

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

(Congregation established 1913)

March 18th, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday)

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people: that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Nursery (for infants and toddlers) is available in Good Shepherd Nursery.

Godly Play in the Children's Worship Centre for children 3 - 6 years. "Today's story is "The Upper Room" Matthew 26:26-28. Leaders: Melanie B, Sandra D.

Faith Quest kids (ages 7-13) continue their Maundy Thursday rotation with a Pray per view (Super book "The Last Supper "video) Leader: Shelley B, Shepherd: Eleonore S. Memory verse: "Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19d (NRSV)

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

This week at St Mary's

Tuesday 10:30 am Forever in Motion Seniors Exercise Group

Wednesday 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Breakfast

10.30 am Mom and Tots Group

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

Next Sunday 9:40 am Morning Prayer

10:10 am Pre-Service Chat

10:30 am Holy Communion

Readings for next Sunday are as follows: TBA

MORNING PRAYER AT NINE-FORTY
Prayer Book, Page 6-15, Psalm 77, Exodus 2:23--3:20, Mark 10:32-45
HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST

The Lent Prose: Hear us O Lord.

**All: Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.*

Cantor: To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings: listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

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Cantor: O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father: way of salvation, gate of life celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

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God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping children: pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

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Cantor: Sins oft committed, now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

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Cantor: Innocent captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us, we pray thee, Jesu, our Redeemer.

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Introit Psalm: Psalm 43

**GIVE sentence for me, O God, and defend my cause against an un'god'ly
'people; /**

O deliver me from the de'ceitful' and' wick'ed' man.

**For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou' put' me'from thee? /
and why go I so heavily, while the' en'e'my'op'presseth me?**

**O send out thy light and thy truth, that' they ' may' lead me, /
and bring me unto thy holy' hill', and' to' thy' dwelling;**

**And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my' joy' and'
gladness; /
and upon the harp will I give thanks unto' thee', O' God', my' God.**

**Why art thou so heavy', O my soul? /
and why art thou so di'squi'et'ed with'in me?**

**O put thy trust in God, for I will yet' give' him' thanks, /
who is the help of my counten'ance', and' my' God.**

**GLORY be to the Father, ' and ' to ' the ' Son, and ' to ' the ' Ho' ly ' Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ' ev' er ' shall be,
world without ' end. 'A' men.**

Lord's Prayer

Please kneel.

The Collect for Purity

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Summary of the Law

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The Collect for the Day

Prayer with the Children

The Epistle: Hebrew 9: 11-15

R. / Thanks be to God.

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred which redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

Please stand.

Gradual: Psalm 143:1-10

**HEAR my prayer, O LORD, and consider' my' de'sire: /
hearken unto me for thy' truth' and' righteous'ness'' sake.**

**And enter not into judgement' with' thy' ser- vant; /
for in thy sight shall' no' man' living' be' justified.**

**For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down' to'
the' ground: /
he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that' have' been' long' dead.**

**Therefore is my spirit' vexed with'in me, /
and my' heart' with'in me' is' desolate.**

**Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon' all' thy' works: /
yea, I meditate upon the' works' of' thy' hands.**

**I spread forth my hands' un'to' thee: /
my soul gaspeth unto thee' as' a' thir'sty land.**

**HEAR me, O LORD, and that soon, for my spirit' wax'eth faint: /
hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go' down' in'to' the'
pit.**

**O let me hear thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in thee' is'my' trust:
/ show thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift' up' my soul un'to'
thee.**

**Deliver me, O LORD', from' mine' enemies; /
for I flee' un'to' thee' to' hide me.**

**Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou' art' my God: /
let thy loving spirit lead me forth into the' land' of' right'eous'ness.**

Sequence Hymn: Bless the Lord My Soul

Gospel: Matthew 20: 20-28

R. / Glory be to thee, O Lord

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

R. / Praise be to thee, O Christ

Nicene Creed

(Prayer Book page 71)

Please sit.

Sermon

Please stand.

Offertory Hymn: # **180 Giver of the Perfect Gift**

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 Intercession

Invitation, Confession and Absolution
Great Thanksgiving, Peace, Prayer of Humble Access
The Communion

(Prayer Book p. 76, 77)

- + All baptized Christians who have prepared themselves are invited to come forward with faith and love to receive Holy Communion.*
- + 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: What Shall I Render to the Lord

Post Communion Prayer and Gloria

(Prayer Book p. 85, 86)

Blessing

Announcements

Dismissal **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # **629 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness**

** Please observe a moment for silent prayer**

PARISH LIFE NOTES

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 D.

Kitchen maintenance ministry Part of our mission as Disciples of Christ is to engage in hospitality to strangers and to each other. The upper hall kitchen is the hub of much of this activity. In order to make this a viable option, we have invited the parish family into sharing in the cleaning of the kitchen on a regular basis, so that it is a welcoming place for us and our community members. If you feel called to join in this ministry, please sign up on the sheet inside the kitchen.

The secret sister program is a program designed to foster prayer and fellowship among the women of our congregation. The program runs in other churches in various forms and has found success in building community and strengthening prayer support among the women of each congregation where it operates.

Women who chose to participate at St. Mary's will receive the name of another participant and agree to: pray for their secret sister, to keep their identity as her secret sister a secret, and to remember her birthday and wedding anniversary, if appropriate. Participants also committed to care for their secret sister for the year - for example, giving her extra prayer if she has had health or other difficulties.

Those who choose to participate will be asked to complete an information form, including information about prayer requests, birthday and anniversary dates and special interests and leave it in the Secret Sister box, or pass it along to me directly by Sunday March 21st. Amanda H.

Family tobogganing will take place at the Ross family ranch from 4:00- 6:00 pm today, will include campfire + hot dogs. Everyone is warmly invited to join in the fun. Directions are available on the landing.