

# The Script

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## Easter 2023

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## Easter Editorial: Suiru Tunteng Co-Editor

Rejoice! It is Easter and spring! We physically anticipate the rebirth of nature around us and remember the meaning of Jesus' resurrection as we celebrate in our hearts. In both instances, they signify hope.

This is hope for the dawning of a new day after the bleak, dark days of winter. The days in which we experienced the ravages of climate change in the form of tornados, floods gale force winds and the man-made destruction of war by the wilful actions of man.

Of course, we should never think of winter in negative terms. It is then that we get prepared and refuel ourselves for the rebirth of spring and our own self examination.

As Christians, it is the resurrection of Jesus that gives us hope. We are able to believe in life after death through the Grace of God. We know that when we die, our spirits will go to live with Him. In John 14:3 Jesus said: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." The true message of Easter is that we no longer have to be afraid of death because He will be there waiting for us.



## Some cool links to check out, really!- Debbie

I have both on my tablet, and I love them. Just being able to sit quiet for a few minutes to spend some time with God - and you just listen.

This first one is great, you can view it on your computer, or download the app, which is great because you can pray anytime and anywhere. They take about 10 to 13 minutes to listen to it combines music, scripture and questions to reflect on.

[Pray as you go - Pray as you go \(pray-as-you-go.org\)](http://pray-as-you-go.org)

Here is another one, it is also a free daily devotional, that can help you pray the bible everyday- there is a morning and an evening session, that take about 13 minutes at the most. It has soft music in the background, prayer, scripture. This one however is an app.

[Lectio 365 - 24-7 Prayer International](#)

**Par - by Jaques Diotte**

Support your Parish through an automatic monthly withdrawal

Recently you have been asked to select which type of envelope you wish to receive for your 2023 tithing. Again, we have a real opportunity in eliminating some of the cost associated in buying physical envelopes and the work in handling these on an on-going basis. How can we do this?

We can individually contribute in reducing the cost by using the electronic envelope system. In today's age of electronic giving, the Pre- Authorized Remittance (PAR) program helps congregations receive the offering / tithing on a monthly basis through automatic debit.

PAR allows parishioners to give intentionally, proportionally and faithfully to the Parish, even when they are not able to be there in person. This helps provide the Parish with a dependable flow of contributions, makes budgeting easier, reduces paperwork, and handling, and reduces cost.

Planned gifts are one way you can help to ensure the long-term viability of our Parish and its ministry. Many people use PAR for their regular offerings, finding it a convenient way to take care of their commitment to the parish month by month.

If you have automatic debits from your bank account to pay for insurance, cable TV, taxes, fuel, or mortgage, then you already understand the PAR principle. It means regular contributions throughout the year.

It is a proven fact that in many cases when someone cannot attend a particular Sunday worship, the donation for that 'missed" Sunday is not made up when the parishioner returns. Administrative expenses however continues regardless of the revenue stream. Unless we find a way where our contributing methods aligns with on-going expenses, we will be continually challenged year over year, in meeting our obligations without creating a deficit or revenue shortage.

<p><u>Advantages to the GIVER:</u></p> <p>Regular on-going support of your parish in the amount that you choose.                  Continual support of your home parish when you are away, or when you cannot attend.                  Keeping you commitment to your parish.                  Flexibility to increase, decrease or cancel the amount of your tithing anytime.</p>	<p><u>Advantages to the PARISH:</u></p> <p>Regular, dependable flow of contributions.                  Reduction of paperwork and bookkeeping.                  Reduction in revenue shortage or deficit situation                  Eliminate cost in buying envelopes</p>
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If you wish to make changes to the way you contribute to your Church, and help reducing some of the expenses associated with the cost of buying envelopes, I would be happy to help you make that change.

As stated above, the amount of your monthly commitment can be changed at any time during the year, by simply advising me of the change.

So, I truly encourage all of you to consider making some changes in the ways in which you currently give, to adapt with the needs of our parish. Please contact me so we can make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you,  
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**Family Fun Ideas**

If you like dinosaurs and what kid doesn't -  
 Prehistoric World 5446 Upper Canada Road  
 Morrisburg Ontario

Check out Montreal Families -  
<https://www.montrealfamilies.ca/things-to-do>



“The great Gift of Easter is Hope.”  
 Basil C. Hume

Spring translates earth’s happiness into colorful flowers -Terri Guillemets

**Lent Poem - Liam Carlile**

Lent is about sacrifice  
 Lent is about perseverance  
 Lent is about resistance  
 Lent is about recognition



We sacrifice what we want most  
 To symbolize Jesus’s fasting

We persevere without giving up  
 To symbolize Jesus’s perseverance to continue in the desert

We resist temptation  
 To symbolize Jesus’s resistance against Satan

We recognize and commemorate  
 To symbolize Jesus’s perseverance, resistance, and sacrifice  
 We do this in the expectation of the pain and joy of Easter

[John 3:16](#) - “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**Weekly Events:**

**Wednesday Service :** in the Lounge - 10:00 am

**Bible Study:** with Earnest after the Service and on Zoom

**Mindfulness:** with Madeline Wednesday mornings at 11:30am

**Compline :**Friday Evenings at 7:00pm on zoom with Rev. Deacon Debbie

**Upcoming Events - TBD**



For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land - Song of Solomon 2:11-12

**Some Easter Responses:**

**If you could take an Easter basket to your neighbors, what would you include in it and why?**

- +I would put a bible in the basket. As for the reason. We all know.- Jacques
- +I'd include a nice Easter card, some home made goodies, and maybe a plant or flowers. - Wendy
- +Flowers and some homemade hot cross buns. Flowers for the hope of new birth and buns because they are good! - Darlene
- +Book of uplifting poems; tea, cookies, orange; fancy napkins: Oranges remind me of sunrise & sunset; the rest is to take time & be at peace.- Jen



**What is your favorite part of Easter?**

- + Good Friday because it shows me the depth of Jesus' love and sacrifice for us. I love the Services and It's also usually the day we sing one of my favorite Hymns- O Sacred Head. - Wendy
- + Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil, when the Pascal Candle is lit, showing Christ's presence with us and Christ's power over death. This new flame is lit for Baptisms as a sign of new life in Christ. When lit at funerals, this new fire is a reminder of the resurrection of the dead and life with Christ in the world to come.- Marlene M.
- +The service on Easter Sunday morning. - Darlene
- + St. Barnabas on Easter morning and the church is filled with flowers and we sing "Jesus Christ is Risen today Alleluia" - Dianna
- +I like early Sunrise on Easter Day with the Sun shining. Promise! - Jen



### Easter Prayer

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" ~ Peter 1:3

#### Please hold in your prayers...

Marcia, Geraldine, Bernice , Nancy, Salima, Ashford, Joan, Beverly, Jennifer, Donna, André, Theresa, Debbie, Mildred, Marlene, Jim, Fr. Bob, Cynthia, Pat, Wayne, Sandra Evadne, Rodney, Nicholas

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord - James 5:14

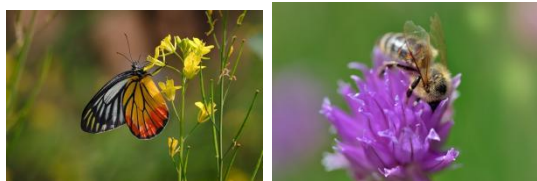
#### In memory...

Peter Vatcher, Mavis Griffiths,  
Betty Dear, Cecil Paris, Vivian Paris  
Cynthia Gregory  
Joan Dennison



May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

### Pollinators, & Small Field Meadows -



Don't be so quick to clean up your yards! leaving leaves and debris helps make your spring yard a haven for pollinators: it is shelter for them especially on cold nights.

Making a small wild flower meadow is also a great idea. It is food and shelter for bees, birds, butterflies - all insects. And looks awesome! Check this link out Canadian Wild Life Federation.

[gardening\\_guide\\_en.pdf\(cwf-fcf.org\)](http://gardening_guide_en.pdf(cwf-fcf.org))

### Lent Poem - by Rhemie

L is for laughing at other kids  
E is for engaging in sin  
N is for never having faith  
T is for travelling away from God

Lent is for remembering and reevaluating  
To give something up and gain the bigger picture

L is for the love he gives us  
E is for the eternal life in him  
N is for the new earth we will dwell upon  
T is for the Time he gives us

Lent is about rethinking our lives and honoring  
Jesus's suffering  
Not to keep going as we are  
To think Act and Change

## Rev. Dorothy's Easter Message

*"I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life". [Ezekiel 37:5]*

March, 2023

Dear Friends,

A couple of Sunday's ago we read this passage from Ezekiel. God took the prophet Ezekiel to a valley and gave him the vision of being surrounded by dry bones. "Can these bones live?" God asked. We do not know the answer to such questions or in fact many questions in life- but God does.

God knows the deepest realities of the human heart. He knows our every detail. Psalm 139:13ff says, ***"For you created my inmost being: you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;"***. No sculpturer or artist can look at us so attentively, and no digital pixel is strong enough to capture our exact image. God knows more than we can imagine about the thirty trillion cells of our bodies, and our two hundred and six bones in the exact order. God's knowledge of us is not only theoretical or cerebral. He also sees the hidden realities of our beings and minds.

Our God is the God of details. He knows every detail of his creation. He is present in every detail of our lives. For He is omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent. God knew that his beloved creation had disobeyed him, so he planned out the rescue mission for them. The super- hero 'Son of Man' came down to Earth to deliver his creation from sin and spiritual death. That hero was his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus knew exactly what was his purpose on Earth. He knew all the details of his mission. He also knew the hidden desires of his disciples, of the Jews and even the Roman soldiers. He knew everything, he was aware of every detail, yet he chose to fulfill his mission, and deliver us from death and Hell.

In Jesus we have this hope for our present, and faith in the future, that no matter how complex our lives are, or how complicated our problems maybe -yet, God is in control of everything.

Throughout the chaos of the 'Passion Week' when all seemed lost- yet, God was in control of everything. Resurrection morning is the proof of God's master plan. A plan that saved the whole humanity, once and for all. Jesus paid the price for our sin with his blood- 'the final lamb was slain', the debt repaid, and the sting of death was destroyed by Jesus' sacrifice.

Let us rejoice in the knowledge that God knows and loves every detail of our lives.

***'Therefore, let us rejoice and be glad in Him'.***

We have had a happy and holy Lent. Let us as the children of the Resurrection enjoy and celebrate this Easter season.

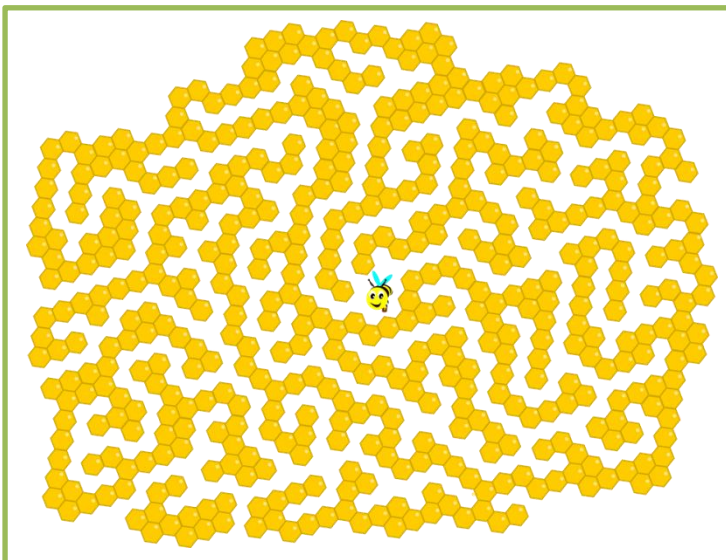
Yours Sincerely In Christ,

The Rev. Dorothy Samuel



From Debbie & Suiru - **The Script** Team

### Games for the young at heart!



**LOL :)**

When someone needed a boat made, what did the people in town say? "We Noah guy."

What did Jonah's family say when he told them about what happened before reaching Nineveh? "Hmm, sounds fishy."

Why did the duck get fired from his Easter job? He kept quacking the eggs.

What kind of story does the Easter bunny like best? The ones with hop-py endings

What kind of hotel rooms do chocolate bunnies reserve? Sweets

What did Jesus say would cry out as He rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday?

- A: the stones
- B: the angels
- C: the earth
- D: the animals

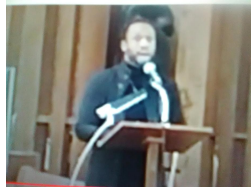
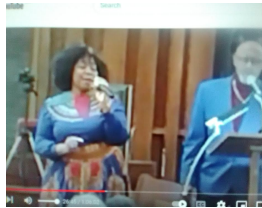
What was the name of the prisoner the people wanted released instead of Jesus?

- A. Barnabas
  - B. Haman
  - C. Barabbas
  - D. Shalmaneser
- See last page for answers

## Answers to questions

Q1: the Stone (Luke 19:40 - "He answered, I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.")

Q2: (Matthew 27:17 - "So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?")



### Photos



Sunday school Song This Little Light of Mine . For Black History Month: Mr & Mrs Walker singing , Kemba Mitchell Address, Dwayne Savoury singing. Jim Beis mayor & counselors, St Barnabas Choir & Jasmin reading for Lent Banner.

### Ice Storm - by Robert Hayden

Unable to sleep, or pray, I stand  
by the window looking out  
at moonstruck trees a December storm  
has bowed with ice.

Maple and mountain ash bend  
under its glassy weight,  
their cracked branches falling upon  
the frozen snow.

The trees themselves, as in winters past,  
will survive their burdening,  
broken thrive. And am I less to You,  
my God, than they?

["Ice Storm" by Robert Hayden. – Clod & Pebble \(wordpress.com\)](http://wordpress.com)

**Remember, this past week during our ice storm, trees bent & broke- but they survived. Gods presence is always in the midst of our trials. We are not any less than what God has created. Rev. Deacon Debbie**

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