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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ▪ April 11, 2021

Acts 4:32-35 ▪ Psalm 133 ▪ 1 John 1:1-2:2 ▪ John 20:19-31

Dear Friends,

The Easter Season is a time of sharing. It is a time for sharing our experiences with others of what Easter is all about to us. This is even true of those who apparently have not shared in what we experience at this time of year.

We as God's creations, seem to have a desire to share our life experiences with one another. This is particularly true if they are significant. These do not necessarily have to be large in size. For example, if we see a good movie, we may want to tell others. We tell them so they can go to the theatre and also experience much of what we found to be so meaningful! When experiences are significant we tend to do more than memorize them in our minds. We share in the emotional and intellectual steps of sharing experiences with others — the sounds; the setting; the odours; the sights; and yes, some of the emotions, too!

Along the way our perceptions about truth, goodness, and beauty may begin to change. Communication is more than words or pictures. Communication is sharing! As we know, not all communication is good. Sometimes communication designed with evil intent is carefully structured to look really good. We have to beware!

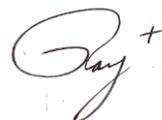
The story of doubting Thomas illustrates this point by being very wary of what was being claimed about our Lord being alive. Jesus seemed to be making a strong statement as he entered the room where the disciples were gathered. You can imagine how these people were surprised with joy when he appeared. He had chosen the right moment. All but Thomas had gathered in a locked room. All had been in fellowship with our Lord. All had been disillusioned by his crucifixion.

Here, have an illustration of how communication can involve more than words. For as the encounter developed, Jesus showed his wounds to his disciples. They were so excited that they sought out Thomas. As we have all know; Thomas was of a mind to not be convinced of any of what they were saying. He had to know first hand by seeing the wounds and by touching them!

Later, he was given that opportunity. He then believed! He then was solidly one of the disciples again. Thomas's doubts were gone!

A major communication source for Christians is the Bible. We read stories which touch on every aspect of the joys and trials of human life. We read of how we are never alone — that there is a sharing taking place in our experiences. God is there with us. God is indeed with and within us. This can be an amazing experience! Along the way, we may also find that scripture takes on new and more profound meanings as we centre our lives on Jesus.

Wherever we are, we are called upon to be bearers of love; of healing; and of peace. We are known and loved by God! The blessings of our loving, Creator God be upon you and those you love.



You are invited to go each Sunday and/or Wednesday to the link:

tinyurl.com/StAlbans-CDMC

That is the link to St. Alban's Anglican Church in Burnaby B.C. Follow the instructions. You will find links to the Rev'd Greg Jenkins officiating at an Anglican church service with children's focus, church music, readings, prayers and a sermon. If you are also interested in joining their weekly Bible Study, contact Rev. Greg at revgregjenkins@gmail.com He will be more than happy to be in touch about joining in with their group by ZOOM. I hope you will find these services help to deepen your faith.

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