

# ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, SPRING BROOK

## Memorial Flower Service - June 22, 2025

### Welcome

**Opening Hymn** #7 "New Every Morning is the Love"

### Lighting of Candles

With death a light goes out in our midst. Our lives are darker without our loved ones. Their death can cause a darkness to descend on us. And so, in times of darkness, we turn to the One who is the light of the world. Only Christ – the light of the world – can offer a way forward in our heartache and help us to recognize that we are not alone in our pain. Now more than ever we need to lift up the lamp of our faith and allow God into our lives.

We will light a light in the name of the Father who lit the world and breathed the breath of life for us. *(candle is lit)*  
We will light a light in the name of the Son, who saved the world and stretched out his hand to us. *(candle is lit)*  
We will light a light in the name of the Spirit, who encompasses the world and blessed our souls with yearning. *(candle is lit)*

**ALL: We will light three lights for the Trinity of love:  
God above us, God beside us, God beneath us;  
the beginning, the end, the everlasting One.**

### Lighting of Memorial Candles

#### Prayer for the Deceased

Gracious God, we pray for our ancestors, for family, friends, and neighbours who have gone before us into your eternal Kingdom. May the loving Father of Creation be upon them, the loving Christ be upon them, and the continual pouring of the Holy Spirit be upon them, each step of the way, to aid and enfold them, each day of eternity. Amen

**Special Music** St. Thomas' Church Choir "People Need the Lord"

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19:1-15a

**Psalm** Psalm 42, 43

**Second Reading:** Galatians 3:23-29

**Gradual Hymn** #509 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 8:26-39

### Homily

**Special Music** "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

### Collect

**Offertory Hymn** #249 "Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow"

### Prayer Over the Gifts

### Prayers of the People

- L:** For all whose prayers falter and faith weakens, for those experiencing pain of any kind, and we know you are with us,  
**P: Thanks be to God.**
- L:** For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us,  
**P: Thanks be to God.**
- L:** For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us,  
**P: Thanks be to God.**
- L:** For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us,  
**P: Thanks be to God.**
- L:** Listen, Christ has promised to be with us in the world as in our worship.  
**P: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

### Blessing

**Closing Hymn** #540 "Just as the Deer"

### Blessing of the Flowers

Bless these flowers, some of which we will place on the graves of those we love, some we will keep in their memory. May these flowers serve as reminders of their goodness and generosity to us.

### Closing Prayer

**Loving God, for our loved ones who have died and live on in our memories, buried here and elsewhere, we give you thanks for the lives they lived. We thank you for the love they offered and received while here and their influence that shapes us still. Amen.**

*~Please take a flower home with you or to leave in the cemetery.~*

**The Flowers in St. Thomas' today  
are placed in loving and fond memory of**

John and Marion MacRae  
Parker, Mary, Alma, Harold, Ruth, Evelyn, and Bradford  
Love always, Isabelle, Joan, and Janet

Bessie and Horace Meek  
Love from the Family

Robert and Brenda Montgomery  
Love from the Family

Harry, Lottie, and Gordon Locke  
Love always from Darlene

Harold and Beverley Brister  
Love from Leanne and Family



Dawson, Roma, Margaret, and Cory Cole  
Love from Gail and Stan

William Pidgeon  
Fondly remembered by Laura and Families

James and Lauretta Jollimore  
Love from Cheryl and Tommy

Claude, Clara, and Sandy Graham  
Love from Jane, Peter, and Family

Victoria Boucher  
Johnny and Betty Perry  
With all our love, Jaunita, David, and Family