

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

December 10th, 2017

Second Sunday in Advent

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

Prayer on Entering the Church

I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear I will worship toward thy holy temple. Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before me, that with a clear mind I may glorify thee forever, One Divine Power worshipped in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Flowers on the Altar To the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving of a Loving family by Carol M

Nursery (for infants and toddlers) is available in Good Shepherd Nursery. Leader: Alisha K

Godly Play in the Children's Worship Centre for children 3 - 6 years.

"Today's story is 'Mary and Joseph Show the Way to Bethlehem' Luke 1:26-47. Leaders: Ginny L, Sandra D.

Faith Quest kids (ages 7-13) continue their Advent Rotation today, focusing on Mary and Elizabeth. Kate B will lead and Hilary S will shepherd this King's Theatre workshop. Memory Verse. "For nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:37

Coffee and Tea Following the service, please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the upper hall. Coffee Hosts: Lynda and Mike D

Our preacher today is Beth C.

MORNING PRAYER AT TEN O'CLOCK

Prayer Book, Page 6-15, Psalm 148,149, Amos 6:1-14, 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

Advent acclamation

Leader: A voice cries: In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord!

People: **Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

Leader: Every valley shall be lifted up

People : **and every mountain and hill brought low.**

Leader: The uneven ground shall become level

People: **and the rough places a plain.**

Leader: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

People: **and all flesh shall see it together.**

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

People: **In the wilderness prepare a way for the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

Advent Prose

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember our iniquity for ever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: **our holy**
and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

Drop down...

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

Drop down...

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen;
that ye may know me and believe me:

I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Drop down...

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry:

I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:

fear not for I will save thee:

for I am the Lord thy god, the holy one of Israel, thy Redeemer.

Drop down...

Opening Hymn: # **103 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry**

Lord's Prayer and Collect for Purity

Summary of the Law

The Collect for the Day

Prayer with the children - Blessing of Mother and child

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-11

R. / **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 85

(Prayer Book p.438)

The Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

R. / **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: # **108 Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding**

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Response before the Gospel: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Response following the Gospel: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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Intercessions Leader: Maranatha (Response: **Amen, Come Lord Jesus**)

Offertory Hymn: # **116" Your Kingdom Come"- On Bended Knee**

Invitation, Confession and Absolution

(Prayer Book p. 76, 77)

Great Thanksgiving, Peace, Prayer of Humble Access

Communion Hymn: **Even so, Lord Jesus Come**

**Even so, Lord Jesus come
Oh divine and glorious son
though we live as Your body
here on earth
even so Lord Jesus come**

**Gracious Father, Sovereign Lord
your creations one adored
by Your hand we receive Your majesty
even so, Lord Jesus come**

**Holy Spirit, breath of life
light a path through darkest night
in Your care we confess our deepest sigh
even so, Lord Jesus come**

Post Communion Prayer

(Prayer Book p. 85, 86)

Blessing

Announcements

Dismissal

Leader: JUDAH AND JERUSALEM, FEAR NOT NOR BE DISMAYED.

People: **TOMORROW GO FORTH, AND THE LORD WILL BE WITH YOU.**

Leader: STAND STILL AND YOU SHALL KNOW THE SALVATION OF THE LORD.

People: **TOMORROW GO FORTH, AND THE LORD WILL BE WITH YOU.**

Leader: GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY

People: **TOMORROW GO FORTH, AND THE LORD WILL BE WITH YOU.**

--- SILENCE ---

Leader: WE WAIT FOR YOUR LOVING KINDNESS, O LORD.

People: **IN THE MIDST OF YOUR TEMPLE.**

Hymn # 114 **Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending**

** Please observe a moment for silent prayer**

This week at St Mary's

Thursday 5:00 pm Woman of the Dawn Christmas Dinner
Friday 5:45 pm Light and Peace
Next Sunday 10:00 am Morning Prayer
 10:30 am Holy Communion

Readings for next Sunday are as follows: Isaiah 61:1-4, Psalm 126, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

THE WORD OF THE LORD: TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. 3 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. 5 And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." 6 A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people is grass. 8 The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. 9 Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" 10 Behold, the Lord God comes with might and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms, he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

8 But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slow about his promise as some count slowness, but is forbearing toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and the works that are upon it will be burned up. 11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of persons ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be kindled and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire! 13 But according to his promise we wait for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 14 Therefore, beloved, since you wait for these, be zealous to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. 15 And count the forbearance of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

Response before the Gospel: **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; 3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" 4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Response following the Gospel: **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

PARISH LIFE NOTES

Stewardship update. Thank you to all who returned 2018 stewardship pledges. To date we have received 28 pledges totaling \$79,788.00. The ministry of St. Mary's depends very much on the regular and generous free will offerings of parishioners, which in turn is an expression of our discipleship of Jesus. Last year our annual budget came to \$196,000. If you have not made a pledge to date, please be encouraged to do so, and place it in the Sunday offering plate in the coming weeks.

Bon Voyage. A loving and fond farewell to Stefan, Alisha, Katherine, Rudy, and Elliot K who are moving to Lethbridge this week. A farewell pot-luck will be held at 238 Leopold Cres. tonight from 5 until 7. All are welcome.

Mother and Baby Blessing. Today we rejoice and give thanks to God for the safe delivery of Johanna, daughter of Andrew and Starr, and pray God's blessings upon them!

Vestry meeting follows today in the lounge after the service.

The Mitten Tree on the landing is ready to be dressed with adult's and children's mittens. Please help keep out the cold. All donations go to Soul's Harbour Mission.

Join the Intercessory Prayer Group to pray for the parish, Wed., Dec. 13 at 2:00 in the Lounge. "Keep on asking and you will receive what you ask for." Matt. 7:7 NLT

Light and Peace Fridays in Advent (December 15, 22). Intergenerational, supper at 5:45 pm. followed by book study, baking, music making, crafts, games, concluding with Family Compline. RSVP to Yvonne @ 306-522-6052 or stmarysanglican@sasktel.net.

Women of the Dawn Project Project Kid Care Christmas Dinner will be held at St. Mary's on Thursday, Dec. 14 starting at 5 pm. Members of St. Mary's Parish Family are invited.

Prayer shawl ministry this ministry began in 2008 at St. Mary's. Prayer shawls, knitted or crocheted, throw-size or scarf-size, are made by knitters in the congregation as a way to provide tangible evidence of the loving, prayerful support of our congregation for someone in need. The repetitive nature of knitting allows the knitter to meditate and pray with every stitch – every inch of the yarn passes through their fingers, knowing that it will eventually embrace another. Knitters choose soft yarn in order to provide comfort to the recipient and their work is blessed at a worship service before it is presented. **If you wish to donate wool towards this ministry or become one of our "knitters", please speak to Kate B or Norma T.**

Vivace Choral Ensemble presents A Festive Noe Saturday Dec 16th 2017, 7:00 pm
First Baptist Church Adults \$15 Seniors/Student \$12

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