



THE LAMP



"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119)

PBSC TORONTO BRANCH LENTEN QUIET DAY SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2010

Theme: "A Closer Walk with God"

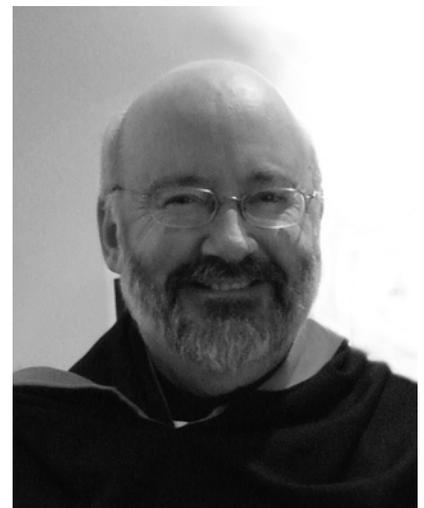
***Leader: The Revd. Canon Bruce Glencross
Rector of St. John the Baptist's Church, Pointe-Claire, Quebec***

"A closer walk with God". Isn't that what we all long for, at times? "Just tell me, Lord, what you want me to do and I'll do it, but no burning bushes, OK?" So how does one get closer to God – close enough to talk to, and maybe close enough for us to hear Him? In two talks Canon Glencross will share with us biblical and practical insights on this matter. In his third address he will recount the stories of two spiritual journeys to illustrate this "closer walk".

Canon Glencross comes to us from the Diocese of Montreal. He has had only two cures in his couple of decades of parish ministry, one an inner-city parish and the other suburban. He was educated at McGill and Oxford.

Schedule for the day:

9:30 AM	Morning Prayer
10:00 AM	Holy Communion
10:30 AM	Coffee and welcome
10:45 AM	<i>First talk: "What is the Word of God?"</i>
11:30 AM	Period of silent reflection
12:15 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM	<i>Second talk: "How do I hear God speak to me?"</i>
2:00 PM	Period of silent reflection
2:45 PM	Coffee break
3:00 PM	<i>Third talk: "The Spiritual Walk with God: A Tale of Two Journeys".</i>
3:45 PM	Wrap-up
4:00 PM	Evening Prayer



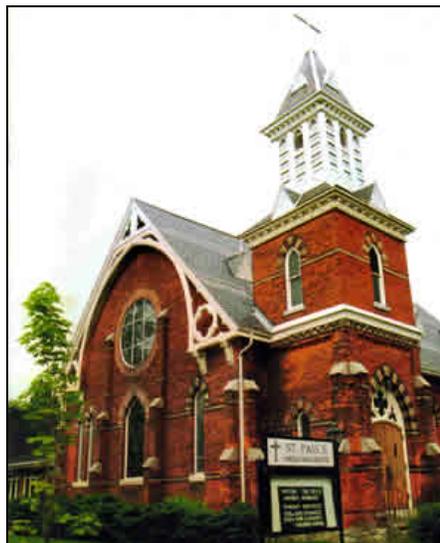
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The Quiet Day will be held at **St. Thomas's Church, 383 Huron Street, Toronto**. St. Thomas's is located a short walk south of Bloor Street, midway between the St. George and Spadina subway stops. A voluntary contribution of \$5.00 (or pay what you can) is requested to cover lunch and breaks. Please notify Diana Versegby (416-739-4422) if you plan to attend.

The Cranmer Conference 2010

*A weekend conference for young adults aged 19-29
June 25-27 at St. Paul's Church, Dunnville
Website: www.cranmer.ca*

Join us for a relaxed weekend in the country, featuring Prayer Book worship, lectures to stretch the mind and heart, fun, food and fellowship. The programme begins with a reception at the church at 5:00 PM on Friday, and ends on Sunday afternoon. The featured speaker will be the Revd. Gordon Maitland, a professor of church history at Huron University College. Details of the schedule are currently being worked out, and will be posted on the conference website in the coming weeks. The registration fee is a mere \$50, and covers the activities, meals and accommodation (hostel-style on air mattresses). For further information, contact Diana Verseghy at diana.verseghy@sympatico.ca.



St. Paul's Church, Dunnville

Grand Valley Branch Eastertide Retreat

*April 30, from 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM
May 1, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM*

Location: Crabapple Creek Bed & Breakfast near Port Dover, Ontario
Cost \$20.00 (includes meals)
Leader: The Rev. David Joyce

Fr. Joyce is a retired priest of the Diocese of Huron who entered the ministry after a career in engineering. He is an engaging personality with a great sense of humour and a deep understanding of our Christian faith.

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ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH CONFERENCE REUNION



This year's reunion was held on February 6-7 at St. Olave's Church, Toronto. A great time was had by all! The 2010 conference is scheduled for August 23-28 – see the website at www.stmikesontario.com.

A TABLE LITURGY BEFORE EASTER DINNER

The liturgy begins with the diners seated or standing around the dinner table, and unlit candles on the table. The leader reads the first half of each versicle, and the rest respond with the second half in bold type.

Here is Love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us / **and sent his Son as the propitiation for our sins.** (1 Jn. 4:10)
He was wounded for our transgressions, / **he was bruised for our iniquities;**
the chastisement of our peace was upon him, / **and by his stripes we are healed.** (Is. 53:5)
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; / **therefore let us keep the feast;**
Not with the old leaven of malice and wickedness, / **but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.** (1 Cor. 5:7)
Christ is risen from the dead / **and become the first-fruits of them that slept;**
For since by man came death / **by man also came the resurrection of the dead.** (1 Cor. 15:20)
Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; / **death hath no more dominion over him.**
For in that he died, he died unto sin once, / **but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.**
Reckon yourselves also therefore to be dead unto sin / **but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.** (Rom. 6:9)
For I know that my redeemer liveth / **and that he shall stand at last upon the earth;**
And after my skin has been destroyed, / **even without my flesh shall I see God;**
Whom I shall see for myself / **and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.** (Job 19:25)
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain / **to receive power, and riches, and wisdom and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.** (Rev. 5:12)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; / **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Here an appointed person lights the candles on the dinner table. By Jewish custom, this would be the mother. The person who lights the candles then reads this excerpt from Revelation chapter 1:

I saw seven golden candlesticks, and in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of Man. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, "Fear not, I am the First and the Last, and the Living One. I was dead, but behold, I am alive for evermore."

Then one appointed reads the following lesson from the first Epistle to the Corinthians:

Brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, wherein ye stand, and by which ye are saved – if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you as of first importance that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried, and rose again the third day according to the scriptures, and was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that, he was seen by more than five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain alive unto this present, though some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen by James, then by all the apostles. And last of all he was seen also by me ... And he must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

Then the leader, or all at table if so desired, pray this collect:

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the resurrection from the dead of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we who celebrate this Easter feast may die daily unto sin, and live with him evermore in the glory of his endless life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here wine may be poured and dinner served, and a grace may be offered, such as:

O Lord God, who nourishest our bodies with the fruits of the earth; bless, we pray, thee, our fellowship around this Easter table, and nourish our hearts with the vision of that eternal fellowship that we are called to share with our risen Saviour, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Finally, the leader and those at table greet each other with the ancient Easter greeting:

Christ is risen! / **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

ONTARIO REGIONAL CYCLE OF PRAYER, APRIL-JUNE

(Over the coming months, please remember the following parishes in your prayers. You might consider using for this purpose one of Prayer #8 or #9, found on pages 43 and 44 of the Book of Common Prayer, or the prayer "For the Parish" found on page 736.)

APRIL	4	<i>Easter</i>	Parishes of PBSC members outside of Ontario
	11	<i>Easter I</i>	St. Mary's Church, Walkerville (Windsor)
	18	<i>Easter II</i>	St. George's Church, Hamilton
	25	<i>St. Mark</i>	St. Luke's Church (Broughdale), London
MAY	2	<i>Easter IV</i>	St. Paul's Church, Kanyengeh, Six Nations Reserve
	9	<i>Rogation</i>	St. Bartholemew's Church, Toronto
	16	<i>After Ascension</i>	Church of the Ascension, Toronto
	23	<i>Whitsunday</i>	Parishes in the ACNA
JUNE	30	<i>Trinity</i>	St. George's Church, Lowville
	6	<i>Trinity I</i>	St. Brice's Church, North Bay
	13	<i>Trinity II</i>	St. John's Church (Woodhouse), Simcoe
	20	<i>Trinity III</i>	St. Paul's Church, Port Dover
	27	<i>Trinity IV</i>	St. Paul's Church, Dunnville

The Prayer Book Society of Canada was founded in 1986 by Anglicans who were alarmed at the erosion of classical Anglican doctrine, worship and spirituality that was proceeding alongside the adoption of new liturgies. The Society's aim is briefly to support the continuing use of the Prayer Book for all who value it as their preferred medium of worship, preserving as it does faithfulness to Holy Scripture and adherence to the orthodox Anglican doctrine of the Christian faith. The Mission Statement of the Society, adopted in 1995, is: "To promote the understanding and use of the Book of Common Prayer as a scriptural system of nurture for life in Christ".

The Society operates on two levels: the national level and the branch level. The National Council is responsible for setting policy and direction for the Society, and for overseeing activities with a national scope. All branch presidents are *ex officio* members of the National Council. The branches are individually responsible for organizing local activities and initiatives in their own geographical areas, in support of the aims and objectives of the Society.

The Ontario Council of PBSC Branches is an informal coalition of branches in southern Ontario, formed in 1994. It serves as a forum for the planning of joint activities, and provides a network of support for the branches. It publishes this newsmagazine, "**The Lamp**", which appears quarterly in the months of March, June, September and December. Opinions expressed in these pages are not necessarily those of the Society as a whole. Contributions of articles and news items are welcome, and should be sent to the editor (see opposite).

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