

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

(Congregation established 1913)

September 30th, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; 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.

Flowers on the Altar To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Cath Leena Schier by Bruce.

Nursery for infants & toddlers is available in the Good Shepherd Nursery. Leader: Alana S

Godly Play in the Children's Worship Centre for children 3 - 6 years. "Creation" Genesis 1:1-5. Leaders: Amanda H, Melanie B.

Faith Quest (ages 7-13) continue with the Joshua and the Battle of Jericho rotation. Today, we have a Kings Theatre Workshop where we act out the story. Leader: Kate B. Shepherd: Hilary S. Memory verse: "Be determined and confident! Don't be afraid or discouraged, for I, the Lord your God am with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Coffee and Tea Following the service, please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the upper hall. Hosts: Yvonne and Christian S

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 Parent and Tots Group

Next Sunday 9:40 am Morning Prayer
 10:30 am Holy Communion

MORNING PRAYER AT NINE- FORTY

Prayer Book, pp.6-5, Psalm 66,67 ;Hosea 2:2-14; James 3.1-13

HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

Opening Hymn: # **631 The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy**

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: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 R/ **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: 124 page: 499

Epistle: James 5:13-20 R/ **Thanks be to God**

Gradual: # **561 Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (Chap 9, verses 38-50)

R: Glory be to thee, O Lord

R: Praise be to Thee, O Christ

Sermon

Beth Christianson

Nicene Creed

(Prayer Book p. 71)

Intercessions

Offertory Hymn: # **435 Take My Life, and Let It Be**

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
Gloria

(Prayer Book p. 85, 86)

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

Hymn: # **506 Lord of all Hopefulness**

** Please observe a moment for silent prayer**

THE WORD OF THE LORD: TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. And on the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request. For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; for our affliction is not to be compared with the loss to the king." Then King Ahasu-e'rus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, that would presume to do this?" And Esther said, "A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!" Then Haman was in terror before the king and the queen. Then said Harbo'na, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, "Moreover, the gallows which Haman has prepared for Mor'decai, whose word saved the king, is standing in Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows which he had prepared for Mor'decai. Then the anger of the king abated. And Mor'decai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasu-e'rus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same, year by year, as the days on which the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending choice portions to one another and gifts to the poor.

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

Is any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. Eli'jah was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit. My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

PARISH LIFE NOTES

Memorial Service for Dick Wood will be held this afternoon at 2.30 pm. We remember Dick, his wife Ann and their family in our prayers. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Rob regarding proposed changes to the Marriage Canon of the Anglican Church of Canada is available for pick up on the landing. Please ensure you take a copy when you leave the church today.

Thank you to Revd. Nathaniel for officiating, and Henry for preaching today as Claude is attending a conference in the UK this week.

Parish Forum. Following the service today, the parish forum hosted by our churchwardens, Carol M and Alan S. This is an opportunity to get updates on the ministry and mission of our parish and offer feedback.

Next Sunday, Oct. 7 – A finger food lunch will follow the service. **Please bring finger food to share.**

Worship Service at Wascana Rehabilitation - will take place next Sunday, Oct. 7, 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.

Mark your Calendars! On Saturday, October 13, Barb and Glen M will be hosting us for an afternoon visit to their farm, to include meeting the animals, campfire, and singing. Bishop Rob will be joining us as part of his parish visit, which will take place at the service on Sunday, October 14.

Canadian Church Calendars for 2019 have arrived! The profits from the sales go to St. Augustine's Anglican Church. Calendars will be available at \$5.00 each after today's service. Please see Yvonne for payment. Thank you!

“Welcome to Canada” Shower for Yar, Nathaniel's wife, who has recently arrived from Africa. **Tuesday, October 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.** All Women of the parish are invited.