

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

(Congregation established 1913)

November 18th, 2018

Twenty Fifth Sunday after Trinity

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. 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 our dear husband and father Mel S by Joan and Linda.

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. "Today's story is 'Moses' Birth' Exodus 2:1-10. Leaders: Melanie B, Sandra D

Faith Quest (ages 7-13) John the Baptist and the Baptism of Jesus rotation. Today, Len G will lead and Eleanor S will shepherd the Divine Diversion (games) workshop. Prizes for Memory Verse: "And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved son, and I am fully pleased with him.'" Matthew 3:17 (NLT)

Coffee & Fellowship Following the service, please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the Upper Hall. Coffee Host: Mike D

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Tuesday 10:30 am Forever in Motion Senior Exercise

Wednesday 8:30 am Morning Prayer; Men's Breakfast

10:30am Parent and Tots Group

Thursday 9:30 am Woman's Time Out Bible Study

Next Sunday 10:30 am Morning Prayer and Congregational Choir Practice

MORNING PRAYER AT NINE- FORTY

Prayer Book, pp.6-5, Psalm 66, 67; Habakkuk 1:1-2:1; Philippians 3:13--4:1

HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

Opening Hymn: # **529 God, My Hope on You Is Founded**

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 Samuel 1:4-20

R/ Thanks be to God

Psalm: 16 page: 345

Epistle: Hebrews 10:11-25

R/ Thanks be to God

Gradual: # 505 Be Thou My Vision

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (Chap 13, verses 1-8)

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: # **585 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**

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: # 49 Draw Near and Take

Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving after Communion

(Prayer Book p. 85, 86)

Gloria

Blessing

Announcements

Dismissal: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia!

Hymn: #434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

** Please observe a moment for silent prayer**

THE WORD OF THE LORD: TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 1:4-20

On the day when Elka'nah sacrificed, he would give portions to Penin'nah his wife and to all her sons and daughters; and, although he loved Hannah, he would give Hannah only one portion, because the Lord had closed her womb. And her rival used to provoke her sorely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her.

Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. And Elka'nah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. And she vowed a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thy maidservant, and remember me, and not forget thy maidservant, but wilt give to thy maidservant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head." As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard; therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. And Eli said to her, "How long will you be drunken? Put away your wine from you." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman sorely troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your maidservant as a base woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have made to him." And she said, "Let your maidservant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her countenance was no longer sad.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elka'nah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered

her; and in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-25

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, then to wait until his enemies should be made a stool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their misdeeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way which he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

PARISH LIFE NOTES

Request for Winter Clothing. I thank All Saints and St. Mary family and friends for their kindness to share their time and resources with my family and for All Saints' co-sponsorship of my two brothers, Joh and Manyuon, and a cousin Amor and her two beautiful daughters, Abuk and Alek. I also appreciate those who have given up their time and resources to welcome them across the Diocese of Qu'Appelle. Some of you opened up their homes and gave some furniture. Although my apartment is small, I appreciate the kindness. Request: I still need winter clothes, boots, toques and shoes. The kids who are arriving to join us range from 8 to 14 years. I will appreciate some donations or support in-kind for these items. - Revd. Nathaniel M.

Stewardship Packages including a pledge form for 2019 and a letter from the Churchwardens is available for pick up today. Please take some time to read and review the material, and bring your completed pledge form to St. Mary's on Sunday, Dec. 9.

Sunday Next Before Advent, which is next Sunday, is a day in our church calendar set aside to help us make the transition from the season of Trinity to the season of Advent. In place of the of Morning Prayer and Holy Communion next Sunday, there will be a single service of Morning Prayer at 10.30 with a teaching on the meaning and purpose of Advent, distribution of Advent candles and Table Prayers, and congregational choir practice!

Mark your calendars and invite a friend What? We will join with St Mary's Ethiopian Church for a St Nicholas Party When? December 8th from 3-6 pm. Schedule: 3-4:30 pm- welcome, snacks, and activities, 4:30pm- St Nicholas liturgy and arrival, 5-6 pm- supper, Ethiopian style
In honour of St. Nicholas' mission to care for the poor, you are invited to bring men's socks, gloves, small toiletries (especially small Kleenex packs), and small boxes of chocolates to give to Marian Centre.
Beeswax candles for sale to support Danielle K's IVCF mission to international students at McGill University.

Apocalypse and Prophecy: Advent Lections Study Group

When: 5:30-7:30 pm Wednesdays in Advent (Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19)

Where: St. Mary's, in the lounge.

The four Advent lessons from Luke's gospel in the Revised Common Lectionary fit together to form a theme of apocalyptic prophecy. How does Luke tie the babe in the manger to the end of the world as we know it? Join us on Wednesdays at 5:30 for a light supper followed by a Bible study of Luke's Gospel lessons for Advent. We'll round out our evenings with Compline. All are welcome!

The St. Cuthbert's regional team, along with the Wardens from each of the nine congregations in our region, are attempting to discern the future of the Anglican

Church in the city of Regina. We have formed two prayer groups, each of whom meet briefly every month to provide prayer support for this process. You are welcome to attend either one. Our next meetings will be Monday, Nov 19 at 1:30 pm or 6:30 pm at St. James, 1105 Empress Street. Questions can be directed to Kate B.

The auxiliary to the Canadian Bible Society is holding a meeting on Tuesday November 20th @ 2:00pm at Grace Mennonite Church on 2935 Pasqua Street. All are welcome.

The Intercessory Prayer Group will meet Wednesday, November 21 at 2:00 in the Lounge. Please join us as we ask Our Father in Heaven for the needs of this parish. "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desire of your heart." Psalm 37:4. For more information, contact Paulette D

Anglican Journal Subscriptions. The Anglican Journal is a nationwide newspaper of the Anglican Church of Canada that is sent out free of charge once a month along with the Sask Anglican which shares news from the 3 Anglican Dioceses in the province of Saskatchewan. Anyone wishing to receive a new subscription or cancel an existing one is asked to contact Yvonne in the parish office at 522-6052 or stmarysanglican@sasktel.net.

Envelope Secretary Update

1. If you would like a statement of your contributions up to the end of September, please let me know and I will be happy to print one off for you.
2. If you would like to change your offering envelope status, now is the time to do so.

You can:

- change from weekly to monthly envelopes or vice versa
- begin to use envelopes if you haven't used them before
- discontinue using envelopes
- begin making contributions by direct deposit from your bank account
- discontinue making contributions by direct deposit from your bank account

Tax receipts are issued for all contributions as long as we are able to identify the donor. Please let me know if you want to make any of the above changes or if you have any questions. Sharon B, Envelope Secretary