

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

*Pray this week for all to have a wondrous
summer of renewing sun and joyous hours in the
great outdoors that God has given us.*

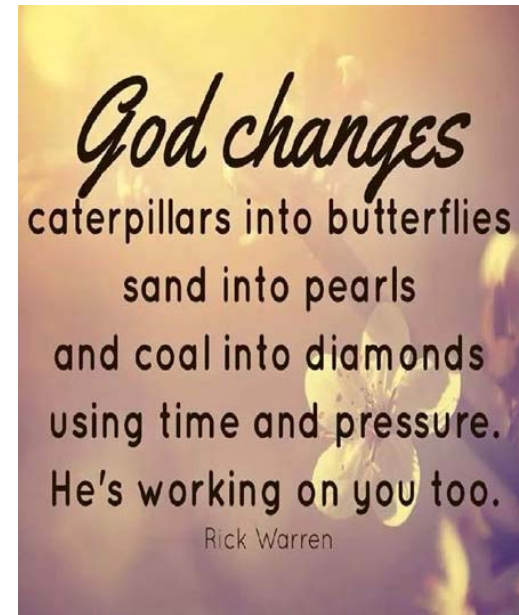
Pray for the people of Laing Avenue
that the Word of God will enter their
hearts and lives
of all who live within their neighbourhood.



The flowers are given to the
GLORY OF GOD
and in loving memory of
Keith & Barbara Leonard
who engaged in the
causes and passions of our world

W E L C O M E

ST MONICA'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
470 Woodbine Avenue, Toronto 416 466 7201



HOLY COMMUNION

at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, the 28th day of July 2019

The Reverend Nola Crewe - Minister
The Reverend Benjamin Gillard - Deacon
Elizabeth Achimah - Pastoral Associate
Kim Marshall - Music Master
Karen Anders on - Warden
William Sharpe - Chair

**I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.**

GATHERING of the COMMUNITY

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

ALL: May he fill our hearts with joy!

HYMN - Love Divine

Love divine, all loves excelling
Joy of heaven, to earth come down
Fix in us thy humble dwelling
All thy faithful mercies crown
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Pure unbounded love Thou art
Visit us with Thy salvation
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End of faith, as it's beginning
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THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save

Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?

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BLESSING

We came together this day to praise our Saviour. We go forth to serve His world through His works.

ALL: We go forth to serve our Saviour. AMEN

Come, Almighty to deliver

ALL: Everlasting God, in faith you have adopted us
as your children, made us members of the body
of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your
kingdom: We thank you that in this bread and
wine you renew your promises within us,
empower us by your Spirit to witness and to
serve, and send us out as disciples of your
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

CLOSING RESPONSES

(A Gaelic blessing)

May the strength of God pilot us,

ALL: and the power of God preserve us.

May the wisdom of God instruct us,

ALL: and the hand of God protect us.

May the way of God direct us,

ALL: may the shield of God defend us.

And may the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be
with you now, and for evermore.

ALL: **AMEN**

HYMN - Here I am Lord

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.**

righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty

**Let us all Thy grace receive
Suddenly return and never
Never more Thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing
Glory in Thy perfect love**

**Finish then Thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heaven we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before Thee
Lost in wonder love and praise.**

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

**ALL: Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:

" Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

**ALL: Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son

**ALL: As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

T H E C O M M U N I O N



given us. Forgive us for our hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbours; for our pride and self-absorption; and above all, for doubting your love for us. We thank you for your mercy and the grace to amend our lives, and we ask for your Spirit to transform us into your likeness. **AMEN**

May Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in his kingdom, and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful Lord.

ALL: AMEN

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

The Lord is here. Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us but came to meet us in your Son.

ALL: You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

ALL: He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

PSALM 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

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All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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ALL: We believe and trust in Him.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

ALL We believe and trust in Her.

Leader: This is the faith of the Church.

ALL: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

AMEN.

The LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN

THE CONFESSION

ALL: Most merciful Father, we have sinned and are guilty before you. Forgive us for deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others. Forgive us in our glances and imagination; for pining after more comfort, status, beauty and wealth than you have

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and Holy Spirit. AMEN.**

The LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN

THE CONFESSION

ALL: Most merciful Father, we have sinned and are guilty before you. Forgive us for deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others. Forgive us in our glances and imagination; for pining after more comfort, status, beauty and wealth than you have given us. Forgive us for our hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbours; for our pride and self-absorption; and above all, for doubting your love for us. We thank you for your mercy and the grace to amend our lives, and we ask for your Spirit to transform us into your likeness. AMEN

May Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in his kingdom, and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful Lord.

ALL: AMEN

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

The Lord is here. Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us but came to meet us in your Son.

ALL: You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

ALL: He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

ALL: Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

ALL: Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son. **ALL: As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

THE COMMUNION



THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ALL: Everlasting God, in faith you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom: We thank you that in this bread and wine you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

CLOSING RESPONSES

(A Gaelic blessing)

May the strength of God pilot us,

ALL: and the power of God preserve us.

May the wisdom of God instruct us,

ALL: and the hand of God protect us.

May the way of God direct us,

ALL: may the shield of God defend us.

And may the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you now, and for evermore.

ALL: AMEN

HYMN - Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin,

My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

BLESSING

We came together this day to praise our Saviour. We go forth to serve His world through His works.

ALL: We go forth to serve our Saviour. AMEN

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

**Pray this week for all to have a wondrous summer
of renewing sun and joyous hours in the great outdoors that God has given us.
Pray for the people of Laing Avenue**

that the Word of God will enter the hearts and lives
of all who live within their neighbourhood.



The flowers are given to the
GLORY OF GOD
and in loving memory of
Keith & Barbara Leonard
who engaged in the
causes and passions of our world

H O M I L Y

the 28th July 2019

**Open our hearts to the wonder of prayer
and let my lips be ever true to You. AMEN**

When I was a hospital chaplain, the thing that bothered me the most was not questions about why I believed: by those who did not. Rather, it was when someone asked me to pray for their loved one and then refused to join me in prayer because "I don't know how to pray". And when I assured them that prayer is just talking to God, having a conversation . . .

But it was a mystery that they could not act on - a faith that was not theirs.

So I really understand the disciple who asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. One wants to get it right since Jesus said that prayer is the "**one necessary thing**".

This lesson in praying resulted in the most significant prayer of Christianity . . . it is prayed world-wide, . . . is the prayer most often memorized and it is the one we return to when we are in need . . . as well as when we recite it in mere adherence to the day's liturgy.

This is a how-to lesson in "how-to" pray. Jesus was giving us a pattern to use when we create our own prayers: our own conversations with God.

And the lesson begins with how you address God in prayer. After all, God has many names: Lord, Creator, Master, Trinity and lots more: all perfectly acceptable. You may have your favourites, for me it is "Creator" but Jesus taught that when you pray, say: "FATHER, hallowed be your name . . ."

Why "Father" among all the names there are for God? It is because our most intimate relationships are family relationships: whether of blood or those we create.

Loving parents sacrifice for their children all the time and are always on the lookout for what is best for them. And mothers and fathers regularly accede to their children's requests.

Jesus is putting us not in the position of a stranger or an associate or a friend of God. Rather, he is reminding us that we are God's creation, His children - and that we are free to relate to Him and to address Him in that most familiar of terms, Abba, or Father. Abba, the Aramaic word Jesus used, could better be translated as "Daddy" or "Dad" . . . not the formal, public, term of Father. And that is what He instructed us to say when we pray. Blame the translators for the formality and losing the intimacy of Abba.

"Hallowed be Thy name" is a prayer of praise . . . comparable to a child hugging his Father and saying, "Hey, Dad, you're the greatest . . . "

God **IS** the greatest in everyway and we are praising Him to His glory. We will soon enough get into the things we are asking of God, but it is only right that we start with praise and our fondest wishes for Him and His coming Kingdom.

But how often do we think about what we are really saying when we recite these words: because when we do, it gives us a real appreciation and understanding of our relationship with God and of His greatness.

The prayer then gets into our wants and needs. Asking for our "daily bread" is really saying, "... give us all the things we need to live in this world ... food, clothing, shelter ...".

And then the "biggie" ... we ask for forgiveness for what we have done and for protection from all evil to come. Our sins have so many faces, those that we did and those that resulted from what we did not do. Big and small. Intentional and careless. With malice and with indifference. The evil we see happening to others and we walk on by. The opportunities to love and serve that we ignore. And we go forth each day

with all the imagination that humans seem to have to find new ways to offend our God or ignore His teachings.

What separates humankind from other animals is that we know the difference between right and wrong.

Jesus knew that and so we come to that point in the prayer that has the most frightening statement in the entire Bible:

**“ . . .forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive
those who trespass against us . . . ”**

How can we ask for forgiveness if we are not willing to forgive others. It is just as He said when He gave us the two Great Commandments

“ . . . love the Lord thy God . . .
love thy neighbour as thyself . . . ”

You must forgive others to be forgiven by God.

You must love your God and yourself to love others.

We know that in dying, Jesus has already wiped away our sins through His love. But if we truly accept Jesus into our lives, we want to follow His ways, His dictums, His teachings, His love. And in doing that we become more aware of our sinful ways and want to change and, even though virtually every day, we relapse and fail in our goal of living a Christ-filled life, we still need to ask for forgiveness for our failings. We are begging for God's grace and mercy to separate us from the evils that we succumb to . . . the prayers we don't say, the good we don't do, the indifference we show instead of love to others, all-in-all: **our self-centredness instead of Christ-centredness.**

And then, the *Gospel* shifts. Having taught us the elements of prayer, Jesus then seems to take off on a tangent in another direction with the friend knocking on his door at midnight.

But it is a parable that is meant to be remembered as teaching us that if your prayers are not immediately or apparently answered, persist in prayer, for

**“ . . . ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will open . . . ”**

Jesus does not tell us why it is alright to nag away at *God* but here and in a number of other lessons He insists that we are to be persistent in our prayers. Perhaps it is because we sometimes ask for things that even we know are not good for us, or are frivolous, or just plain wrong . . .

"Lord, let me win the mega million lottery . . . "

" . . . Lord, let John break his leg so that I can win

the race . . . ”

“ . . . Lord, take 25 lbs off me before I go to the swim party next month . . . ”

And maybe given time we realize it was not what we should have been asking for. Maybe we see how wrong our motives were. And maybe in not being generous to others, God is waiting for us to mend our behaviour, rather than rewarding the bad.

Sometimes what we think will be the solution is not the one that God sends. Think about how often you make plans and they do not turn out as you imagined.

Sometimes things are worse and sometimes they are better. Some dreams are not to be: and you end up grateful that those prayers were not answered.

And remember, we know that things earned are far more valued than what we are just given.

I offer a personal example. For many years I saved up for the annual silver sale that Birks holds. And I would go down and buy one or two pieces of silver cutlery each year. Eventually I was making enough money that I could buy a whole place setting each year. But I still was five sets away from my goal. And then my husband thought what a wonderful gift it would be to give me all five. And he did. And it was a kind and generous act. But I never held them and felt the joy and satisfaction that I had when I was only able to buy a fork or a teaspoon after a year of saving.

Giving us courage or determination may be God's answer to our prayer: giving me more self-discipline so that I can stick to a diet or an exercise plan may be God's answer to my pleas for instant weight reduction . . . and that is what I need . . . a miracle is not necessary!

Last Sunday when I was driving Benjamin home, we got into a discussion of why Christ said in last week's Gospel to turn your back on those that are not interested in

hearing the Word . . . and I wondered at that compared to the persistence in seeking God. I still wonder and I will continue to pray about it . . . just as I do with so many things I do not understand.

But I do know one thing that I am absolutely positive about: God loves me and He loves you and someday with Him all will be revealed and understood.

Until then, let us go on persistently praying, to our Lord and Dad.

AMEN