

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

(Congregation established 1913)

March 17th, 2019

Second Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Strong Son of God, Immortal Love

Strong Son of God, immortal Love,
Whom we, that have not seen thy face,
By faith, and faith alone, embrace,
Believing where we cannot prove;

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Our little systems have their day;
They have their day and cease to be:
They are but broken lights of thee,
And thou, O Lord, art more than they.

We have but faith: we cannot know;
For knowledge is of things we see;
And yet we trust it comes from thee,
A beam in darkness: let it grow.

Let knowledge grow from more to more,
But more of reverence in us dwell;
That mind and soul, according well,
May make one music as before ...

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Alfred Tennyson

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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: Alanna S

Godly Play in the Children's Worship Centre for children 3 - 6 years. "Today's story is 'Lent-Peter and the Rooster' Matthew 26:69-75. Leaders: Melanie B, Sandra D.

Faith Quest (ages 7-13) Faith Quest kids (ages 7-12) start a new rotation today- Good Friday - the Meaning of the Cross. Heidi D will lead and Eleonore S will shepherd a King's Theatre workshop - still photos. Memory Verse: John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." (NIV)

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	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	10:30 am	Forever in Motion Senior Exercise
	4:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	8:30 am	Morning Prayer and Men's Breakfast
	10:30 am	Parent and Tots Group
	4:30 pm	Evening Prayer
	6:30 pm	BAS Holy Communion
	7:00 pm	Bible Study on 2 Corinthians
Thursday	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	9:30 am	Woman's Time out Bible Study
	4:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday	4:30 pm	Tehillah
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 51; Genesis 18:1-15; Luke 15:11-end
(Benedicite p.26 replaces Te Deum)

HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

Opening Hymn: # **306 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

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: Isaiah 45:20-25

R/ **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: 27 page: 360

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

R/ **Thanks be to God**

Lenten Prose

Hear us O Lord, have mercy upon us for we have sinned against thee

1. God, we implore thee, In thy glory seated : Bow down and hearken to thy weeping children : pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Hear us O Lord, have mercy upon us for we have sinned against thee

2. To Thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings: listen, O Jesus, to our supplications.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Chap 15, verses 21-28)

R: Glory be to thee, O Lord

R: Praise be to Thee, O Christ

Sermon

The Rector

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: # **533 Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

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: # **54 Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken**

Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving after Communion

(Prayer Book p. 85, 86)

The Paschal Anthem

The Blessing

Announcements

Dismissal: Go in the Name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: # **397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

** Please observe a moment for silent prayer**

THE WORD OF THE LORD: TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING:

“Assemble yourselves and come, draw near together, you survivors of the nations! They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden idols, and keep on praying to a god that cannot save. Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me.

“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: ‘To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.’ “Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed, all who were incensed against him. In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.”

SECOND READING:

Finally, brethren, we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from unchastity; that each one of you know how to take a wife for himself in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like heathen who do not know God; that no man transgress, and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we solemnly forewarned you. For God has not called us for uncleanness, but in holiness.

GOSPEL:

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Parish Life Notes

Family Alpha meets tonight for dinner at 5.30 p.m. and a presentation and discussion on the question, Bible: "Why and how do I read the Bible"?

Barb M ask if you have any old towels to donate - for her new arriving calves and kids (baby goats) to get try and snuggly.