



Saints Alive

MAY – JUNE 2019



The Church of All Saints Mission has a vision of being a vital, joyful source of the grace of God where individuals are respected, feel safe to worship, and are spiritually energized to live out God's purpose for their lives.

Rector's Ramblings

Pentecost is one of the prominent feasts in the Christian liturgical year commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples of Christ after the Resurrection. The feast is also called Whitsunday especially in the United Kingdom. Pentecost is celebrated seven weeks (50 days) after Easter Sunday, hence its name. Pentecost falls on the tenth day after Ascension Thursday.

Pentecost is historically and symbolically related to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot, which commemorates God giving the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai fifty days after the Exodus. Among Christians, Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus as described in the New Testament Acts of the Apostles 2:1-31. For this reason, Pentecost is sometimes described as the "Birthday of the Church".





Regular Services

Sunday: 8:00am – Spoken Service

Sunday: 9:30am – Family Service BAS with Music

Sunday School 2nd & 4th Sundays.

Thursday Morning Eucharist: 10:00am

Friday: 9am – 10:30am – Centering Prayer

Childrens' Area & Mother's Room

The deadline for submissions for the next edition of 'Saints Alive' is **JUNE 25, 2019**. Thank you for your contributions to the newsletter.

Editor of Saints Alive

Touch Me with Truth that Burns Like Fire: by Ted Loder. *Prayers from Guerrillas of Grace*

Lord,

send the gift of your Spirit
to fill this place
and myself
and the world.

Touch me

with truth
that burns like fire,
with beauty
that moves me like the wind;

And set me free, Lord,

free to try new ways of living;
free to forgive myself and others;
free to love and laugh and sing;
free to lay aside my burden of security;
free to join the battle for justice and peace;
free to see and listen and wonder again at the gracious mystery of things and persons;

free to be,
to give,



to receive,
to rejoice as a child of your Spirit.
And Lord, teach me how to dance,
to turn around
and come down where I want to be
in the arms and heart of your people and in you,
that I may praise and enjoy you forever.

Blessings,
Donna Kennedy

*Thank
you*



Worship Participants

The May schedule was completed and sent out last week. As summer approaches more and more of you will be away for a day, week, or month. Please help by giving Polly the dates you cannot volunteer on a Sunday. This reduces mix-ups, conflicts and the need for last minute substitutions. If you would like to give extra help during the summer, please volunteer to be a Greeter, Reader, or coffee person. We welcome your participation.

A very special thank you goes out to the Altar Guild and the Choir for all their hard work during this Easter Season. The Easter decorations and flowers were beautiful and the choir voices made a joyful noise to our Risen Lord!!!!



Volunteer Hours: Statistics for 2018

Marie Tallon has collated our volunteer statistics for the past year.

- Average number of people who volunteered their time: 35
- Number of hours volunteered: 8,345.75 (WOW!)

Thank you all for your service and hard work. We wouldn't be All Saints without you! God Bless you all!



**Saturday
May 4th**

9am - 3pm

All Saints Anglican Church
Corner of 2nd and James
Mission, BC

We are back! Our annual Garage Sale will be held on May 4th, in the Church Hall starting at 9am, precisely. We have the usual treasures, plus plants, and a concession. We need volunteers please:

May 2nd and 3rd - sorting and pricing.

May 4th help out at the sale- Help in the Concession, Help at the Cash-out desk, and Helpers to pack-up all the unsold items.

Tell your neighbours, friends and family and ask them for donations. Thank you.

After the sale, any left-over items are passed on to other charities.

Remember your junk is another person's Treasure. AND THOSE HOT DOGS!!!



May 12, 2019

*Mothers
hold their
children's hands
for awhile...
their hearts
Forever*



June 16, 2019

*A truly rich man is one whose
children run into his arms when his
hands are empty*



The Lord's Supper



Preparing for Worship

Maundy Thursday saw 46 in attendance from All Saints Anglican, St. Andrews, Gladwin Heights and Trinity Memorial United Churches. We shared a simple supper of a variety of soups, bread and fruit.

During Communion we passed the cup and bread and served each other.

It was a beautiful and meaningful Service.

At 7pm for 7 minutes, we rang bells and the Church Tower Bell in solidarity with Notre Dame Cathedral.

A New Commandment I Give unto You, that You Love One Another as I have Loved You!



Waiting to ring the Church Bell



It's a workout ringing the Church Bell



The Great Vigil of Easter

We began the service with a bonfire and lighting of the Pascal Candle and proceeded into the Church where we had a service of Readings, Prayers and Hymns and Ringing of Bells as we sang the Alleluia!!!

The Service was followed by a Reception with Hot Cross Buns and Spiced Apple Juice.



Alleluia He Is Risen



What Bible do we use for the Scripture readings?

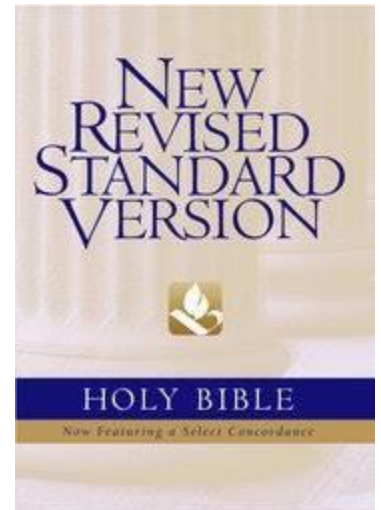
What makes it better than the King James or the NIV?

The Anglican Church of Canada uses the New Revised Standard Version. Rooted in the past, but right for today, the NRSV continues the tradition of William Tyndale, the King James Version, the American Standard Version, and the Revised Standard Version. Equally important, it sets a new standard for the 21st Century. The NRSV stands out among the many translations because it is "as literal as possible" in adhering to the ancient texts and only "as free as necessary" to make the meaning clear in graceful, understandable English.

It draws on newly available sources that increase our understanding of many previously obscure biblical passages. These sources include newfound manuscripts, the Dead Sea Scrolls, other texts, inscriptions, and archaeological finds from the ancient Near East, and new understandings of Greek and Hebrew grammar.

The NRSV differs from the RSV in four primary ways: updating the language of the RSV, by replacing archaic forms of speech addressed to God (Thee, Thou, wast, dost, etc.), and by replacing words whose meaning has changed significantly since the RSV translation (for example, Paul's statement in 2 Corinthians 11.25 that he was "stoned" once) making the translation more accurate, helping it to be more easily understood, especially when it is read out loud, and making it clear where the original texts intend to include all humans, male and female, and where they intend to refer only to the male or female gender.

Many of you want your own Bible - to follow the Readings, to reflect on the scriptures before next Sunday, to engage in discussion. Polly is researching availability, format & prices, which seem to range from \$14.99 to \$25.95. Some online book sellers offer a discount for a bulk purchase.



If you are interested in buying one for yourself please speak with Polly or leave her a note. Some of you might like to buy a NRSV for the church.



Email Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request during the week, either for yourself or someone else, please email or phone the Deacon Glen Nicholson gnicholson839@gmail.com or 604-820-9480. He will then email the members of the prayer chain and they will pray for that specific prayer request. The prayer requests are private and confidential and only known to the members of the prayer chain. The prayer chain members do not meet to discuss your prayer requests or approach you with reference to the prayer. If your need is more than prayer please call Pastor Paul or The Wardens so appropriate actions can be taken to resolve your need. If you have any concerns regarding this matter please speak to Deacon Glen, Pastor Paul, Deacon Connie or The Wardens.



News from the Truth and Reconciliation Committee

Introducing All Saints' Truth and Reconciliation Logo!

Since the inception of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee, we have been trying to find a visual on the Internet that expresses our intentions, but with no luck. In the end we decided to create our own and here it is. The wonderful design and execution is Sheila Barker's who also donated the cost of having the logo made print-ready. The words are self-explanatory; the figures reflect the connectedness of all peoples, regardless of race, and the talking stick which is modeled on one presented to Jim Wilson in recognition of his work in restorative justice in Mission, represents our need to listen as well as speak in our efforts at reconciliation. We hope this image will inspire you all to participate in the events we have planned for this year.

We continue our work on reconciliation (or as Rene Inkster puts it, Reconciliaction) this year with a number of activities for our congregation to participate in.

On April 24 The Scholarship Ceremony and Feast was held again this year where Mission School District acknowledges aboriginal student success with a feast. All Saints presented two scholarships.

May 5th 3-5 POWWOW

A Truth and Reconciliation Event for Everyone. Many people may be interested in going to a Powwow, but aren't sure what the protocol is for attending.

Allison Derksen, a Powwow dancer and dance teacher will be doing a workshop on site. She will explain the etiquette and dances, e.g. "The Round Dance", to which everyone is invited to join in. Sam Green will prepare Bannock for a much-needed snack. Children and Adults are invited to come and have fun. This event will take place at the Heritage Park Clubhouse (where we hold our Walkathon service and BBQ).



Allison Derksen

Celebrating our Connections with Indigenous People

From Mother's Day, May 12 each Sunday until Pentecost June 9, we will celebrate our connections to indigenous peoples, be they through family, friendship, understanding or prayer, with presentations by T and R committee members about those connections during the service. Everyone is invited to think about their relationship with our First Peoples during this time. There will be a unique opportunity to express these relationships visually on a Tree of Connections.

National Indigenous Sunday of Prayer, June 23

As last year, smudging will be offered in the chapel and there will be displays, drumming and a speaker during the service. The special offering will be dedicated to our annual Truth and Reconciliation scholarships for 2020.





SERMON ON THE AMOUNT

We have now come to the end of April and Parish Council felt that we should give you an overview of how we are doing financially with our Income and Expenses from **January 1 to April 28, 2019** as well as the budget to date.

<u>Income</u>		<u>Budget</u>
Envelopes	28,917.55	31,166.68
Open Offering	1,266.52	1,508.32
Building Donations	11,110.00	11,700.00
Fundraising to date	864.25	600.00
Miscellaneous	<u>650.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total Income	42,808.32	45,175.00

This gives us a \$2,366.68 difference between the total income and the budget numbers that we hoped to be close to by this point. As you can see most of the shortfall is in our envelope giving. This includes the general Sunday giving being lower than usual and since the Rector's Discretionary was in need of funds the Easter giving was directed to that fund so that now we are short \$500.00 that was budgeted for the Easter giving. In the Miscellaneous we were given funds by VanCity to pay for the Lighter Living workshop that was held at All Saints last month.

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Budget</u>
Diocesan Assessment	6,176.00	6,176.00
Wages & Benefits	32,987.72	32,953.04
Administrative	7,471.36	7,537.04
Building & Grounds	7,104.27	4,866.64
Ministry	757.08	921.65
Miscellaneous	<u>463.84</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total Expenses	54,960.27	52,604.37

This gives us a \$2,355.90 difference between the total expenses and the budget numbers. It is rather interesting that the difference between the budget numbers and the income and expense numbers are almost exact. The main reasons for the extra costs in Building and Grounds is due to the rise in gas prices which has doubled our budgeted amount and to a lesser degree the electrical costs were due in part to the dehumidifiers and electrical tools after The Flood. The Miscellaneous expense is for the costs incurred for the Lighter Living Workshop and paid for by VanCity and the budget amount for that line is for any seminars or training which hasn't been used yet.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Beale

Question: "Why is giving thanks to God important?"

Answer: The Bible is filled with commands to give thanks to God ([Psalm 106:1](#); [107:1](#); [118:1](#); [1 Chronicles 16:34](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:18](#)). Most verses go on to list reasons why we should thank Him, such as “His love endures forever” ([Psalm 136:3](#)), “He is good” ([Psalm 118:29](#)), and “His mercy is everlasting” ([Psalm 100:5](#)). Thanksgiving and praise always go together. We cannot adequately praise and worship God without also being thankful.

Feeling and expressing appreciation is good for us. God wants us to learn to be thankful for all the gifts He has given us ([James 1:17](#)). It is in our best interest to be reminded that everything we have is a gift from Him. Without gratefulness, we become arrogant and self-centered. We begin to believe that we have achieved everything on our own. Thankfulness keeps our hearts in right relationship to the Giver of all good gifts.

Giving thanks also reminds us of how much we do have. Human beings are prone to covetousness. We tend to focus on what we *don't* have. By giving thanks continually we are reminded of how much we *do* have. When we focus on blessings rather than wants, we are happier. When we start thanking God for the things we usually take for granted, our perspective changes. We realize that we could not even exist without the merciful blessings of God.

[First Thessalonians 5:18](#) says, “In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” We are to be thankful not only for the things we like, but for the circumstances we don’t like. When we purpose to thank God for everything that He allows to come into our lives, we keep bitterness at bay. We cannot be both thankful and bitter at the same time. We do not thank Him for evil, but that He is sustaining us through it ([James 1:12](#)). We don’t thank Him for harm He did not cause, but we thank Him when He gives us the strength to endure it ([2 Corinthians 12:9](#)). We thank Him for His promise that “all things will work together for the good, to those who love God and are called according to His purpose” ([Romans 8:28](#)).

We can have thankful hearts toward God even when we do not feel thankful for the circumstance. We can grieve and still be thankful. We can hurt and still be thankful. We can be angry at sin and still be thankful toward God. That is what the Bible calls a “sacrifice of praise” ([Hebrews 13:15](#)). Giving thanks to God keeps our hearts in right relationship with Him and saves us from a host of harmful emotions and attitudes that will rob us of the peace God wants us to experience ([Philippians 4:6–7](#)).



The Donkey

By [G. K. Chesterton](#)

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.



Submitted by Rose Bennett



Request for any clean aluminum, food take-out containers!!! Juliette Bowie was hoping for some of these so she could make new lids to replace the cardboard/foil ones, so we can use them at Hope Central for take away dinners.

She has done this already with the containers and they were used right away at H.C. Please drop them off at the church and contact Juliette.

Classified Ads:

- Is there a special event coming up?
- Is there something you want to tell to the world? (Or at least the readers of this fine publication)
- Got something for sale?
- Need to buy something?
- Services for hire?

Please let Donna know by June 25th and it will be in the next edition of Saints Alive.

Email: donnakennedy02@gmail.com



St. George's Day Celebration took place on Saturday, April 27th, and was very well attended. Everyone had a great deal of fun and laughter, and enjoyed a meal of shepherd's pie, carrots, turnips and salad. Dessert was a cake, jello and gluten-free apple crisp. Tea and coffee, and cold drinks were also served.

We enjoyed the food, entertainment Rick Chadwick's Band in a Box, Terry Kennedy performing some tunes on guitar, Gilli's Narrated Hungarian Panto, Brent Boutilier "King Richard II", and Polly Betterton The Story of St. George, and English Country Garden performance by Rose, Polly and Jane. There was also a quiz, and door prizes.

"Thank-You" to everyone who attended. Monies donated was just over \$400.00. Also a special "Thank-You" to Rose Bennett, Jane & Brent Boutilier, Michael Knight for the meal, set up and clean up and to all the folks for their great performances in the skit, probably giving everyone the best laughs that any of us have had for a long time.



Our Dear Rose Bennett



Rick Chadwick
Band in a Box



Terry Kennedy
performing some tunes

*More photos on
Next page.*



The Hungarian Pantomime. Narrator, Cinderella ("All right"), Prince Charming ("I'm Handsome"), Ugly Step-sisters ("We're going to the Ball"), Fairy God-Mother, ("Sorry, Ping").



Beautiful Marie
Enjoying her meal



In an English Country Garden
Polly, Rose, Jane



Speech William
Shakespeare
King Richard II
Brent Boutilier



The Story of St. George
Polly Betterton



Ongoing Outreach

HARVEST BAG PROGRAM

AVAILABLE TO ALL MISSION RESIDENTS !

**FRESH, HIGH QUALITY
fruits and vegetables
At a GREAT price!
(Locally grown when possible)**

**Cost \$5.00 per bag
(Approximate value of \$10.00)**

Pre-order by the second Friday of the month at:

- All Saints Anglican Church - 33077 2nd Ave. (2nd and James)
- Mission Community Services Society - 33179 2nd Ave.

Pick up on the third Monday of the month at.....

Mission Food Centre
32646 Logan Ave
Between the hours of 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
YOU MUST PRESENT YOUR RECEIPT OR PICTURE ID



May – June Sunday Basket
We are collecting non- perishable food
for the Food Centre.



TRIM

Care Home Ministry at the Residence

We offer the Residents an opportunity to receive worship and fellowship once a month.
Please speak with Deacon Glen for more information.



International Giving

Our international giving goal is achieved through your donations of refundable bottles and cans. Bottles and cans may be put in the wooden chest underneath the stairs outside the hall. Proceeds go a School that helps support and educate street children in Varanasi India. The work is called Basic Human Needs.

The Holy Rollers will be making pies in May. They are in need of donations of frozen Strawberries and Blackberries.



Pancake Breakfast 8:30 - 9:20am

1st Sunday of the Month

Pancakes \$4.00 (\$3.50 Senior/Child) with coffee, tea, juice and fruit

Bacon & Sausage .50 each or 2/.75

Scrambled Eggs 2/\$1.75

New Item: French toast 2 slices \$5.00

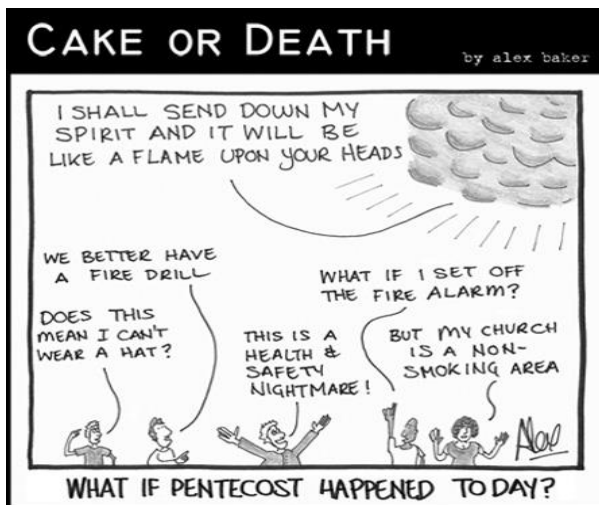
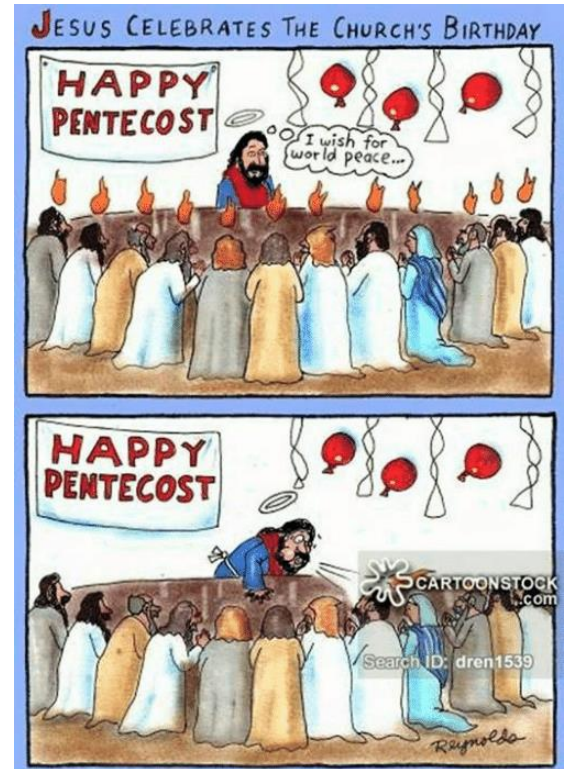
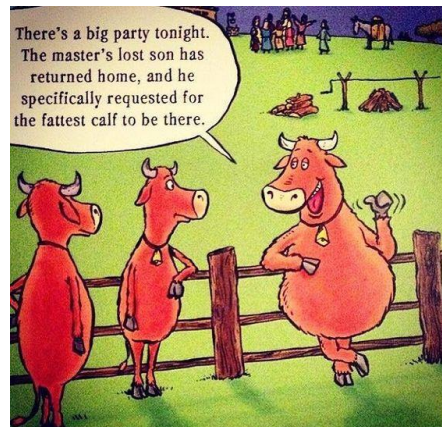
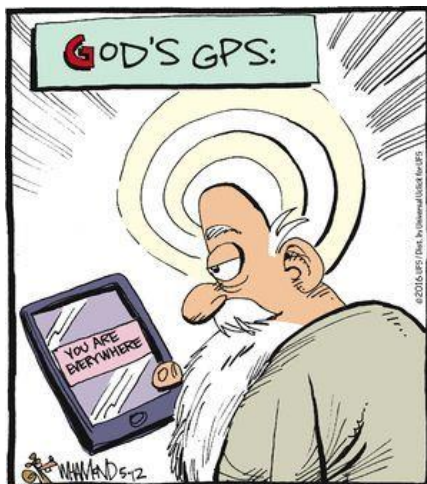
😊 Ticket draw for a free breakfast the following month 😊



Church Humour

Top Hymns for Old Folks

1. Precious Lord, Take My Hand...And Help Me Up
2. It Is Well with My Soul...But My Knees Hurt
3. Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing
4. Just a Slower Walk with Thee
5. Count Your Many Birthday, Name them One by One
6. Go Tell it on the Mountain...But Speak Up
7. Give Me the Old Timers' Religion
8. Blessed Insurance
9. Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah...I've Forgotten
Where I parked.



Little Saints of All Saints

A New Wind Blowing



Theme: The Holy Spirit. (Pentecost Sunday)

Scripture: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)

How many of you like to fly kites? It is great fun to watch a kite soaring high into the sky. What is it that keeps the kite up there? It is the wind, isn't it? How many of you have ever seen the wind? That was a trick question! No one has seen the wind. We can't see the wind because it is invisible. Well, if we can't see the wind, how do we know that it is there?

One way we can know the wind is there is that we can hear it. When I wake up in the morning, I sometimes turn on the TV to see what the weather is doing. There are some mornings that I don't even have to look at the TV to know that the wind is blowing because I can hear it! I can hear it whistling through the trees, down the chimney, and around the windows and doors. We can't see the wind, but we know it is there because we can hear it.

Another way we can know that the wind is there is that we can see it moving things. (Take some bits of paper in your hand and blow them into the air.) We can see it moving the leaves on the trees and blowing bits of paper around. We can't see the wind, but we know it is there because we can see what the wind is doing.

Still another way we can know that the wind is there is that we can feel it. Blow onto the back of your hand. Did you see anything? No, but you could feel something, couldn't you? We can't see the wind, but we can feel it blowing against our faces and blowing through our hair.

Today, many churches celebrate a special day called Pentecost. It was on the day of Pentecost that God sent his Holy Spirit to the church. The Bible tells us that the apostles were all gathered together when suddenly there was a sound like a mighty, rushing wind. Then, it says, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. God's Holy Spirit is like the wind, we can't see him, but we can know that he is there, just like we can know that the wind is there.

We can know that the Holy Spirit is there because we can hear him. The Bible says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, and if any man hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him." (Revelation 3:20) We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we know he is there because he speaks to our

hearts.

Another way we can know that the Holy Spirit is there is that we can see him moving people to do God's will. The Bible says that the Spirit of God moves his people to speak and to do things for him. (2 Peter 1:21) We can't see God, but we can see people doing things that God's Holy Spirit has moved them to do.

We can know that the Holy Spirit is there because we can feel his presence. The Bible says, "I will fear no evil for Thou art with me." (Psalm 23:4) The Bible also says that "if we love one another, God lives in us." We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we know he is there because we can feel his presence in our life.

Father, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit. Even though we can't see him, we are thankful that we can hear him speak to our hearts, feel his presence in our daily lives, and see him moving us to do your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

