

# Kimberley Shared Ministry Anglican and United

## Holy Week Services

- April 10     **Palm/Passion Sunday** 10:00 am
- April 14     **Maundy Thursday** 6:00 pm  
Potluck dinner  
Foot washing
- April 15     **Good Friday Service at All Saints Anglican Church**  
10:00 am Stations of the Cross in Church Hall  
10:30 am Service in sanctuary  
Following the service there will be  
hot cross buns/fellowship in the Church Hall
- April 17     **Easter Sunday**  
Sunrise Service - time will be announced closer to the date.  
10:00 **Easter Service** Communion



### **CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

A couple went to the Holy Land on a pilgrimage. While they were there, the wife died suddenly. The husband went to the Funeral Home to make arrangement for her last rites. He was told that it would cost \$300 if she was to be buried in the Holy Land but if he wished to take the body back home and perform the last rites there, then it would cost \$10,000. The husband thought it over and said, *"I prefer to take the body home."* *"Why,"* asked the Funeral Home Director, *"when it is so much cheaper to do it here?"* *"Well,"* replied the husband, *"I heard that several hundred years ago a man died here and was brought back to life three days later. I don't want to take that risk."*

St. Paul in his letter to the Church in Corinth wrote, *"If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain, and your faith has been in vain."* (1 Cor. 15:14) Having agreed upon becoming a Kimberley Shared Ministry, this is our first Easter, together. As we all know, without Easter, we wouldn't have known Jesus at all. There wouldn't have been a season of Lent, a Good Friday, for that matter, even a Christmas, at all. The whole life and ministry of Jesus would have ended in crucifixion. As such the Resurrection of Christ, that is celebrated at Easter, is the foundation of our Christian Faith. It is so central to our faith, without it, there is no meaning to our life.

One of the things that I have been hearing during our talks on Shared Ministry, is the grief over losing our identity, tradition, building, etc. Yes, grieving is an important aspect of human life, and it is a necessary aspect too, for the sake of healing well. Perhaps, that could be one of the meanings, when Jesus said, *"Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."* (John 12:14). I hope that our Bible/Book Study, as well as our reflections through the season of Lent, have been helpful in re-evaluating our Christian faith and practices and in recommitting ourselves to the passion of Jesus - the passion for the kingdom of God (kingdom of God) - to which he invites us to actively participate rather than passively believe. The cause that led him to the cross (an Imperial punishment to silence voices of dissent) and through the cross to Resurrection is God's doing. Jesus who has been crucified by the authorities is raised by God.

It is interesting to note how each Gospel writer narrated the 'appearance stories' differently. No one repeated the same story, but narrated different resurrection experiences by different people. That is the beauty of resurrection. A unity in diversity. That can be our experience too. Also, a partial fulfillment of Jesus's High Priestly prayer, *"that they may all be one. As you, Father (Mother), are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."* (John 17:21)

As the Psalmist says, *"May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy."* (Psalm 126:5) As Easter people, may this be our experience together as a shared ministry, reaping the fruits of our tears with joyful celebration, greeting each other as the early Christians did - **"Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!"**

Happy and Blessed Easter to you all.  
Rev. Alwin J. Maben



## **Easter Report 2022**

### **Progress on Shared Ministry**

Diana Semenchuk and Barbara Thompson

We had a get together of both church Councils (All Saints Anglican and Kimberley United) on March 26. At that time we discussed how to move forward with our standing committees and the writing of policies and procedures for each. As Bishop Lynne and Kathy Davies will be in Kimberley later in April (26<sup>th</sup>) we are looking at how to best utilize their expertise and assistance as we continue along to a June 1 official amalgamation date. By June 1 we hope that at a congregational meeting, a new Council will be elected and new Trustees appointed.

As plans for the judicatories visit become clear we will keep you informed. Currently we are hoping for a congregational meeting, a celebratory service and a social get together of some sort.

Please save the date **April 26, 2022**.

At this time, if you have interest in participating on any committee, Worship, Finance, Property, Mission, Pastoral Care or Fellowship please let anyone on either Council know. Our faith community in Kimberley can only be as strong as all of us that are involved in making it so.

### **Kimberley Shared Ministry Newsletters**

KSM will send out print newsletters like this at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. KSM will also send out email newsletters more frequently. If you are receiving the email newsletter, we hope that you find them useful to keep up to date on the activities of our church. If you have not received any email newsletter, and wish to be included on that list, please send an email to [kucenews@icloud.com](mailto:kucenews@icloud.com).

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