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Fourth Sunday after Easter

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people, that they may love the things which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY BE TO HIM FOREVER!

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 Good Shepherd and the Wolf' John 10:11-16, Psalm 23:1-4, Luke 15:3-6. Leaders: Melanie B, Sandra D.

Faith Quest (ages 7-13) start the Jeremiah rotation with Kate B leading and Hilary S shepherding a King's Theatre workshop - human sculpture. Memory verse: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." – Jeremiah 31:33b

Coffee and Tea Following the service, please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the upper hall. Coffee Hosts: Mike D.

The Intercessions Book on the table with the bread and the offering plates has space for you to write in the names of people you wish us to remember in prayer this morning, and throughout the week. Prayers will be offered for travelers, those in special need, and the departed.

MORNING PRAYER AT TEN

Prayer Book, pp.6-5, (Easter Anthems p. 182 in place of Venite) Ps. 24, 29; Wisdom 7:22--8:1;
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

Opening Hymn: # **485 Love Divine, all Loves Excelling**

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: Acts 1:1-18

R/ **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: 148 page: 519

Epistle: Revelation 21:1-6

R/ **Thanks be to God**

Gradual: **A New Commandment**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (Ch. 13, verses 31-35)

R: Glory be to thee, O Lord

R: Praise be to Thee, O Christ

Sermon

Nicene Creed

(Prayer Book p. 70)

Intercessions

Offertory Hymn: # **214 The Lamb's High Banquet Called to Share**

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: # **57 Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist**

Prayers after Communion

(Prayer Book p. 85, 86)

The Blessing

Announcements

Dismissal: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Hymn: # **491 The Head That Once Was Crowned**

** Please observe a moment for silent prayer**

THE WORD OF THE LORD: TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING

In the first book, O The-oph'ilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samar'ia and to the end of the earth." And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away; and when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brethren (the company of persons was in all about a hundred and twenty), and said, "Brethren, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David, concerning Judas who was guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us, and was allotted his share in this ministry. Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.

SECOND READING

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the fountain of the water of life without payment.

GOSPEL

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

A NEW COMMANDMENT

Parish Life Notes

Congregational Forum. There will be congregational forum next Sunday after worship that will include a financial update, a brief presentation from the churchwardens on the recent roof inspection, an update on the discussions around parish amalgamation in the city of Regina, as well as some plans for future growth here at St. Mary's. All are welcome!

Requiem. Funeral Service for Veronica Pasterfield who passed away Wednesday morning will be held this Friday, May 24th at 2:00 p.m. We remember Veronica's family in our prayers as they mourn her loss. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Confirmation class meets for supper this week at the home of Dave and Janice K at 6 p.m.

Rector's Study Leave. Claude will be attending the 2019 Father Crousse Seminar at the Archbishop Roper House of Studies in Toronto from Monday until Thursday this week. The theme of the seminar is "From Adam to Christ: From Male/Female to Being Human."

Auxiliary to the Canadian Bible Society will hold their meeting at Grace Mennonite Church-2925 Pasqua Street @ 2:00pm on Tuesday May 21st. All are welcome!

Cathedral Village Arts Festival. The theme of this year's festival is "Share Your Light!" On Saturday, May 25th St. Mary's will be hosting an "Open House" from 2 until 4 pm, with tours of the church, beeswax candle making and "shrink art" stained glass window craft, and hymn sing! In the morning we will be selling cinnamon buns, at the street fair. Please tell Alan S if you can help.

"Community Kitchen" – Can you peel potatoes? Can you follow a recipe the majority of the time? Are you interested in helping out once/month? If yes, then we want you! May and June will be the last cooking sessions before we take a break for the summer. This is the perfect time for NEW volunteers to come out, lend a hand, and learn the ropes! Next fall we will need a new leader or group to take over as Bryan B will be moving this summer. Please talk to Bryan or call the church office if you're interested in helping or would like more information."

Kitchen maintenance ministry Part of our mission as Disciples of Christ is to engage in hospitality to strangers and to each other. The upper hall kitchen is the hub of much of this activity. In order to make this a viable option, we have invited the parish family into sharing in the cleaning of the kitchen on a regular basis, so that it is a welcoming place for us and our community members. If you feel called to join in this ministry, please sign up on the sheet inside the kitchen.

Anglican Roman Catholic Covenant Annual Commemoration Prayer

Service The annual joint prayer service to celebrate our covenant with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina will be held on Sunday May 26 at 3 pm at St Athanasius Ukrainian Catholic Church, 55 McMurchy Ave, Regina SK S4R 3G3. The Covenant is under renewal and intends to cover the whole province, including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy, the 4 Roman Catholic Archdioceses and two other Anglican Diocese. The draft LAURC Covenant is posted on the bulletin board downstairs and can be found at <https://archregina.sk.ca/ecumenical-and-interfaith-relations/covenant>

The prayer service at St. Athanasius will be celebrated in the Eastern Rite, so a new experience for many! Please come!

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, May 27 at 1:30 pm or 6:30 pm at the Synod office. Questions can be directed to Kate B.

Archdeaconry of St. Cuthbert Ascension Day Celebration: Thursday May 30th at St. Philip Anglican Church. 6.30 p.m. Theological Forum: "Ascension, The Great Commission and the Benedict Option" with the Revd. Canon Claude Schroeder. 7.30 p.m. Festal Eucharist for the Ascension. Preacher: Archdeacon Cheryl Toth.

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
	10:30 am	Parent and Tots Group
Thursday	8:00 pm	Youth Confirmation
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:30 am	Holy Communion