

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

(Congregation established 1913)

February 17th, 2019

Septuagesima Sunday

O LORD, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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I Wake and Feel the Fell of Dark, not Day

*I wake and feel the fell of dark, not day,
What hours, O what black hours we have spent
This night! what sights you, heart, saw; ways you went!
And more must, in yet longer light's delay.
With witness I speak this. But where I say
Hours I mean years, mean life. And my lament
Is cries countless, cries like dead letters sent
To dearest him that lives alas! away.*

*I am gall, I am heartburn. God's most deep decree
Bitter would have me taste: my taste was me;
Bones built in me, flesh filled, blood brimmed the curse.
Selfyeast of spirit a dull dough sours. I see
The lost are like this, and their scourge to be*

G.M Hopkins (1844-1889)

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TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY BE TO HIM FOREVER!

Welcome to St. Mary's 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.

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

Godly Play in the Children's Worship Centre for children 3 - 6 years. "Today's story is 'The Parable of The Good Samaritan' Luke 10:25-37.

Faith Quest (ages 7-13) start a brand new rotation today: Lydia- A New Believer. Clara D will lead and Emma D, Ernie and Sally K will shepherd this Let There Be Art workshop.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Tuesday	10:30 am	Forever in Motion Senior Exercise
Wednesday	8:30 am	Morning Prayer and Men's Breakfast
	10:30am	Parent and Tots Group
Thursday	9:30 am	Woman's Time Out Bible Study
Saturday	9:30 am	Community Kitchen
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:30 am	Holy Communion following Annual Meeting
	5:30 pm	ALPHA all ages family study and supper

MORNING PRAYER AT TEN

Prayer Book, pp.6-5, Psalm 104 pt 1; Genesis 1:1--2:3; John 1:1- 18

HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

Opening Hymn: # **432 Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult**

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: Jeremiah 17:5-10

R/ Thanks be to God

Psalm: 119 part 4 page: 486

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

R/ Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn # **447 Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Chap 20, verses 1-16)

R: Glory be to thee, O Lord

R: Praise be to Thee, O Christ

Sermon

Beth C

Nicene Creed

(Prayer Book p. 71)

Intercessions

Cantor: Cry out For God's mercy

Congregation: **Hear, O Lord, enfold us in your mercy.**

Offertory Hymn: # **441 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower**

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.

Offertory Anthem.

Blessed be thou, Lord of Israel, for ever and ever.

All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

All Things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

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: # **59 Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him**

Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving after Communion

(Prayer Book p. 85, 86)

Gloria

The Blessing

Announcements

Dismissal: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Hymn: # **466 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord**

** Please observe a moment for silent prayer**

THE WORD OF THE LORD: TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING:

Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his arm, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately corrupt; who can understand it? "I the Lord search the mind and try the heart, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings."

SECOND READING:

Now if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL:

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I

give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

PARISH LIFE NOTES

St. Mary's Family Alpha got off to a great start last Sunday night with approximately 60 adults, youth and children from St. Mary's congregation and beyond. We enjoyed a fabulous spaghetti dinner, and conversation around the question, "Is this it?" Tonight's dinner begins at 5.30 with a presentation and conversation on the question, "Who is Jesus!"

"Gesima Sundays." Today we enter the season of pre-Lent with "Septuagesima" Sunday, from the Latin word "70" in which we symbolically begin the countdown to the 40 days of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Parish offerings for the season of Lent will be announced next Sunday!

Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday, February 24th following the service of Holy Communion. Beginning with pot luck lunch. Children's activities will be in the Lower hall. Reports are available for pick up outside the office.

We will want nominees for one or two positions. Vestry members generally serve for two years, and can serve for a second term. Nominations forms are available on the table outside the office, and should be submitted to the churchwardens, Alan S or Carol M for approval.

Refugee Sponsorship Support Elizabeth D is preparing Samosas for sale: Vegetable, Chicken or Beef. Fresh or frozen \$40 for 20.

St. Cuthbert's Wardens' group the following are the key topics that were discussed at the February 13, 2019 meeting:

- Reports were presented from the Wardens on each of the congregational meetings that have happened thus far;
- There was continued discussion on preliminary scenarios for moving forward;
- A date (March 9 and 10), time and location for a St. Cuthbert Visioning Day was set. The Wardens will be the contacts for confirming representatives from each of the St. Cuthbert parishes.
- The next meetings will be March 13, March 27, April 10 and May 1.

If you have any questions, please contact your wardens.