

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

(Congregation established 1913)

March 31st, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Mothering Sunday: A Sonnet

At last, in spite of all, a recognition,
For those who loved and laboured for so long,
Who brought us, through that labour, to fruition
To flourish in the place where we belong.
A thanks to those who stayed and did the raising,
Who buckled down and did the work of two,
Whom governments have mocked instead of praising,
Who hid their heart-break and still struggled through,
The single mothers forced onto the edge
Whose work the world has overlooked, neglected,
Invisible to wealth and privilege,
But in whose lives the kingdom is reflected.
Now into Christ our mother church we bring them,
Who shares with them the birth-pangs of His Kingdom.

-Malcolm Guite

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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: Yvonne S-S

Godly Play in the Children's Worship Centre for children 3 - 6 years. Today's story is 'Lent-The Cross' Matthew 27:32-38. Leaders: Melanie B, Sandra D.

Faith Quest (ages 7-13) Faith Quest kids (ages 7-13) continue the Good Friday rotation. Kate B will lead and Hilary S and Emma D will shepherd this Daily Bread Bistro - baking crowns of thorns. 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: Yvonne and Christian S

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 86, 87; Exodus 1:8-14,22--2:10; Luke 18:35--19:10

(Benedicite p.26 replaces Te Deum)

HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

Opening Hymn: # **607 Come, Let Us to the Lord Our God**

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: Exodus 16:2-7

R/ **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: 32 page: 366

Epistle: Galatians 4:26-5:1 R/ **Thanks be to God**

Lenten Prose

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

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

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

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

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

Innocent captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us, we pray thee, Jesu, our Redeemer.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (Chap 6, verses 5-14)

R: Glory be to thee, O Lord

R: Praise be to Thee, O Christ

Sermon

Beth C

WELCOMING OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

A Churchwarden or other representative of the community presents the candidates to the Presider with these or similar words:

Claude, we present to you Emma, Myka, Abuk, and Kaidan, who are baptized members of the Body of Christ as they undertake a process of preparation to renew their Baptismal Covenant.

Presider: (to each candidate) What do you seek?

Presider: In baptism, you died with Christ to the forces of evil and rose to new life as members of his Body. Will you study the promises made at your baptism, and strive to keep them in the companionship of this community?

Answer: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you attend the worship of God regularly with us, to hear the Word and celebrate the mystery of Christ's dying and rising?

Answer: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you join us in our life of service to those who are powerless and outcast, and work for justice and peace?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Presider: (to mentors/companions)) You have been chosen by this community to serve as companions to these persons. Will you support them by prayer and example and help them to grow in the knowledge and love of God?

Sponsors We will, with God's help.

Presider: Let us now pray for the candidates for confirmation.

O GOD, who through the teaching of thy Son Jesus Christ didst prepare the disciples for the coming of the Comforter: Make ready, we beseech thee, the hearts and minds of thy servants who at this time are seeking the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands, that, drawing near with penitent and faithful hearts, they may be filled with his power; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Nicene Creed
Intercessions

(Prayer Book p. 70)

Cantor: Cry out For God's mercy

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

Offertory Hymn: # **482 Come and Journey with a Saviour**

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

(Prayer Book p. 78ff)

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**

Prayers 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: # **172 Now Let Us All with One Accord**

** Please observe a moment for silent prayer**

THE WORD OF THE LORD: TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING:

And the whole congregation of the people of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your murmurings against the Lord. For what are we, that you murmur against us?"

SECOND READING:

But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married." Now we, brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise. But as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now. But what does the scripture say? "Cast out the slave and her son; for the son of the slave shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." So, brethren, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman. For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

GOSPEL

When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

Parish Life Notes

Welcoming of Confirmation Candidates. Today we welcome and are pray for Emma and Myka D, Abuk D, and Kaidan D as they prepare for Confirmation, where they will acknowledge the vows their baptism, confess the Christian faith, dedicate their lives to the will of God, and be strengthened for this by the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands with prayer from the Bishop.

Family Alpha meets tonight for dinner at 5.30 p.m. and a presentation and discussion on the question, "How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit"?

Please join the Intercessory Prayer Group to pray for the needs of our parish, Wednesday, April 3 at 2:00 in the Lounge. ""And I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good for them." Jeremiah 32:40 NLT

'Risen With Christ' a Palm Saturday Event on Saturday April 14, 3:00 pm. to 6:30 pm. at St. Mary's Anglican Church. For all ages. Bring a friend. Program includes inter-active story of Holy Week, activities, snack and supper. If you would like to help out there is a signup sheet on the welcome table.

Worship Service at Wascana Rehabilitation Centre - will take place next Sunday, April 7, 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.

NEWS FROM THE VESTRY.

OUR FINANCES:

Total Income to the end of February was \$34,364 and expenses were \$31,110 out of our annual budget of \$ 192, 131.00

OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY: VESTRY DISCERNMENT:

The Rector will be taking an extended Easter break from April 18 to 28th. In his absence Revd. Nathaniel, and our Lay Readers, Carol and Beth, and Henry will be leading worship and taking care of the preaching.

The theme of the Cathedral Village Arts Festival (May 20-25) “Share Your Light” comes to us as an invitation to share with the community something of the beauty and the light who is Jesus Christ as it is embedded in our church architecture, music, and common life. We are looking for volunteers to work with Beth in putting together a program for an “Open House” at St. Mary’s on May 25th.

St. Mary’s will hosting an Iconography Workshop the week of July 15th-20th with Symeon van Donkelaar, the founder of The Conestoga Iconography Studio. Details of the workshop will be made public soon.

The Easter Offering this year will be designated to “Refugee Support” for the family of Elizabeth and Deng A.

Carol M has agreed to serve on the committee of St. Cuthbert’s Archdeaconry responsible for putting forth proposals for parish amalgamation in the city of Regina.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

April 13 - Palm Saturday Family Event

April 14 - Palm Sunday Family Service

April 18- Maundy Thursday Service, Agape Supper, and Stripping of the Altar.

April 19- Good Friday- Way of the Cross for Families and Good Friday Liturgy.

April 21- Easter Sunday

April 27 - “Grand Day Out” at St. Mary’s for grandparents and their grandchildren.

May 11 - Grounds Clean Up

May 12 - Mother’s Day Brunch after church.

May 25- Cathedral Village Arts Festival

May 26 - Congregational Forum

June 8 - Wedding of Karen P and Steve M

June 9 - Pentecost and Visit of the Bishop