



St Paul's Hampton
*Growing spiritually and building community
through discipleship, worship & service*

April 23, 2017

Easter 2

9:00 am Holy Communion | Book of Alternative Services P230
10:30 am Holy Communion | Book of Alternative Services P230

Collect:

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

This Sunday's Readings:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; (9am - Betty) - *Peter, in part of his Pentecost sermon to the pilgrims and residents in Jerusalem, reminds them that they were aware of the powerful signs and wonders that Jesus had performed but handed him over to death anyway. But he was proven stronger even than death when God raised him, an event David himself had predicted of the Messiah in the Psalms. Peter and the other disciples are indeed witnesses to this fact.*

Psalms 16 (p.719 BAS Betty/Lorraine) - *In today's Psalm David affirms his total commitment to the Lord and rejoices in the benefits of so doing. These even extend to victory over the power of the grave.*

1 Peter 1:3-9 (- - / Jean) - *In his first letter St. Peter exults in how the resurrection of Jesus has absolutely secured the believers' inheritance beyond this life. This fact is a source of deep joy even in times of trials that test the reality of our faith.*

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John 20:19-31 - *St. John tells of two post-resurrection appearances of Jesus in which he first bestows peace upon his disciples and then shows them his hands and his side. In the first appearance, on Easter evening, he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them and sends them into the world to continue his mission. In the second, one week later, he convinces a doubting Thomas and then uses the opportunity to especially bless those who come to faith without seeing his risen body.*

Reflections:

Do you think Jesus meant for Thomas to miss his first post-resurrection appearance to his disciples?

If so, Why?

In the end, Thomas and all the first disciples come to believe that Jesus is risen from the dead through the experience of seeing him? But in this Sunday's gospel Jesus indicates that that is not how most people will come to believe in him. Do you see any clues in this story about how Jesus does intend for most people to come to believe?

St Paul's Prayer Corner

Mission of the Month: Camp Medley

International: Our Companion Diocese of Ho - Bishop Matthias

Diocese: Our Bishop David and his wife Janet & Retired Bishops Harold, George, William and Claude.

Government: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Brian Gallant, Mayor Ken Chorley and the town council

Deanery: Parish of Kingston: Rev. Peter Gillies, Retired Clergy: Rev. Canon George Eves

Parish: Rev. David & Family, Rev. Deacon Deborah Cochran & Family

Parishioners: Helen Tayes, Kathy Gallagher, Gale Arsenault, Jackie Bettel, Dawn Lent, Paul Robichaud, Sylvia Campbell

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