

# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

*(Congregation established 1913)*

**February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Sexagesima Sunday**

O LORD God, who seest that we do not put our trust in any thing that we do: Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## God's Grandeur

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil

Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;

And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;

And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil

Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;

There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;

And though the last lights off the black West went

Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs –

Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

(G.M. Hopkins)

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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.

**Flowers on the Altar** To the Glory of God and in loving memory of the Champ and Meeres' Families.

**Nursery** for infants & toddlers is available in the Good Shepherd Nursery. Leader: Oleksandra O.

**Godly Play** in the Children's Worship Centre for children 3 - 6 years. "Today's story is 'The Parable of Great Banquet' Luke 14:15-24.

**Faith Quest (ages 7-13)** continue with the story of Lydia- A New Believer. Heidi D will lead and Eleanor M and Emily B will shepherd this Daily Bread Bistro workshop-hospitality cookies. Memory verse: Say with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord.' Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved." Romans 10:9

**Lunch Following the service**; please join us for lunch in the upper hall.

Following Lunch - Annual Meeting in the upper hall

- Children's activities in the lower hall organized by Eleonore, Emilia and Yvonne S.

### **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
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	5:30 pm	ALPHA all ages family study and supper

## MORNING PRAYER AT TEN

Prayer Book, pp.6-5, Psalm 42, 43 ; Genesis 3 ; 1 Corinthians 10:1- 13

## 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: Amos 8:11-12

**R/ Thanks be to God**

Psalm: 17 page: 346

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:21-31

**R/ Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn # **478 Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Chap 8, verses 4-15)

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

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

Sermon

The Rector

Musical Offering " Bow the Knee"

Kathy F

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: # **505 Be Thou My Vision**

*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: # **371 To God Be the Glory**

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

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

### FIRST READING:

“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord God, “when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

### SECOND READING:

To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever any one dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I have received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. Three times I have been shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brethren; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie.

### GOSPEL:

When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.” As he said this, he called out, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!” Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that ‘looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.’ “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

## PARISH LIFE NOTES

**Today we welcome guest musician, Kathy F.** Kathy is studying voice with Valerie at the Conservatory and has been leading music in worship for the past 18 years. She worked on a piece, Bow the Knee, with Valerie in the fall and was asked to share its message of discipleship with our congregation. Kathy presently coordinates the music for Westhill Baptist Church, as well as being a wife, mother and grandmother.

**Annual Meeting** will be held today, 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.

**Worship Service at Wascana Rehabilitation Centre** - will take place next Sunday, March 3, 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 W for more information.

**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, February 25 at 1:30 pm or 6:30 pm at the Synod office. Questions can be directed to Kate B.

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