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A Note From Emilie

Advent is gone, Christmas is moving on, Epiphany is almost upon us. And we are coming to the end of a memorable year. A hard year. A terrible year in so many ways. We have lost loved ones, and jobs, and security, and our ability to gather together. We have seen the change of the world as we know it. 2020 will not soon be forgotten. But my prayer is that it will be a pivot year. A year of change, a time to see honestly and clearly what we as Christians uphold. Above all: How are we going to love God, love neighbours and love ourselves in this new era? What do we need to do differently, as a human society, to bring us closer to the vision Christ had for the beloved community?

Epiphany, the season in the Christian calendar that follows Christmas, is a time for wonder, and for generosity. We remember the Wise-people -- those who, along with the shepherds, first came to see the Christ child. We too are invited to look in amazement at this unimaginable thing: God, the mighty creator of all that is, Heaven and Earth, all that is visible and invisible, that same God, looked down upon the people, and found a way to come to us, in a way we could see, believe, imagine and follow. The question then is: how can we, at St. Barnabas, become more Christ-like? How can we bind up the broken-hearted, feed the hungry, visit the lonely, share the promise of our faith with those who mourn the confusing and soul-wrenching losses of this year?

We are not there yet, but the day is in sight, when we will gather: to laugh, cry, remember. We will hold one another, we will sing, we will break the bread of new life, and share the wine of a new, and ancient, promise. God is with us. God has never left us. God is present in our time of trial, and in our feasting.

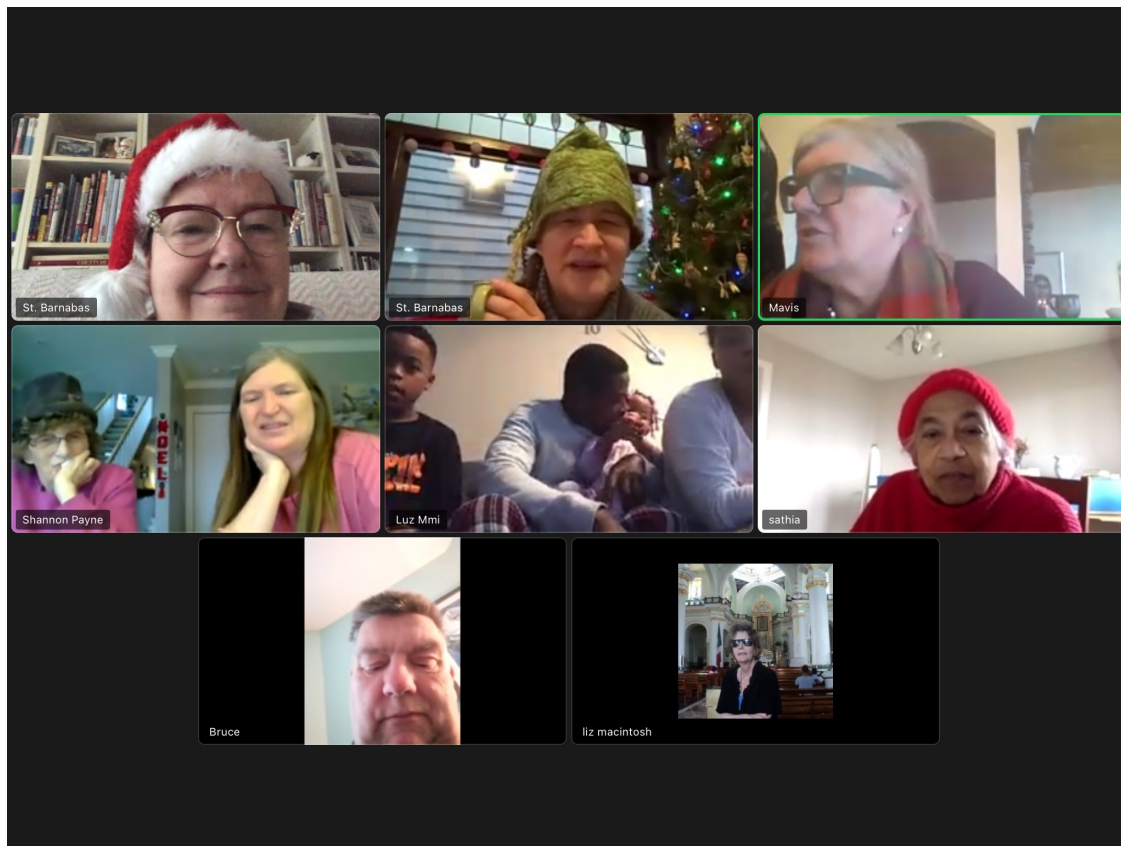
Hang fast, beloved ones. Light is returning. As Mary and Joseph slipped away with their infant son, out of a place of war and into a place of hope, let us be bearers, protectors, nurturers of all that brings life to the world.

love and Happy New Year,

Em



Parish Brunch via Zoom ~ December 27th



On the Horizon...

- We are in the process of trying to figure out how to hold our Annual Vestry Meeting, which will likely have to take place via Zoom. Stay tuned.
- We are also working on streaming our services live on Facebook Sunday mornings at 10 am. We're close!

Take-away Christmas Lunch

We were unable to hold our annual sit-down Christmas Lunch this year, but that didn't stop us! Thanks to the amazing Amber Anderson, HAVE Culinary Training Society, who cooked and packaged 120 dinners. Thanks also to the Piece Arch Quilters, who made for us 130 quilted placemats, Canada Safeway at 8th & McBride

for 120 individual pies, our volunteers who had too much fun, and our local MP, Peter Julian, who helped hand-out the meals. It was a great way to spend Christmas Day!



Photos from Christmas Day Take-away Lunch



Lectionary for January & February

January 3

Jer 31:7-14; Ps 147:13-21; Eph 1:3-14; Jn 1:(1-9), 10-18;

January 10

Gen 1:1-5; Ps 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mk 1:4-11

January 17

1 Sam 3:1-10, (11-20); Ps 139:1-5, 12-17; 1 Cor 6:12-20; Jn 1:43-51

January 24

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 62:6-14; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

January 31

Dt 18:15-20; Ps 111; 1 Cor 8:1-13; Mk 1:21-28

February 7

Is 40:21-31; Ps 147:1-12, 21c; 1 Cor 9:16-23; Mk 1:29-39

February 14

2 Kgs 2:1-12; Ps 50:1-6; 2 Cor 4:3-6; Mk 9:2-9

February 21

Gen 9:8-17; Ps 25:1-9; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:9-15

February 28

Gen 17:1-7, 15-16; Ps 22:22-30;

Rom 4:13-25; Mk 8:31-38 or Mk 9:2-9

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