



Connections

*The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe
in the Gospel.*

Mark 1: 15

**SPECIAL
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THE SEASON OF GROWTH AND MISSION

The months after Trinity Sunday mark a distinct change in the focus of the Church's life. From Advent to the Ascension we have been reliving Jesus's time on earth. From the anticipation of his birth in the season of hope, Advent, through the years when we only know that he was lovingly nurtured by Mary and Joseph, to the three short years of his ministry, we retrace each step with him.

Finally we are forced to face the horror of the cross, with all its ugly politics, cruelty and blindness to the redemption he was offering. Then, Easter, and new opportunities for the disciples to learn from their Master, until he left them at the Ascension.

Now those few loyal disciples had to continue his work. But how could this little band of ordinary men hope to carry on without Jesus? The answer lies in his final gift to them - the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen them to do everything he had done and even more (*John 14:12*).

And they did! The disciples (learners) became

apostles (those sent out to spread the Gospel). Read the Acts of the Apostles and the letters they wrote to young congregations all over Asia Minor to see what amazing deeds they were able to accomplish, fearlessly, triumphantly, in the name of Jesus.

It wasn't easy. They met opposition, privation, even death. But nothing stopped them, and their numbers grew, year by year and century by century, until now, in our own time.

We are the apostles of this century. Just as trees send forth leaves to catch the sunlight and flowers grow and bloom, so we in this period of the church's cycle must grow, learning about the faith as disciples and taking it out to the world as apostles.

The turbulent times in which we live cannot stop us; the indifference of our society cannot discourage us. We walk in the power of the Holy Spirit given at our baptism.

"I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me" (*Philippians 4:13*)

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MILESTONES

June 19, 325 The Council of Nicea closes. By the end of this first ecumenical council, called by Pope Sylvester 1 and Roman emperor Constantine, the 300 assembled bishops had formulated the Nicene Creed and established the method for calculating the date of Easter.



June 13, 1793 English pioneer William Carey sets sail for India. Within five years he translates almost the entire Bible into Bengali. Today Carey is known as “the father of modern missions”.

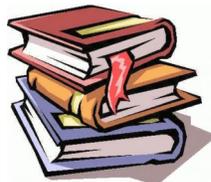
June 16, 1833 Anglican churchman John Newman writes the words to the hymn “Lead Kindly Light” while travelling by ship from Italy to France.

June 14, 1837 William Dix is born. He is known as the composer of two beloved Christmas hymns, “What Child is This?” and “As with Gladness Men of Old”.

June 10, 1925 Canada’s largest Protestant denomination, the United Church of Canada, is officially formed from the union of the Methodist Church, the Congregational Union of Canada, the Council of Local Union Churches and about two-thirds of the Presbyterian Church. (Some decades later, attempts were made to find common ground with the

Anglican Church of Canada, but differing styles of governance resulted in the failure of this goal.)

June 14, 1966 Pope Paul VI abolishes the Vatican’s *Index of Prohibited Books*, first issued by the Inquisition under Pope Paul IV in 1557. This *Index* was a list of books that Roman Catholics were forbidden to read or even possess.



Scripture readings

June 14

Exodus 19: 2 to 8a
Psalm 116: 1, 2 and 12 to 19
Romans 5: 1 to 8
Matthew 9: 35 to 10: 8

June 21 (Father’s Day)

Genesis 21: 8 to 21
Psalm 86: 1 to 10 and 16, 17
Romans 6: 1b to 11
Matthew 10: 24 to 39

Please note that Pastor Pam's day off is now Fridays. Feel free to connect with her any day but Friday.

Please pray for these members of our faith community and their families

Anne S	Hector B
Annet K	James Y
Beverly B	Jenille L
Christina & Joshua	Joan N
Corinne P	Ken K
Deb A	Margo P
Ebun D	Philip I
Euphrasia	Sherri-Ann & Ron
Felicia, Lucia, Sam	Viggy M
Florence S	William I

and for all those affected by COVID-19

generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control Gal. 5: 22

How does a Christian respond to the sin of racism?

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
Micah 6: 8

But the Lord of hosts is exalted in justice, and the Holy God shows himself in righteousness.
Isaiah 5: 16

He who despises his neighbour is a sinner.
Proverbs 14: 21

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; you are all one in Christ Jesus.
Galatians 3: 28

'When did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.'
Matthew 25: 40

Justice, and only justice, you shall follow, that you may live and inherit the land which the Lord your God gives you.
Deuteronomy 16: 20

So you, by the help of your God, return, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God.
Hosea 12: 6

Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
Amos 5: 24

Behold my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he shall proclaim justice to the Gentiles.
Matthew 12: 18

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.
John 13: 34

and other voices ...

No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.
Nelson Mandela

If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.
Desmond Tutu

It has been a time marked by protest. Most have been non-violent. Yet, we all know that this terrible moment exposes once again the racism and discrimination inherent in the attitudes of many, present in institutions and society at all levels, and its grip continues to separate, divide and diminish. This moment reminds us that the long arc of racial reconciliation and healing has a long way to go.
Bishop Andrew Asbil

When I was a little boy during the civil rights struggle, I remember my father, who was involved in the movement in Buffalo, I remember hearing him say, God didn't make my children to be second-class citizens in this country. God didn't make anybody to be a second-class citizen. Of this country, or the human family. I believe it because I believe that's what the Scripture teaches. And that is clearly what Jesus teaches. He says, come unto me all of you. He didn't limit love. The dude, he got it.
*Michael Curry
Presiding Bishop,
Episcopal Church of the USA*

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAM

Below you will find information from the Government of Ontario about gathering for worship, as emailed to me by our local Councillor, Paul Ainslie.

We are still under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Toronto and will await any directive from Bishop Asbil.

The most recent communication from him stated that, in keeping with the decision of the Anglican Ecclesiastical province of Ontario, we will not be opening until September.

As you might receive questions about reopening, given the statement from Premier Ford, I wanted you to know that **we do not plan to open the church on Sunday** and will await the diocese for any change in our opening date. September opening still stands, unless we hear otherwise.

FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Effective Friday, June 12, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., the province will increase the limit on social gatherings from five to 10 people across the province, including Toronto, regardless of whether a region has moved to Stage 2.

Additionally, all places of worship in Ontario will also be permitted to open with physical distancing in place and attendance limited to no more than 30 per cent of the building capacity to ensure the safety of worshippers.



Deacon's Cupboard Outreach to the Community

We are seeing more customers every week, so in order to ensure physical distancing and avoid last-minute crowding the Corporation has recommended remaining open until 11.00 instead of 10.30. Our sparkling new sign will be updated this week.

Of course, more customers means we need more food for them, so your contributions remain important to us. Right now we need breakfast cereal, all kinds of canned food, pasta and sauce, plus the ubiquitous Kraft Dinner.

We can also accept small quantities of fresh fruit and vegetables which can be distributed right away.

Our community needs us, so let's be there for them!

*Thank you
from the Deacon's Cupboard teams*



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The following contribution was written by Philip Isaacson, a parishioner who, in better times, attends the 8:30 am worship service at Christ Church.

DISCRIMINATION

Like any other discrimination, racism too fits into the category of injustice/unfairness.

Discrimination is a learned negative trait. So the main question is where was one first exposed to such behavior: the answer would be, in homes and growing up societies or in places of learning. These are the very places where one also learns and develops positive traits like: consideration, friendship, helpfulness, politeness, respect, tolerance and other good human qualities.

So, if one learned these good qualities, how come there was exposure to discrimination and thereby racism? Come to think of it, it was not only racism but other discriminatory ideas too, such as casteism, classism, "religiousism" and other "isms" which allowed one set of people to assume a form of false "superiority". In recent times even "ageism" has surfaced. A lot of these ideas were instilled very slowly and in a subtle manner.

These negative ideas were imparted as if they were for the good of society (at that time) and it was all so subtle, and the language used was soft and sweet almost like "a bitter dose with honey syrup" which was probably ingested by the hearer without realizing its slow but sure poisoning of the mind. This "poison" slowly but surely as time went by was embedded into culture and even religion for generations and became a part of "growing up" and life.

Obviously, such negative ideas created little groups, big groups, peer groups, societal groups, religious groups and all sorts of "self-righteous" groupings and blocs and eventually led to partial or complete segregation at all levels and stages. Finally, this accepted norm resulted in all sorts of injustice and unfairness as whichever "so called superior" group was in power, mistreated other groups to the extent that even legislative powers were enacted to ensure and enforce unjust and unfair laws, rules and regulations to initiate and perpetuate inequality which in turn gave way gross marginalization of minorities, degradation, slavery, commercial trading of humans and to cruelty, violence and death.

Even today, June 2020, these unjust practices continue blatantly not only in oligarchic, plutocratic, theocratic or authoritarian societies, but even in so called "democratic societies".

As this non-stop "pandemic of injustice" continues many good people are protesting against these horrors with the hope that somehow these systemic injustices will be reversed. Many methods have been tried and some have succeeded to a certain extent, but, alas, as our current world situation shows, the injustices continue. Most attempts have been to remove the false teachings and this is good, but, when such false teachings are removed shouldn't we replace such teachings with correct teachings continuously?

So, isn't it high time that we look to Scriptural Teachings to correct this awful situation? Let's look at Matthew 12: Verses 43-45. Yes, we do all we can to remove false teachings, but, at the same time shouldn't we continuously replace the false teachings with good honest wholesome scriptural teachings such as ***Justice, Truth, Humility, Patience, Tolerance, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Generosity, etc.***

The scriptures not only teach good wholesome qualities but even give us the best methodology as to how to go about teaching, implanting and proving that each quality in the scriptures is for the good of the individual, the family, the community, society and the stewardship of the environment. The methodology even gives us direction on how to achieve good results: reading and meditating on the scriptures individually, group study, worship service (Hebrews 10:25) and if these are followed the results would be fantastic. It has to be consistent and continuous to ensure the good results are maintained for life and avoid any backsliding or reverting to the "same old".

One example would be like including enough probiotics in one's daily diet to ensure good health or a violinist practicing regularly everyday to keep his/her talent at the optimum level.

In Genesis Chapter 1 verses 26 and 27, the creation of humankind is in the spiritual image of the Almighty: this includes ALL HUMANKIND EQUALLY. Discrimination has no place in God's good creation. Let's work toward eradicating this "pandemic of injustice".