



The Prayer Book Society of Canada
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Dear friends and supporters of the Book of Common Prayer,

Although we are now into Lent, and a time of reflection, repentance, and spiritual discernment, the activities of the Prayer Book Society go on, as you can read in the accompanying newsletter. Included therein is an update about the ongoing work of adding new material to the Prayer Book app (which has now been downloaded over 5,000 times!) And there is a report on the progress that has been made in producing a table of optional Old Testament lessons to complement the BCP eucharistic lections. Also included in this newsletter are excerpts from a very interesting and informative talk given by Dr. Jesse Billett at St. Olave's Church in Toronto highlighting the theological consensus that was a hallmark of the 1962 BCP. Finally, notice is provided of the Annual General Meeting of the PBSC, which will take place on Saturday, May 27th at 2:00 pm EDT, once again using the Zoom format.

There are also new offerings on the PBSC website, and in particular, the addition of some audio clips of psalms being sung to the ancient plainsong tones. These complement the examples that we have already posted of psalms sung to traditional Anglican Chant. All of these audio clips are meant to show what music resources are available to enhance the beauty of Prayer Book worship. You can find as well a baptism preparation video made with Dr. Stephen Andrews in the days before he became a bishop or the principal of Wycliffe College, and a brand-new membership portal for those who are interested in signing up electronically.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada is taking place at the end of June this year in Calgary, and the Prayer Book Society of Canada will be there with an information table to promote the interests of the Society and to make Synod delegates aware of the rich variety of educational and devotional material that we have available. It is with this project in mind that we make an appeal to your generosity. It is costly to rent space for a table, produce promotional material, and cover some of the expenses of those volunteers who will offer their services in staffing the booth. We would be grateful if you could assist us with a financial contribution that will prosper us in this endeavour.

May God bless you and your family during this Lenten season and grant you peace and joy at the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection.

Your servant in Christ,

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