

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

(Congregation established 1913)

January 21st, 2018

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen .

TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

The Father is my hope; the Son is my refuge, the Holy Spirit is my Protector,
All Holy Trinity, Glory to Thee!"

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 loving memory of Lila & Enrie Dowie by the Dowie family.

Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in the Good Shepherd Nursery. Leader: Alanna S

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

"Today's story is 'Jesus is Baptized' Mark 1:9-11. Leaders: Ginny L, Sandra D.

Faith Quest kids (ages 7-13) continue their Moses: Plagues to Passover rotation. Michael and Asha C will lead and shepherd this plague-experiential Divine Diversions workshop. Memory Verse: Romans 8:39: "[Nothing] will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord!"

Coffee and Tea Following the service, please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the upper hall. Hosts: Lois, Pat and Marian

MORNING PRAYER AT TEN O'CLOCK

Prayer Book, Page 6-15, Psalm 63:1-8, Genesis 13:2-18, Galatians 2: 1-10

HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

Order of Service

Opening Hymn: # 474 Jesus, Where`er Thy People Meet

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect for the Day

Prayer with the children

A Reading from Jonah 3:1-5, 10

R. / Thanks be to God.

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nin'evah, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nin'evah, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nin'evah was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he cried, "Yet forty days, and Nin'evah shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nin'evah believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it.

Psalm 62:6-14

For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my safety and my honour; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.

Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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

What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep;

those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

Gradual: # 515 Thou Art the Way: to Thee Alone

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 1:14-20

R. / Glory be to thee, O Lord

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

R. / Praise be to Thee, O Christ

Sermon

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers R. Hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw *you* to himself and cleanse *you* from all *your* sins, that *you* may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. R. / **And also with you.**

Offertory: # 430 Will You Come and Follow Me

The people of St. Mary's have the privilege of being part of and supporting the ministry of Jesus Christ and His Church through weekly financial offerings. If you are visiting here today, you are welcome to make a contribution, but please do not feel under any obligation to do so.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. R. / **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts. R. / **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. / **It is right to give our thanks & praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life, which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

R. / **Glory to you for ever end ever.**

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

R. / **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

R./ Glory to you for ever and ever.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

R./ Glory to you for ever and ever.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

R./ Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Communion Anthem

Here, Lord, we take the broken bread

And drink the wine, believing

That by your life our souls are fed,

Your parting gifts receiving.

As you have giv'n, so we would give

Ourselves for others' healing:

As you have lived, so we would live,

The Father's love revealing.

The Communion

All baptized Christians who have prepared themselves are invited to come forward with faith and love to receive Holy Communion.

+ To receive the bread, hold your hands, crossed with palms up.

+ To receive the wine, hold the bottom of the cup, and guide it to your mouth.

+ If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

+ For health reasons, dipping the bread in the wine is not permitted. If you require gluten-free wafer, please indicate this at the time of receiving

Hymn After Communion: # 60 I Come with Joy

Thanksgiving after Communion

All your works praise you, O Lord, **and your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we who drink his cup, bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Announcements

Dismissal: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. R/**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # 435 Take My Life, and Let It Be

** Please observe a moment for silent prayer**

This week at St Mary's

Wednesday 10:30 am Mom and Tots Group
Thursday 9:30 am Woman's Time Out Bible Study
Next Sunday 10:00 am Morning Prayer
10:30 am Holy Communion

Readings for next Sunday are as follows: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Mathew 20:1-16

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PARISH LIFE NOTES

Vestry meeting follows today after the service at Jacky and Alan S house.

Forever in Motion- Is a free exercise program for older adults. Join me, Yvonne S on Tuesday mornings from 10:30am -11:30 am here at St. Mary's. **Starting on February 6th-2018.** The program goal is to improve and/or maintain the health of older adults living in the community through education and physical activity. The program includes endurance, strength, balance and flexibility activities which may be performed either in sitting or standing positions.

Whitmore Park United Church is hosting a movie night on Saturday, January 27th!! We will be showing "Marvel's The Avengers" and exploring together how we were specially chosen for God's team of Avengers! Doors will open at 6:30pm and the movie will start at 7pm with a discussion to follow! We will be offering a children's movie and activities in another room. All you need to bring is a bowl for popcorn, something to drink and anything you need to be comfy! Oh, and an open mind of course!! We hope to see you there! Avengers Assemble!!

Worship Note. Next Sunday we begin our symbolic countdown to Easter and the Journey to Jerusalem that is Lent. The three Sundays of pre-Lent preceding Ash Wednesday which falls in Feb. 14 are entitled Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima. In this way the Church seeks to help us to prepare for the Great Fast, which in turn prepares us to enter into once again the mystery of our salvation that is our union with Jesus in His death and Resurrection. "If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him, if we endure we will also reign with Him." (2 Timothy 2.11,12a)

Service of Prayer for Unity. The Regina Council of Churches invites you to join in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, **today at 3pm** at First Presbyterian Church, 2170 Albert Street, Regina. The biblical theme for the Week is "Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power" (Exodus 15:6). Selected by the churches of the Caribbean, this theme will be used throughout the world. In Canada, as we reflect on the biblical witness of God's liberating power, we are called to action for reconciliation between our churches and within society, most particularly between Indigenous and other Canadians. Our preacher will be Dr. Michael Cappello, from St. Mary`s Anglican Church. Coffee, tea, and educational displays will follow the service. All are welcome.