



The Prayer Book Society of Canada

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Dear friends and supporters of the Book of Common Prayer,

The time between Ash Wednesday and Easter Day is often described as a Lenten journey. This is, in part, an allusion to the forty years that the children of Israel spent wandering in the wilderness before they reached the Promised Land. There are many aspects of the Christian life that could be described using the metaphor of a journey, and in the accompanying newsletter you will find it used by Archdeacon Brody Albers of the Diocese of Saskatchewan to describe his movement from a kind of non-denominational Evangelicalism to Prayer Book Anglicanism. There is also an article by the Revd. Robert Porter about his reintroduction of Prayer Book Evensong into the life of his congregation in Kingston, Ontario. Finally, there is an article by myself, which takes a critical look at the Revised Common Lectionary and the Eucharistic Lectionary used with the Book of Alternative Services.

Some of the things that the authors of the first two articles mentioned above have in common are that not only are they writing for this newsletter for the first time, but that they were both recipients of Prayer Book Society bursaries while they were at seminary in training for ministry. If ever anyone wanted evidence of the fruit borne by our bursary program, it can be seen in the ministry of these two priests. The Society's bursary program (among many other initiatives that we undertake) is only made possible by the generosity of donors like yourself. Please continue to support us financially (as well as prayerfully) so that initiatives like our bursary program can continue.

You will also find in this newsletter an announcement about a Lenten retreat supported by the PBSC, as well as advance notice of the Society's Annual General Meeting. The latter will take place on Saturday, May 9th at 2:00 pm EDT, and it is open to all of our members. Since the meeting will take place online, please note the Zoom link to connect to it. Various supporting documents will be posted on the PBSC website beforehand.

To conclude, please remember to keep the Society and its ongoing initiatives in your prayers. We hope that all that we do will be to the glory of God and the advancement of his kingdom on earth. May the Lord grant you a spiritually profitable Lent and a joyous Easter.

Your servant in Christ,

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