

# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

(Congregation established 1913)

**February 11th, 2018**

**Quinquagesima**

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

## **TODAY AT ST. MARY'S**

**Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be to Him forever!**

### 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 memory of the Mountain and Hooper families by Jean Mountain

**Nursery (for infants and toddlers)** is available in Good Shepherd Nursery. Leader: Yvonne

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

"Today's story is 'The Parable of The Great Pearl' Matthew 13:45-46. Leaders: Melanie, Sandra.

**Faith Quest kids (ages 7-13)** finish their Moses rotation today with a Daily Bread Bistro workshop. Kate will lead and Heidi will shepherd as the kids prepare to host a Passover meal/Seder supper for the congregation during coffee time today.

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

**Guest Organist** Warm welcome to Jackie Chase.

## MORNING PRAYER AT TEN O'CLOCK

Prayer Book, Page 6-15, Psalm 84, Genesis 28:10-end, 1 Corinthians 12:4-end

## HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

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

Lord's Prayer and Collect for Purity

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Summary of the Law

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The Collect for the Day

Prayer with the children

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:3-7

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

Psalm: 31:22-26

(Prayer Book p.364)

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

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Gradual: #**446 Word of God, Come Down on Earth**

Gospel: Luke 18: 31-43 R. /**Glory be to thee, O Lord. R. /Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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Intercessions

Offertory Hymn: # **244 We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight**

*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.*

Invitation, Confession and Absolution

(Prayer Book p. 76, 77)

Great Thanksgiving, Peace, Prayer of Humble Access

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.*

Communion Hymn: # **645 Come Down, O Love Divine**

Post Communion Prayer

(Prayer Book p. 85, 86)

Blessing

Announcements

Dismissal **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # **293 Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old**

*\* Please observe a moment for silent prayer\**

## **This week at St Mary's**

Tuesday 10:30 am Forever in Motion Seniors Exercise Group

Wednesday 10:30 am Mom and Tots Group  
7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday 9:30 am Woman's Time Out Bible Study

Next Sunday 9:40 am Morning Prayer  
10.10 a.m. Pre-Service Chat  
10:30 am Holy Communion

Readings for next Sunday are as follows: Psalm 91:1-8, Psalm 91:9-16, 2 Corinthians 6:1-10, Matthew 4:1-11

### **THE WORD OF THE LORD: TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **FIRST READING:** Isaiah 35:3-7

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

#### **SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 18: 31-43

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

Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again." But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

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

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## PARISH LIFE NOTES

**Intercessory Prayer Group** meets on Monday, Feb. 12 at 1:30 in the Lounge to pray for our parish Prayer themes for the month are available on the landing. "... I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly" Ps 46:3

**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](http://www.stevebell.com/journey-retreat). Childcare will be offered at the event.

**Call for Nominations.** Nomination forms to serve on the Vestry for 2018 are available for pick up on the landing.

**Notice of Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of the whole congregation will be held on Sunday , March 11 following the morning service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive financial statements and ministry reports for 2017, receive the budget and elect parish officers for 2018. Baptized members of the congregation who regularly attend services and are over the age of 18 are encouraged to attend and vote at the meeting.

### St. Mary's Anglican Church Lent Groups

#### **Forgiveness: A Lenten Study by Marjorie J Thompson**

Forgiving others and humbly asking for forgiveness are central disciplines for all Christian believers. Lent is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. In six brief chapters, Thompson addresses such questions as the following:

- Is forgiveness a Christian duty under all circumstances? Or are there situations when Christians do not need to forgive?
- Is forgiveness a matter between individuals, or is it meaningful only in the context of communities?
- Is forgiving the best route to healing for the injured?
- How do we get past emotional barriers to real forgiveness?

Using biblical examples and real-life situations, Thompson illustrates each chapter's theme in an informative and engaging way.

Time and date: TBA    Contact: Carol M

### **Prayer Shawls: Calling All Knitters!**

The making of a prayer shawl is a spiritual practice which embodies our prayer for the person who receives the shawl. Made in prayer, as prayer, and for prayer, the shawls when completed will be blessed at Sunday morning service at St. Mary's, and passed on hand to hand and heart to heart.

Time and Date: TBA. Contact: Norma

### **Light and Peace Family Nights.**

Families with children of all ages are invited to come for shared meal, worship, conversation, play, and prayer in various homes. Join us for a relaxed time of fellowship to close out the Sabbath day!

Time and Dates: Sundays from 5.00 – 7.00 pm starting Feb 18.

Contact: Heidi

### **Men's Breakfast Cub**

Men of the parish are invited to come to St. Mary's for Morning Prayer and breakfast at a local restaurant.

Time and Date: Wednesdays at 8.30 a.m. starting Feb. 21.

Contact: Dave K

### **Pre-Service Chat: Sundays at 10.10**

On Sunday mornings the Rector will be hosting an informal "Pre-Service Chat" highlighting some aspects of the morning's liturgy, psalm, and hymnody. All are welcome! We start next Sunday, Feb.18.

### **Study Group: Foundations of Anglican Worship.**

Have you ever wondered why we do things that we do when we gather for worship? What are the principles that inform our approach to worship? This study group is open to all who want to learn more about our tradition of worship so as to engage and pray more deeply. We will close our sessions with a service of Compline.

Time and Dates: Sundays at 7.00 p.m starting Feb18.

Contact: Claude

### **Chant Club**

Attention, singers who would like to lend their support to Lenten liturgies. We will be intoning the "Minor Propers" throughout Lent and are looking for a small group(s) of individuals who are willing to rehearse and execute these every week. No previous experience with chant is necessary, although prior singing experience would be an asset!

Time and Date: TBA Contact: Valerie

## **Lenten Family Disciplines:**

“I therefore invite you, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a Holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and by reading and meditation on God’s Holy Word. P- 612, B.C.P.

Some suggestions for how you and your family can spend Lent this year:

1. The Family Ministries team has picked Marion Centre as the charity for Lent. **Alms** will be used to buy ice cream for their Easter dinner and other needs. Save **tin cans** (approx. 398 ml) and **egg shells** for the Palm Saturday Event on March 24. We will be making flower vases for the guests at the Marion Centre Easter dinner.
2. Sunday Gatherings for families – 5-7 pm. **Worship, supper** (potluck, different food theme each week), study, play, prayer. Please talk to Heidi if you are interested in hosting in your home on one of the dates. Tentative start date of February 18th.
3. **Lenten Mission** at St. Luke’s Feb. 23 and 24.
4. Plan to attend the **Palm Saturday Event** on Saturday afternoon March 24. The event will include a Prayer Walk of the Passion and preparations for hosting an Easter Tea for seniors later in April. Watch future bulletins for details.
5. Plan to take part in the 10 am **Good Friday Family Service**.