

# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

(Congregation established 1913)

March 3rd, 2019

Quinquagesima Sunday

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth:  
Send thy Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the  
very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever lives is counted dead  
before thee: Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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## LOVE (III)

*LOVE bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,  
Guilty of dust and sin.*

*But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack  
From my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning  
If I lack'd anything.*

*'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here:'  
Love said, 'You shall be he.'*

*'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,  
I cannot look on Thee.'*

*Love took my hand and smiling did reply,  
'Who made the eyes but I?'*

*'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame  
Go where it doth deserve.'*

*'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'  
'My dear, then I will serve.'*

*'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'  
So I did sit and eat.*

George Herbert (1593-1632)

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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: Elizabeth D.

**Godly Play** in the Children's Worship Centre for children 3 - 6 years. "Today's story is 'The Parable of The Mustard Seed' Matthew 13:31-32.

**Faith Quest (ages 7-13)** the kids worship and serve in church today.

**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	10:30 am	Forever in Motion Senior Exercise
Wednesday	8:30 am	Morning Prayer and Men's Breakfast
	10:30am	Parent and Tots Group
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	9:30 am	Woman's Time Out Bible Study
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 84,133; Genesis 12:1-9; 1 Corinthians 12:4- end  
(Benedicite p.26 replaces Te Deum)

## HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

Opening Hymn: # **5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

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

Lesson: Isaiah 35:3-7

R/ **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: 99 page: 456

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 R/ **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn # **446 Word of God, Come Down on Earth**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Chap18, verses 31-43)

**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: # **487 Where Charity and Love Prevail**

*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: # **379 Rejoice, the Lord Is King**

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

## PARISH LIFE NOTES

**St. Cuthbert's Visioning Day.** This Saturday the churchwardens and a group from St. Mary's will be attending a visioning day at All Saints Anglican Church from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. to consider proposals for the re-structuring of the Anglican church in the city of Regina.

**Family Alpha** meets tonight for dinner at 5.30 p.m. and a presentation and discussion on the question, "How Can I Have Faith?"

**Next Sunday, March 10** – A finger food lunch will follow the service. **Please bring finger food to share.**

**Worship Service at Wascana Rehabilitation** - will take place this 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 intercessory prayer** group will be meeting, Wednesday, March 6 at 2:00 in the Lounge. Please join us. Speak to Paulette D for information, "*The ears of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears open to their prayers.*"

*Ps 34:15*

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

### FIRST READING:

Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

### SECOND READING:

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child; I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

### GOSPEL:

Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again." But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

## LENT

**Keeping a Holy Lent.** "BRETHREN, in the primitive Church it was the custom to observe with great devotion the days of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection, and to prepare for the same by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided also a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for holy Baptism. It was also a time when such persons as had, by reason of notorious sins, been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled and restored to the fellowship of the Church by penitence and forgiveness. Thereby the whole Congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution contained in the Gospel of our Saviour, and of the need which all Christians continually have, of a renewal of their repentance and faith. I therefore invite you, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and by reading and meditation upon God's holy Word." ( Exhortation for Ash Wednesday, p.611, Book of Common Prayer.)

**Fasting with the Church.** The Book of Common Prayer (page xiii) directs us to observe the following days of fasting, abstinence, and solemn prayer: Major fast days ( Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Days of Abstinence (eating simple, smaller meals, and undertaking other forms of self-denial): 1. All the Fridays of the Year except Christmas Day and the Epiphany 2. The Forty Days of Lent (this excludes the Sundays in Lent). Days of Solemn Prayer: 1. The Ember Days at the Four Seasons being the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after the Third Sunday in Advent, the First Sunday in Lent, the Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday) and Holy Cross Day (September 14). 2. The Rogation Days, being the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Holy Thursday, or the Ascension of our Lord. In the Collect for the First Sunday of Lent, we prayed: "O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness..." By fasting and abstinence, we discipline our physical appetites, striving to identify with all who suffer in this world, and the compassion God has for his people. We seek to turn our physical hunger into a hunger for God's truth and justice, and the charity which flows from him. Some people are not able and should not undertake these disciplines for the purposes of health and wellness.

**Ash Wednesday** Penitential Service and Holy Communion will take place at 7:00 p.m.

**Lenten Small Groups** Guide and Worship Schedule is available for pick up on the welcome table in the Narthex.

**Wednesday Morning Prayer and** Litany this week at 8.30 a.m. will be followed by a simple refreshments after the service in place of the usual restaurant breakfast.

**"Tehillah"** Lenten study and singing group will begin this Saturday at 4.30 p.m.