

# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

*(Congregation established 1913)*

**June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Third Sunday after Trinity**

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **TODAY AT ST. MARY'S**

**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 our parents Olwyn and Herbert Crozier-Smith by the Crozier-Smith family Shine Jesus Shine.

**Nursery** for infants & toddlers is available in the Good Shepherd Nursery. Leader: Sandra D

**Godly Play** in the Children's Worship Centre for children 3 - 6 years. Today's story is 'Philip and the Ethiopian' Acts 8:26-36. Leaders: Ginny L, Emily B.

**Faith Quest** (ages 7 – 13) first Annual Faith Quest Review.

**Lemonade in the hall** following the service today.

## **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
Next Sunday	10:30 am Morning Prayer at Les Sherman Park

## MORNING PRAYER AT NINE- FORTY

Prayer Book, pp.6-5, Psalm93, 96; Numbers 6.22-27; Acts 13.1-12

### HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

Opening Hymn: This Is My Father's World

*Tune: Terra Beata*

**This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.**

**This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.**

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: Ezekiel 17:22-24

**R/ Thanks be to God**

Psalm 92 p. 449

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 **R/ Thanks be to God**

Gradual: # 448 Jesus Lord, How Joyful You Have Made Us

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (Chap 4, verses 26-34)

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

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

Sermon

Nicene Creed

*(Prayer Book p. 71)*

Intercessions

Offertory Hymn: # 354 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*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.*

Hymn after Communion: # 73 One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All

Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving after Communion

*(Prayer Book p. 85, 86)*

Gloria

Announcements

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

Hymn: # 259 For the Fruit of All Creation

*\* Please observe a moment for silent prayer\**

## PARISH LIFE NOTES

**Children's Summer Program** for 2018, from July 1 to September 2, for ages 3 – 13. **Cruising with Paul**, A ten week lesson set by rotation.org members Ruth Wilcox and Cathy Walz and by **Kate B.** Thank you, Kate! Anyone interested in leading or helping out on a Sunday morning see sign-up sheet on the landing or speak to Sandra or Norma.

**Parish Picnic and outdoor worship** will take place on June 24 following family service at Les Sherman Park- Neil Balkwill Civic Art Center around the corner from St. Mary's off Elphinstone Street. Please bring a salad to share and folding chairs or blankets to sit on and your favorite lawn game. Watermelon, ice cream, lemonade, turkey, sausage and buns will be provided. There will be children's activities following the lunch.

**Today** there will be a parish forum after the morning service led the Churchwardens, Carol M and Alan S, on some aspects of parish life, including developments on reconfiguration of Regina parishes. All are welcome.

**Summer Discipleship.** Are you able to host an evening gathering on Wednesday evenings during the months of July and August? We will be meeting for a pot luck supper and Bible study and will need a generous space hopefully outside in which to meet, eat, where children can play. Please speak to Claude.

**St. Mary's Ethiopian Orthodox congregation at St. Mary's extends** a warm invitation to join them for worship and annual commemoration day celebration on Saturday, June 30 in the morning. Please sign up on sheet on the landing.

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

### **FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar, and will set it out; I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it upon a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bring forth boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar; and under it will dwell all kinds of beasts; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I the Lord bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it."

### **SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

So we are always of good courage; we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. We are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body. For the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.

### **GOSPEL:** Mark 4: 26-34

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

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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