

# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

*(Congregation established 1913)*

**April 8, 2018**

**Sunday after Easter**

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

**Altar Flowers** are given To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jessie, Bert, and Bob Sims by Sharon B, Melanie B and Jeff B

**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 "Jesus is Risen; The Road to Emmaus" Luke 24:28-35. Leaders: Melanie B, Emily B.

**Faith Quest** (ages 7 – 13): start a new rotation today: Jesus Heals the Paralytic. Kate B will lead and Hilary S will shepherd today's King's Theatre 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. Hosts: Lynda and Mike D.

**MORNING PRAYER AT NINE- FORTY**

## **HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN**

Opening Hymn: 224 Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice

The Lord's Prayer

Collect for Purity

Summary of the Law, Lord. Have Mercy

Collect for the Day

*(Prayer Book p. 67)*

*(Prayer Book p. 69, 70)*

Lesson: Acts 4:32-35 R/ **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 133 p. p. 504

Epistle: 1 John 1: 1--2:2 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.**

**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 20, verses 19-31)

**R: Glory be to thee, O Lord**

**R: Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

Sermon

Nicene Creed

*(Prayer Book p. 71)*

Intercessions

**R/ Hear our prayer**

Offertory Hymn: # 207 At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing

*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: 223 Christ is Risen

Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving after Communion

*(Prayer Book p. 85, 86)*

Gloria

Announcements

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

Hymn: # 231 That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright

*\* 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

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

Next Sunday 9:40 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am Holy Communion

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

### **FIRST READING:** Acts 4:32-35

Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made to each as any had need.

### **SECOND READING:** 1 John 1: 1--2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

### **GOSPEL:** John 20: 19-31

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

## PARISH LIFE NOTES

**Men's Morning Prayer/ Breakfast** resumes this week on Wednesday at 8:30 am.

**St. Mary's Family Ministries** Warmly invites the elders of our community to join us for an Easter Cream Tea Saturday, April 14, 2018 2:00 -4:00 p.m. Please RSVP by calling the church office or by e mail [stmarysanglican@sasktel.net](mailto:stmarysanglican@sasktel.net)

### **The Eucharist and Christian Unity:**

Our ecumenical agreements on the Eucharist - April 27 & 28

One of the least known achievements of the ecumenical movement is the consensus on the doctrine of the Eucharist. What is the significance of the agreements reached? What does this mean for interchurch families and ecumenical shared ministries? ARCCIC and the Archdiocese of Regina are offering a spring workshop on April 27 and 28 to explore the ecumenical agreements on the Eucharist. All churches welcome, no registration required. A free-will offering will be taken to cover meal expenses. For further information contact Nick Jesson, 306-352-1651 or email [jesson@ecumenism.net](mailto:jesson@ecumenism.net).

ARCIC agreement on Eucharistic Doctrine: Dive into the dialogue with Canon Claude Schroeder and Dr. Brett Salkeld as they explore the Anglican-Roman Catholic agreements. Friday, April 27 at 6pm at St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church, 3337 15th Ave, Regina. The evening begins with Evensong followed by a light supper. The discussion begins at 7pm.

Ecumenical Convergence on the Eucharist: Continue the exploration as we break open the bilateral agreements as well as the World Council of Churches' seminal text Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry. Led by Nick Jesson and a range of local Christian

speakers. Saturday, April 28 from 9:30am to 3pm at Christ the King RC Parish, 3239 Garnet St, Regina. A light lunch will be provided.

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Several ecumenical/Interfaith events are upcoming in April.

- **And It Pleased the Lord: A Rabbi and a Bishop Strike a Chord with Leonard Cohen** on April 20 at 6 PM at Living Spirit Centre 3018 Doan Dr.
- **The Eucharist and Christian Unity** on April 27 at 6 PM here at St. Mary's with Claude and Dr. Brett Salkeld exploring Anglican-Roman Catholic documents. April 28 at Christ the King Parish 9:30 am - 3 PM on Ecumenical Convergence on the Eucharist.
- **A study series on Indigenous Spirituality** at First Presbyterian Churchj **April 30, May7 and 14.**
- **See the Diocesan Anglican-Ecumenical Events spot on the bulletin board** in the Montague St. entrance for more details.

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