

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

(Congregation established 1913)

August 26th, 2018

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of 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.

Flowers on the Altar To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Hilda and Cecil Goss by Don and Cecile.

Nursery for infants & toddlers is available in the Good Shepherd Nursery. Leader: Starr and Andrew

Children's Program: For Children 3 and older. Cruising with Paul. Today's lesson – Malta: where we hear how God cared for and comforted Paul in many dangerous situations and realize that God cares for us in our daily lives. Bible passage: Acts 27:1-28:10. Workshop: Let there be Art/ King's Theatre: Hear about Paul's shipwreck and then make boats and recreate the shipwreck. Leader: Starr D Helper: Eleonore S

Lemonade on the lawn following the service today. Host: Yvonne and Christian

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Summer Salad Pot Luck and Gospel Study takes place this Wednesday from 6pm-8pm at Sandra and Ken's place.

Next Sunday.

9:40 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am Holy Communion

MORNING PRAYER AT NINE- FORTY

Prayer Book, pp.6-5, Psalm 146,147; Job 4.1-612-21; Revelation 4.1-11

HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

Opening Hymn: #1 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43 R/ **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: 84 page: 437

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20

R/ **Thanks be to God**

Gradual: # 447 Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (Chap 6, verses 56- 69)

R: Glory be to thee, O Lord

R: Praise be to Thee, O Christ

Sermon

Nicene Creed

(Prayer Book p. 71)

Intercessions

Let us pray to the Lord

Lord have mercy

We commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God

To you, O Lord

Offertory Hymn: #498 How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

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: #54 Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving after Communion

(Prayer Book p. 85, 86)

Gloria

Announcements

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

Hymn: # 526 God Is Our Fortress and Our Rock

** Please observe a moment for silent prayer**

PARISH LIFE NOTES

Guest Organist: We welcome Alison Purdy, who provides the musical accompaniment for our hymns this morning.

Pastoral Care Notes. For crisis, emergency, and hospital care, during the Rector's vacation in August, please call the Chaplaincy cell phone at 306-535-3115. Bereavements are in the care of Revd. Deacon Arleen Champion who can be reached at 306-631-1001.

Rector's vacation. Claude will be on vacation for the month of August returning on Sept. 5. Our thanks to Revd. Nathaniel Deng for officiating in his absence.

Worship Service at Wascana Rehabilitation - will take place next Sunday, Sept. 2, 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.

Children's Summer Program for 2018, from July 1 to September 2, for ages 3 – 13. Cruising with Paul. Anyone interested in leading or helping out on a Sunday morning see sign-up sheet on the landing or speak to Sandra or Norma.

SAVE the DATE: Yes thanks to the folks at Edencare Communities, the RSO Chamber Players and Organist Valerie Hall will be performing together again in support of Edencare's Music in the Community program. "Make A Joyful Noise..." will be presented on Fri 14 September at 7.30 in the church. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the hall. See you there.

On Wednesday August 29th we are fortunate to have Niigaan James Sinclair with us to speak on Truth and Reconciliation. Niigaan is the son of Justice Murray Sinclair. We will begin with a potluck supper at 5pm at Holy Child Parish, followed by his talk at 7pm. If you can't make it for supper please feel free to attend just the presentation. Sr ReAnne, Aboriginal Non Aboriginal Relations Community. Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair is Anishinabe (St. Peter's/Little Peguis) and an associate professor at the University of Manitoba. He is an award-winning writer, editor and activist who was named one of Monocle Magazine's "Canada's Top 20 Most Influential People" and is currently a columnist with The Winnipeg Free Press. He has given workshops to over 20,000 educators across Canada.

THE WORD OF THE LORD: TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven; and said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to thy servants who walk before thee with all their heart; who hast kept with thy servant David my father what thou didst declare to him; yea, thou didst speak with thy mouth, and with thy hand hast fulfilled it this day. Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father what thou hast promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a man before me to sit upon the throne of Israel, if only your sons take heed to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Now therefore, O God of Israel, let thy word be confirmed, which thou hast spoken to thy servant David my father. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of thy servant and to his supplication, O Lord my God, hearkening to the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prays before thee this day; that thy eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which thou hast said, 'My name shall be there,' that thou mayest hearken to the prayer which thy servant offers toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant and of thy people Israel, when they pray toward this place; yea, hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place; and when thou hearest, forgive. Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of thy people Israel, comes from a far country for thy name's sake (for they shall hear of thy great name, and thy mighty hand, and of thy outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this house, hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to thee; in order that all the peoples of the earth may know thy name and fear thee, as do thy people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that utterance may be given me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

GOSPEL: John 6:56- 69

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

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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