

# ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, SPRING BROOK

## Memorial Flower Service - June 28, 2026

### Welcome

**Opening Hymn** #415 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

### 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** James Ronahan, accompanied by Hugh Jones  
"In the Garden"

**First Reading** Genesis 22:1-14

**Psalm** Psalm 13

**Second Reading** Romans 6:12-23

**Gradual Hymn** #24 "Abide With Me"

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 10:40-42

### Homily

**Special Music** James Ronahan, accompanied by Hugh Jones  
"Amazing Grace"

### Collect

**Offertory Hymn** #615 "Just As I Am"

### 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** #438 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

#### 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

Horace and Elizabeth (Bessie) 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

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

James and Lauretta Jollimore  
Love from Cheryl and Tommy

William (Bill) Pidgeon  
Love always from Laura and Family



## **COLLECT**

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **A READING FROM GENESIS 22:1-14** *(from The Message)*

After all this, God tested Abraham. God said, "Abraham!" "Yes?" answered Abraham. "I'm listening."

He said, "Take your dear son Isaac whom you love and go to the land of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I'll point out to you."

Abraham got up early in the morning and saddled his donkey. He took two of his young servants and his son Isaac. He had split wood for the burnt offering. He set out for the place God had directed him. On the third day he looked up and saw the place in the distance. Abraham told his two young servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I are going over there to worship; then we'll come back to you."

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and gave it to Isaac his son to carry. He carried the flint and the knife. The two of them went off together. Isaac said to Abraham his father, "Father?" "Yes, my son." "We have flint and wood, but where's the sheep for the burnt offering?" Abraham said, "Son, God will see to it that there's a sheep for the burnt offering." And they kept on walking together.

They arrived at the place to which God had directed him. Abraham built an altar. He laid out the wood. Then he tied up Isaac and laid him on the wood. Abraham reached out and took the knife to kill his son. Just then an angel of God called to him out of Heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Yes, I'm listening." "Don't lay a hand on that boy! Don't touch him! Now I know how fearlessly you fear God; you didn't hesitate to place your son, your dear son, on the altar for me."

Abraham looked up. He saw a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. Abraham took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. Abraham named that place God-Yireh (God-Sees-to-It). That's where we get the saying, "On the mountain of God, he sees to it."

## **PSALM 13**

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? \*

**How long will you hide your face from me?**

How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day?\*

**How long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God;\*

**give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;**

Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"\*

**and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**

But I put my trust in your mercy;\*

**my heart is joyful because of your saving help.**

I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly;\*

**I will praise the name of the Lord Most High.**

**Loving and merciful God, hear the prayers of those who cry to you, and shine with the light of your presence on those who live in the shadow of death. May we rejoice in your saving help and sing you songs of praise in the name of our risen Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

## **A READING FROM ROMANS 6:12-23** *(from The Message)*

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations.

Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,**

**ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 10:40-42** *(from The Message)*

“We are intimately linked in this harvest work. Anyone who accepts what you do, accepts me, the One who sent you. Anyone who accepts what I do accepts my Father, who sent me. Accepting a messenger of God is as good as being God’s messenger. Accepting someone’s help is as good as giving someone help. This is a large work I’ve called you into, but don’t be overwhelmed by it. It’s best to start small. Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance. The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true apprentice. You won’t lose out on a thing.”

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

God of wisdom, receive all we offer you this day.

Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit,

that we may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and serve one another in freedom.

We ask this in his name.

### **#415 - ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL**

#### **Refrain:**

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

1. Each radiant flower that opens, each vibrant bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours, God made their lively wings.
2. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruit in the garden, God made them every one.
3. The rocky mountain splendour, the loon's wild, haunting call,  
the great lakes and the prairies, the forest in the fall.
4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is the Creator, who has made all things well.

### **#24 - ABIDE WITH ME**

1. Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see:  
O thou, who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

### **#615 - JUST AS I AM**

1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou biddest me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict,  
many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5. Just as I am – thy love unknown has broken every barrier down,  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

### **#438 - O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED**

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend.  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.
2. O let me feel thee near me: the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.
3. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end!  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.
4. O let me see thy footmarks and in them plant mine own:  
my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone.  
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.