

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

(Congregation established 1913)

September 16th, 2018

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

We wish a warm welcome 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.

Flowers on the Altar To the glory of God and in loving memory of Art, Faith and members of the Forgay and Gaff families.

Nursery for infants & toddlers is available in the Good Shepherd Nursery. Leader: Yvonne S

Godly Play in the Children's Worship Centre for children 3 - 6 years. Orientation to the Worship Centre "Getting Ready To Be With God, Talking to God, Listening to God. Listening to One of God's Stories: "The Good Shepherd" Psalm 23:1-4. Leader: Amanda H.

Welcome back to Faith Quest (ages 7-13)! We start the year with the Joshua and the Battle of Jericho rotation. Today, we have a Pray Per View workshop- Veggie Tales- Josh and the Big Wall. Leader: Heidi D. Shepherd: Eleanor M.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Tuesday	10:30 am Forever in Motion Senior Exercise
Wednesday	8:30 am Morning Prayer; Men's Breakfast 10:30 am Parent and Tots Group
Next Sunday	9:40 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am Holy Communion

MORNING PRAYER AT NINE- FORTY

Prayer Book, pp.6-5, Psalm 24, 29; Job 38.1,18-41 ; Revelation 18.1-8

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

Prayer with the children

Lesson: Proverbs 1:20-33 R/ **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: 19 page: 351

Epistle: James 3:1-12 R/ **Thanks be to God**

Gradual: # **478 Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (Chap 8, verses 27-38)

R: Glory be to thee, O Lord

R: Praise be to Thee, O Christ

Sermon

Nicene Creed

(Prayer Book p. 71)

Intercessions

Offertory Hymn: # **431 Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said**

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.

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: # **66 And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love**

Lord's Prayer
Thanksgiving after Communion
Gloria

(Prayer Book p. 85, 86)

Announcements
Dismissal **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Hymn: # **372 Praise to the Holiest in the Height**

** Please observe a moment for silent prayer**

THE WORD OF THE LORD: TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries aloud in the street; in the markets she raises her voice; on the top of the walls she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; behold, I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded, and you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but he who listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of evil."

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, for you know that we who teach shall be judged with greater strictness. For we all make many mistakes, and if any one makes no mistakes in what he says he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also. If we put bits into the mouths of horses that they may obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Look at the ships also; though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So the tongue is a little member and boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is an unrighteous world among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the cycle of nature, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by humankind, but no human being can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.

My brethren, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening fresh water and brackish? Can a fig tree, my brethren, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL: Mark 8: 27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

PARISH LIFE NOTES

Thanksgiving. We give thanks to God for the safe arrival of Revd Nathaniel's wife Yar, and daughter Hyamoun from Kenya, and look forward to welcoming them to St. Mary's!

September Vestry Meeting will take place next Sunday after worship.

Parish Forum. Following the service on Sunday, September 30, there will be a parish forum hosted by our churchwardens, Carol M and Alan S. This is an opportunity to get updates on the ministry and mission of our parish and offer feedback.

Mark your Calendars! On Saturday, October 13, Barb and Alan M will be hosting us for an afternoon visit to their farm, to include meeting the animals, campfire, and singing. Bishop Rob will be joining us as part of his parish visit, which will take place on Sunday, October 14 at morning worship.

Clergy Conference. Claude will be in Saskatoon this week attending the annual diocesan clergy conference.

Congratulations and Blessings to Neal and Sarah who celebrated their wedding at St. Mary's yesterday.

Regina Parishes Consultation. The Rector and wardens will be attending a consultation on the future of the Regina Anglican Parishes on Monday September 24.

Discernment opportunity:

Do you have a heart for working with children with special needs?

Are you looking for a way to serve the Lord in this capacity?

The family ministries team is looking for a few individuals of any age or gender to be companions for one of our parish children during the Sunday morning children's program. We're asking each interested person to commit to one or two services a month. You need not have experience, but should be willing to provide loving attention to this child to help engage in the activities.

If you have an interest in this opportunity, please contact Sandra.

You are invited to a "Godly Play" Orientation/ Workshop. Godly Play is the model for teaching biblical literacy used in the Children's Worship Centre for 3 to 7 years olds at St. Mary's. The workshop is **For:** parents, leaders and anyone interested in finding out more about this ministry. **When:** Today, Sunday, Sept. 16th, 2018; 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm beginning with lunch and ending with coffee and muffins. **Where:** St. Mary's Anglican Church. Child care provided. Children 3 and over can listen to the Godly Play story if they wish.

Breakfast and Community Clean- up The Cathedral Area Community Association will hold their Annual Community Clean-up Saturday, September 22 from 8:30 am until noon. They will pick up any items discarded in the back alleys in the the area. St. Mary's will show hospitality to people from the cathedral area and from St. Mary's by serving breakfast starting at 8:30 am in the upper hall at St. Mary's. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve breakfast. If you would like to come for breakfast or volunteer to help with breakfast please sign the sign-up sheet on the landing or contact Sandra D. Volunteers with a truck are also needed to help with the clean-up.

Announcement on Small Group Ministry Initiative

God is on the move. What is the Spirit saying to the church? What is the Spirit saying to you about a renewed sense of community?

Rev. Michael Bruce and Rev. Nancy Yee are starting an inter-parish 6-week small group with the hope it will spark a vibrant small group ministry in our parishes. Using the excellent Pilgrim Series from our companion Diocese of Litchfield, Michael and Nancy will model small group leadership with the hope that participants will become small group leaders themselves. This will be a 6-week small group We believe starting small groups in our parishes will be key to revitalization of all parishes.

We are looking for at least two (2) from each city parish who are willing to learn, grow, pray, share a spiritual life together. With God's grace, we hope to have our first meeting starting mid-October. For more information, please contact:

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