

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

(Congregation established 1913)

February 4th, 2018

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O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do: Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

***“I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.”***

Psalm 17:6

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 In memory of William/ Dudley Ward by the Berringer family.

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

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

“Today’s story is ‘The Parable of The Leaven’ Matthew 13:33. Leaders: Ginny, Emily.

Faith Quest kids (ages 7-13) serve and worship in church today.

January and February Birthdays Today we are also celebrating January and February Birthdays.

Coffee and Finger Food Lunch Following the service, please join us for a cup of coffee or tea and finger food in the upper hall. Coffee Hosts: Schmidt Family

Welcome to Archdeacon Catherine Harper who is celebrating and preaching in the Rector's absence today.

Guest Organist Warm welcome to Jackie Chase.

MORNING PRAYER AT TEN O'CLOCK

Prayer Book, Page 6-15, Psalm 42, Genesis 27.1-40, 1 Corinthians 6. 12-end

HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

Order of Service

Prelude

Opening Hymn: # 8 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

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

A Reading from Amos 8.11-12

“The days are coming,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “when I will send a famine through the land— not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord. People will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to

east, searching for the word of the Lord, but they will not find it.

R. / **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 17:1-12

Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

**Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

**I give no offence with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.**

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, *
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

**Keep me as the apple of your eye; *
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

From the wicked who assault me, *
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

**They have closed their heart to pity, *
and their mouth speaks proud things.**

They press me hard, now they surround me, *
watching how they may cast me to the ground,

**Like a lion, greedy for its prey, *
and like a young lion lurking in secret places.**

A Reading from 2 Corinthians 11:21-31

To my shame I admit that we were too weak for that! Whatever anyone else dares to boast about—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast about. Are they Hebrews? So

am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's descendants? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. 31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is to be praised forever, knows that I am not lying.

R./Thanks be to God.

Gradual: # 447 Lord, We Hear Your Word

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 8:4-15

R. / Glory be to thee, O Lord

When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that 'looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.' "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

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.

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

Offertory: # 103 **Almighty God, thy word is cast (St. Flavian)**

**Almighty God, Your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of Heav'n descend,
And righteous fruits abound.**

**Let not the foe of Christ and man
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.**

**Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy.
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.**

**Oft as the precious seed is sown,
Your quick'ning grace bestow,
That all whose souls the truth receive,
Its saving power may know.**

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: # 57 Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # 503 Fight the Good Fight

** Please observe a moment for silent prayer**

Postlude

This week at St Mary's

Tuesday	10:30 am Forever in Motion
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: Isaiah 35:3-7, Psalm 31:22-26, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 18:31-43

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PARISH LIFE NOTES

Thank You from Veronica I want to thank everybody who helped to celebrate my 95 Birthday including my family, good friends who served tea and coffee and my church family. Special thanks to my friend Rector Claude Schroeder.

February 11 - As part of our Exodus: Plagues to Passover rotation in Faith Quest, we will be offering a "Seder supper" experience to the congregation on Feb 11 at coffee time after the service. Please plan to stay and be a participant. The children are excited to share with you!

Lenten Mission: Refreshing Christian faith for the Wary and the Weary with guest missionary, Steve Bell at St. Luke's Anglican Church (3233 Argyle Ave), February 23/24. Steve writes, I have put together four sessions that explore the fertile tradition and spirituality of a Trinitarian faith, navigating a pattern of corporate worship based on Isaiah 6:19 in tandem with the Christian calendar year, the Hebrew psalms, and the ancient prayers of the church. Join me for a time of story, song and teaching. It will be light-hearted, fun, and thoughtfully nourishing. Please speak to Claude or Yvonne in the office for the coupon code, then register online at www.stevebell.com/journey-retreat. Childcare will be offered at the event. We need volunteers! Volunteers get free admission to the mission and concert! To sign up, talk to or email Kate.

Discernment opportunity - do you have a heart for working with children with special needs? Are you looking for a way to serve the Lord in this capacity? The family ministries team is looking for a few individuals of any age or gender to be companions for one of our parish children during the Sunday morning Worship Centre time. We're asking each person to commit to one or two Sundays a month. Interested individuals need not have experience with children's programming but need to be willing to provide loving attention to this child, by providing support to him during Worship Centre and helping him to engage in the activities. If you have an interest or questions, please contact Sandra.

Worship Service at Wascana Rehabilitation Centre - will take place this Sunday, Feb. 4, at 1:30 pm. in the chapel. A team from St. Mary's leads the service and porters residents to the chapel. We invite you to share in this outreach. Please call Rem for more information.

Mission opportunity - we are again feeding the hungry at Souls Harbour soup kitchen by helping to serve and clean up after the evening meal on Thursday, February 8 between 4:30 and 7 p.m. Please join us! Souls Harbour soup kitchen is located on the 1800 block of Halifax Street. Parking is on the street or behind the building in the alley. If you can help out, please advise Sandra.