

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

(Congregation established 1913)

April 22nd, 2018

Third Sunday after Easter

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may forsake those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

We wish a warm welcome especially to those who are praying with us for the first time; your presence is a blessing! If you would like to identify yourself, or would like know more about our ministry and mission, please speak to one of the greeters and ask for a welcome card which you may complete and place in the offering plate.

Holy Communion. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When the time comes, please come forward to the communion rail, and kneel or stand as you are able. The bread is received with the open palm. Please guide the chalice to your lips for a sip of wine. If you prefer not to receive, please feel free to remain in your place, alternatively you may come forward for a blessing and indicate this by keeping your arms by your side.

Nursery for infants & toddlers is available in the Good Shepherd Nursery.

Godly Play in the Children's Worship Centre for children 3 - 6 years. Today's story is "The Good Shepherd and the Wolf" Psalm 23: 1-4; Luke 15: 3-6; John 10 11-16. Leaders: Melanie B, Dmitri B.

Faith Quest (ages 7 – 13) continue their Jesus Heals the Paralytic rotation. Len G will lead and Eleonore S will shepherd today's Divine Diversions workshop. Memory verse: "Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." 1 John 3:18

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

MORNING PRAYER AT NINE- FORTY

Prayer Book, pp.6-5, Psalm 98; Exodus 28.1-4, 30-38; 1 John 2.18-29

HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

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

The Lord's Prayer

Collect for Purity

Summary of the Law, Lord. Have Mercy

Collect for the Day

Prayer with the Children

Lesson: Acts 4:5-12 R/ **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 23 p. p. 356

Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24 R/ **Thanks be to God**

Gradual: And Can It Be?

**And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds enquire no more.**

**He left his Father's throne above —
so free, so infinite his grace —
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.**

(Prayer Book p. 67)

(Prayer Book p. 69, 70)

**No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (Chap 10, verses 11-18)

R: Glory be to thee, O Lord

R: Praise be to Thee, O Christ

Sermon

Nicene Creed

(Prayer Book p. 71)

Intercessions

Offertory Hymn: # 520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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.*

+ *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 Anthem:

Cantor:

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast, Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Congregation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, * and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Communion

Hymn after Communion: # 85 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving after Communion

(Prayer Book p. 85, 86)

Gloria

Announcements

Dismissal **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Hymn: # 630 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd Tune: Westminster Abbey

** Please observe a moment for silent prayer**

THE WORD OF THE LORD: TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

On the morrow their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Ca'iaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a cripple, by what means this man has been healed, be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by him this man is standing before you well. This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the head of the corner. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

By this we know love that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.

GOSPEL: John 10: 11-18

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

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

This week at St Mary's

Wednesday	8:30 am Morning Prayer; Men's Breakfast 10.30 am Mom and Tots Group 5:30 pm Intercultural Potluck -Sharing Circle
Thursday	9:30 am Women's Time Out Bible Study
Friday	6:00 pm Evensong, Supper and Discussion
Next Sunday	9:40 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am Holy Communion

PARISH LIFE NOTES

Vestry. St. Mary's Vestry gathers today for lunch and meeting at the home of Jackie and Alan S for their first meeting and orientation of new members.

Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Today we remember in our prayers Daphne Moulton who passed away on April 10th, and pray also for her husband Clyde and his family who mourn her loss. A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

Ascensiontide 2018. May 10th, being the 40th day after Easter, the Church celebrates the great Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, which marks the beginning of a lively 10- day period of period of prayer leading up to Pentecost Sunday, on May 20th. A special series of services and prayer initiatives will be held in Regina as part a word-wide "wave of prayer" sponsored by the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Church of England. Watch this space for details! In the meantime please visit <https://www.thykingdomcome.global> and watch the video and discover how it was through prayer that the Archbishop of Canterbury became a Christian!

Anglican Roman Catholic Dialogue. Join us this Friday for Choral Evensong a light Supper, and discussion with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters on the Anglican/Roman Catholic Agreed Statement on the Eucharist. This Ave, Regina. The service begins at 6:00 p.m. with discussion at 7pm.

Grandparents! Want to have a great day out with your Grandchildren? Then bring them to the GrandDay Out! 28 April, 2018 Join us for this intergenerational day in Regina for Grandparents to enjoy with their Grandchildren. Your day will include... Chapel time, games, crafts Grandparent session, lunch and snack time and off-site activities including bowling – we have a great day planned! Location: St Mary's Anglican Church, 3337 15th Ave, Regina , Time: 10.15am to 4.30pm on 28 April 2018 For Grandchildren six years and older. The theme for the day is Treasure Seekers (Matthew 6:19-21) Cost: \$25 per grandparent; \$20 per grand child (for family group of 5 or more ask for a discount!) Price includes EVERYTHING! ...snacks, lunch, activities, crafts, bowling... Don't miss out! RSVP today to Julie Moser: julie.moser@sasktel.net