

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

(Congregation established 1913)

March 24th, 2019

Third Sunday in Lent

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Batter My Heart

Batter my heart, three-person'd God, for you
As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend;
That I may rise and stand, o'erthrow me, and bend
Your force to break, blow, burn, and make me new.

I, like an usurp'd town to another due,
Labor to admit you, but oh, to no end;
Reason, your viceroy in me, me should defend,
But is captiv'd, and proves weak or untrue.
Yet dearly I love you, and would be lov'd fain,
But am betroth'd unto your enemy;
Divorce me, untie or break that knot again,
Take me to you, imprison me, for I,
Except you enthrall me, never shall be free,
Nor ever chaste, except you ravish me.

- John Donne (1572-1631)

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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 'Lent-Crown of Thorns' Matthew 27:27-31. Leaders: Sandra D, Myka D.

Faith Quest (ages 7-13) Faith Quest kids (ages 7-13) continue the rotation: Good Friday the Meaning of the Cross. Clara D will lead and Ernie and Sally will shepherd this Let There be Art workshop. 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: Lois M & Marian P

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 52,54; Genesis 18:16-end; Luke 18:1-14

(Benedicite p.26 replaces Te Deum)

HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

Opening Hymn: # **599 Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night**

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 26:1-15

R/ **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: 63:1-8 page: 405

Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-14

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.

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

3. Sins oft committed, now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them: grant us , Redeemer, loving absolution

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Chap 11, verses 14-26)

R: Glory be to thee, O Lord

R: Praise be to Thee, O Christ

Sermon

The Rector

Nicene Creed

(Prayer Book p. 71)

Commissioning of New Vestry Members

Examination and Presentation

The Commissioning

People: **The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;**

He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

V./ I am your servant.

R./ **That I may know your decrees.**

Intercessions

Cantor: Cry out For God's mercy

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

Offertory Hymn: # **180 Giver of the Perfect Gift**

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.

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

O King all glorious amid thy/ saintly/company, who/ever/shalt be/praised:

**Thou, O Lord, art/in the/ midst of us, and we are called/ by thy/holy/
Name.**

**Leave us not, /O our/ God; but grant us that with a pure conscience we may
duly/keep the Paschal Feast,**

**And at the/ day of/ judgment be placed in the number of thy Saints and
chosen ones, / King/ most /blessed.**

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:

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoi'akim the son of Josi'ah, king of Judah, this word came from the Lord, "Thus says the Lord: Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah which come to worship in the house of the Lord all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may repent of the evil which I intend to do to them because of their evil doings. You shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law which I have set before you, and to heed the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not heeded, 6 then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth." The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord. And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, "This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered about Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. Then the priests and the prophets said to the princes and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears." Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and all the people, saying, "The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will repent of the evil which he has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

SECOND READING:

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But fornication and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is fitting among saints. Let there be no filthiness, nor silly talk, nor levity, which are not fitting; but instead let there be thanksgiving. Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure man, or one who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for it is because of these things that the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them, for once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that

they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.”

GOSPEL:

Now he was casting out a demon that was mute; when the demon had gone out, the one who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed. But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.” Others, to test him, kept demanding from him a sign from heaven. But he knew what they were thinking and said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself becomes a desert, and house falls on house. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? —for you say that I cast out the demons by Beelzebul. Now if I cast out the demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his castle, his property is safe. But when one stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his plunder. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting place, but not finding any, it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ When it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

Parish Life Notes

Condolences to family of Chuck Lowery who died on March 20. Please remember his wife Arlene and children in your prayers. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Funeral will be on Wed., March 27. Details to follow.

Family Alpha meets tonight for dinner at 5.30 p.m. and a presentation and discussion on the question, Bible: "Spirit: Who is the Holy Spirit and what does he do"?

In an effort to keep all congregational members updated on the work of the St. Cuthbert's Wardens' group, the following are the key topics that were discussed at the March 13, 2019 meeting:

- Recap of the last two congregational meetings—St. James' (Feb. 17) and St. Paul's (Feb. 24). All Regina congregations have now met; Plain and Valley will meet in May.
- Discussed the Vision Day held on Saturday March 9th. The group appreciated having a broader group from all the parishes engaged. The facilitator, Jay Koyle, broadened our perspectives keeping in mind God's promised tomorrow. Alan, Claude and Carol were joined by Karen L, Ann K, John S, Dave K and Norma T.
- Sunday March 10th all Wardens, Interims and Incumbents met with the facilitator which helped us to see some next steps in our process.
- A subset of people was identified to work on draft recommendations and the next meeting has tentatively been set for March 27. Carol M has joined this committee.
- We are thankful for the Prayer Vigil kept during our gatherings March 9 and 10. We ask that you please continue to keep us in prayer.

Contact Alan S or Carol M for more information or if you have questions.

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

Vestry Commissioning. Today we are commissioning Mary R and Tom J, as new members of the Vestry, who join Janice K, Beth C, Jackie S, Alanna S, Carol M (Churchwarden) and Alan S (Churchwarden) in this ministry of supporting and developing the mission and ministry of St. Mary's.

Vestry meeting will take place today at 12.15 at the home of Alan and Jackie S.

Mothering Sunday (not to be confused with Mother's Day) is the name given to The Fourth Sunday in Lent in the Anglican Church, where in the Epistle for the day we read, "Jerusalem which is above is free, is the Mother of us all." (Galatians 4.26). Jerusalem, the Holy City, is for us an image of the Church, who, as our Mother, has not only brought us to new birth through the waters of baptism, but through the Word and Sacraments nourishes us with pure milk of the Gospel (1 Peter 2.2)which sets us free! In England in times past, Mothering Sunday was not only a day for visiting the Mother Church of the parish but also for visiting one's biological mother. For us, Mothering Sunday comes us as an invitation in Lent to turn to God for comfort and a uniquely unconditional, perfect parental love, for the children of God can never be entirely either fatherless or motherless.