter.

And here,

we are gathered round a table

because this is where Jesus has promised to be

for those who want to meet him.

So accept his invitation

And feel welcome at this table.

Jesus Christ,

who here offers us a foretaste of eternal life,

invites you to be his guests.

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**ELW Setting 12: ‘Holy, Holy, Holy…’ (page 36 )**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of pow’r and God of might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**\*

**Thanksgiving at the Table:**

What we do here, we do because it is Jesus’ will.

For it was he who once, in an upstairs room,

Sat as a meal with his disciples.

During the meal, he took bread.

And when he had blessed it,

he broke it,

and said to his disciples,

‘This is my body. It is given for you.

Do this to remember me.’

Later in the meal, he took a cup of wine

and after he had given thanks he said,

‘In this cup is the new relationship with God

made possible because of my death.

Drink it, all of you…to remember me.’

So we will do as Jesus did.

We take this bread and this wine

the produce of the earth

and the work of human hands

through which Jesus has promised

to make himself known.

And as he said a prayer before sharing,

let us follow his example…

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**The Lord’s Prayer:**

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. **Amen.**

**Invitation to Communion:**

This is Christ’s table where all are fed and none go hungry. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good.

I invite those at home, and those in the building communing by fellowship cup, to take your bread or cracker as we say together, “The body of Christ, given for us.”

And, as we take our cup we say, “The blood of Christ, shed for us.”

**Communion Music: ELW # 642 ‘Ubi caritas et amor’ *(Latin words)* *(Where True Charity and Love Abide)***

Ubi caritas et amor,

ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

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P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you, in his grace.

***C: Amen.***

**Prayer after Communion:**

A: Lord Jesus, in this meal you strengthen us with the saving power of your death, and resurrection. May this sacrament so work in us that the fruits of your salvation will show forth in the way we live. Amen.\*

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**Blessing:**

P: Jesus, you call us to follow you,

but we are not ready.

We are not ready for what comes next.

We are not ready for the heartache and the pain.

We are not ready for the loss and the loneliness.

And still, we want to follow you; to be with you.

Bless us with vulnerability to open our lives and our hearts to one another.

Bless us with courage to share life’s ups and downs.

Bless us with strength to help each other bear the load.

Bless us with faith to take the next step; and each one after that.

For we need your blessing.

We need you. Amen

**Psalm 116: 12-19 *(Sung together)***

How shall I re- | pay the Lord

for all the good things God has | done for me?

I will lift the cup | of salvation

and call on the name | of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord

in the presence of | all God’s people.

Precious in your | sight, O Lord,

is the death | of your servants.

O Lord, truly I | am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving

and call upon the name | of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord

in the presence of | all God’s people,

in the courts of | the Lord’s house,

in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.\*

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***In silence we strip the altar in preparation for Good Friday***

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