

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

(Congregation established 1913)

May 6th, 2018

Rogation Sunday

O LORD, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform 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.

Flowers on the Altar To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Paul and Jean Steer by their children Ron and Susan.

Nursery for infants & toddlers is available in the Good Shepherd Nursery. Leader-Alanna S

Godly Play in the Children's Worship Centre for children 3 - 6 years. Today's story is "The Parable of The Sower' Matthew 13:3-8. Leaders: Myka D, Sandra D.

Faith Quest (ages 7 – 13) begin the last rotation of the year: The Story of Peter. Heidi D will lead and Emma D will shepherd this Let there be Art 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.

May Birthdays Today we are celebrating May Birthdays, Baptism and Wedding Anniversaries. Thank you to the Hayward Family for bringing cupcakes.

Coffee and Finger Food Lunch Following the service and rogation walk, please join us for a cup of coffee or tea and finger food and birthday cake on the front lawn.

MORNING PRAYER AT NINE- FORTY

Prayer Book, pp.6-5, Psalm 93, 96; Leviticus 25.1-17; James 1.2-8,16-18

HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

Opening Hymn: A New Commandment

**A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another;
by this shall all know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.**

The Lord's Prayer

Collect for Purity

Summary of the Law, Lord. Have Mercy

Collect for the Day

Prayer with the Children

Lesson: Acts 10:44-48 R/ **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 98 p. 455

Epistle: 1 John 5:1-6 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.**

(Prayer Book p. 67)

(Prayer Book p. 69, 70)

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 15, verses 9-17)

R: Glory be to thee, O Lord

R: Praise be to Thee, O Christ

Sermon

Nicene Creed

(Prayer Book p. 71)

Intercessions

Offertory Hymn: # 487

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: # 645

Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving after Communion

Gloria

(Prayer Book p. 85, 86)

Rogation Procession

Hymn: We Plough the Fields and Scatter

**We Plough the Fields and Scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand:
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft, refreshing rain.**

**Refrain:
All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
For all his love.**

Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 7 - 11; 17 - 18

Blessing: Almighty God, whose will it is that the earth should bear its fruits in their seasons: bless the labours of those who work in the field, bless the increase of crops and grain and fruit-bearing trees, that bread and wholesome food may be shared and enjoyed by all your people. **AMEN**

**He only is the maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread.**

Reading: Isaiah 11: 6 - 9

Blessing: May God's blessing shower upon all his creatures; may peace pervade the whole creation; may there be an abundance of plants we use; may humankind prosper and animals flourish. Bless all living things, O Lord. **AMEN**

**We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
For all thy love imparts,
And what thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.**

Reading: Luke 19: 41 - 42

Blessing: O God our Father, whose Son was content to share the life of his village at Nazareth: Bless the life of this parish with your continual presence. Grant that in every home your Name may be hallowed and your will be done, that our people may learn to love every neighbor and live godly lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing

May God the Father, who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air, provide us with all we need for life in its fullness.

Amen.

May God the Son, who fed the five thousand and turned water into wine, feed us with his life and transform us in his love.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters of creation and formed the world from chaos, form us in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth.

Amen.

Dismissal: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. R/ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia**

THE WORD OF THE LORD: TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still saying this, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can any one forbid water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God, and every one who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood.

GOSPEL: John 15: 9-17

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

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

This week at St Mary's

Tuesday	10:30 am Forever in Motion Senior Exercise
Wednesday	8:30 am Morning Prayer; Men's Breakfast 10:30 am Mom and Tots Group
Thursday	9:30 am Women's Time Out Bible Study-Wind up
Next Sunday	9:40 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am Holy Communion

PARISH LIFE NOTES

Thank you to all came out yesterday (Saturday) to help with the annual spring clean up of the gardens and church grounds. Stay tuned for an upcoming planting session once we have roto tilling and plants for the gardens. With thanks for the gift of God's good clean earth.

Mothers' Day Unique Garden coupons are for sale... \$25.00 each...:see Jacky S at fellowship or call.

Worship Service at Wascana Rehabilitation Centre - will take place today, at 1:30 pm. in the chapel. A team from St. Mary's leads the service and porters residents to the chapel. We invite you to share in this outreach. Please call Rem for more information.

Join the Intercessory Prayer team as we pray for the needs of our parish, individuals within and our diocese, Wed., May 9 at 1:30 in the lounge. “..neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who makes things grow.” 1 Cor. 3:7

The Options Pregnancy Centre Baby Bottle fundraising campaign begins next Sunday, May 13. You may pick up a baby bottle from Paulette D and return it with your coins or cheques on Father's Day.

Many hands make light work. Please join us for fellowship and a deep cleaning of the Parish Hall kitchen on Wednesday, May 9th, from 10:00 to about 4:00 p.m., or for as long as you can stay. Please bring rubber gloves, your favorite cleaning supplies (if you wish -- some will be available), and a bag lunch. Coffee, tea, and juice will be supplied. We'll take a lunch break and have a chance to chat. Please confirm attendance with Paula M or Sandra D. Thank you all!

Mission opportunity - we are again feeding the hungry at Souls Harbour soup kitchen by helping to serve and clean up after the evening meal on Thursday, May 10 between 4:30 and 7 p.m. Please join us! Souls Harbour soup kitchen is located on the 1800 block of Halifax street. Parking is on the street or behind the building in the alley. If you can help out, please advise Sandra D.

The Feast of Ascension Thursday May 10th @ St. Matthew Anglican Church, 2161 Winnipeg Street- 7:00pm Theological Forum: Making Sense of the Ascension with Rev. Canon Claude Schroeder- 8:00pm Festal Eucharist for the Ascension followed by reception.

AN EVENING OF SONG Friday, May 11th If you have been around St. Mary's during the day, you may have heard Valerie rehearsing for her upcoming Associate exam with the Royal Conservatory of Music. Valerie will sing her full recital program with the assistance of her wonderful pianist, Clark Schaufele, here at St Mary's on Friday, May 11th at 7:30 pm. All of her friends from St. Mary's are invited to attend!

Saturday May 12 Special Prayer Focused Light and Peace Gathering for children and families. Gather at 3:30 pm for pretzel making, age-specific prayer, prayerfully fun activities, potluck finger food supper (to complement the pretzels) and ending with Light and Peace at 6 pm. Talk to Heidi D for more information or to help out.