

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

(Congregation established 1913)

May 13th, 2018

Sunday after Ascension

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. 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.

Flowers on the Altar To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Christianson by Beth.

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 "Ascension" Acts 1:8-11. Leaders: Ginny L, Sandra D.

Faith Quest (ages 7 – 13) continue The Story of Peter. Len G will lead and Emily B will shepherd this Divine Diversions workshop. MEMORY VERSE: "...I now realize how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right". Acts 10: 34-35.

Mother's Day Brunch follows the service in the upper hall. Everyone welcome!

MORNING PRAYER AT NINE- FORTY

Prayer Book, pp.6-5, Psalm 66, 67; Exodus 3.1-12; Hebrew 12.18-24

HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

Opening Hymn: # 383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

The Lord's Prayer

Collect for Purity

(Prayer Book p. 67)

Summary of the Law, Lord. Have Mercy

(Prayer Book p. 69, 70)

Collect for the Day

Prayer with the Children

Lesson: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 R/ **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 1 p. 331

Epistle: 1 John 5:9-13 R/ **Thanks be to God**

Gradual: # 505 Be Thou My Vision

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (Chap 17, verses 6-19)

R: Glory be to thee, O Lord

R: Praise be to Thee, O Christ

Sermon

Nicene Creed

(Prayer Book p. 71)

Intercessions

Offertory Hymn: # 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

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: # 57 Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist

Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving after Communion

(Prayer Book p. 85, 86)

Gloria

Announcements

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

Hymn: # 321 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

** Please observe a moment for silent prayer**

THE WORD OF THE LORD: TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the brethren (the company of persons was in all about a hundred and twenty), and said, “Brethren, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David, concerning Judas who was guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us, and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsab’bas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthi’as. And they prayed and said, “Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show which one of these two thou hast chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside, to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthi’as; and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has borne witness to his Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne to his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son of God has not life. I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

GOSPEL: John 17: 6-19

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

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth;

your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. Response following the Gospel: **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

PARISH LIFE NOTES

Mother's Day Brunch. Brunch is being served today in the upper hall following the service. All are welcome! Our thanks to the fathers and men for preparing, serving, and cleaning up the meal!

Anglican-Catholic Covenant Prayer Service takes place today at 4:30pm. at St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, 12th Avenue & McIntyre Street, Regina. Our homilist will be the Most Rev. Bryan Bayda, Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon. A reception will follow.

Study leave. The Rector will be on study leave this week. For pastoral emergencies please contact the on-call Anglican chaplain at 306-535-3115.

Unique Garden coupons for sale from Jacky S. \$25.00.

Thy Kingdom Come: Ascensiontide 2018. Our 10 days of prayer culminate this week end with the following services:

Pentecost Prayer Vigil. Saturday May 19th at St. James Anglican Church 1105 Empress Street @ 7:30 pm" Come, Holy Spirit, Come!"

Pentecost Service. Next Sunday, May 20th at St. Paul's Cathedral: Festal Eucharist for the Feast of Pentecost with children's program and opportunity for anointing. As this is a joint service of all the Anglican parishes in Regina, there will be no service at St. Mary's. Your envelope donations will be collected and deposited to the parish!

Singing the Sacred Song of the Church and Choral Evensong. Next Sunday at 5.30 p.m. at St. Luke's Anglican Church 233 Argyle St.

Fitness in Motion senior exercise class is cancelled for this Tuesday May 15th.

The auxiliary to the Canadian Bible Society meets Tuesday May 15th @ 2pm at Grace Mennonite Church -2925 Pasqua Street. All are welcome.

St. Mary's at Cathedral Arts Festival! On Saturday, May 26 St. Mary's will be selling cinnamon buns and coffee at the street fair. Volunteers are needed to staff the table during the day. Could you spare an hour or two? A signup sheet is on the table on the landing. For more information please speak to Jacky S. ("*Claude, If people don't believe me about my coffee, how will they believe me about Jesus?*" Michael Ellis, Owner of Michael's Coffee Shop and Bakery, Carlyle, SK))