



# ST. MARY THE VIRGIN ANGLICAN CHURCH

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## THE FEAST OF PENTECOST



**May 24, 2026**

## **TODAY AT ST. MARY'S**

10:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER (Prayer book pp. 6-15.)  
(Psalm 145; Joel 2: 28-end; Romans 8:1-17)

10:30 A.M. FESTIVAL EUCHARIST FOR PENTECOST (*Prayer Book pp. 67- 85*)  
*Communion Setting: John Merbecke (1510-1585)*  
*Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Nathaniel Deng*  
*Assistant: John Stark*  
*Greeters: Katherine & Lyndon Server: Joshua*  
*Lector: Katherine*

*NURSERY for children up to 3 years. Leader: Deborah*

*GODLY PLAY for children 3-6 years. Leader: Heidi Shepherd: Maeve*

*FAITH QUEST for children 7-13 years. Leader: Adam*

### *A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS!*

*THE OFFERING PLATE and THE PRAYER FOLDER (for you to add the names of travelers, those in special need, and departed loved ones for inclusion in the prayers today), are located on the "loaves and fishes" offering table with the bread and wine. All baptized Christians who receive communion in their own churches are invited to come forward with faith and love towards Christ and His Church to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not receiving Communion, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing and indicate this by crossing your arms.*

Organ prelude:

Reflection (Symbolizing the Breath of the Holy Spirit) Kerry J. Beaumont, b. 1957

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

### **OPENING HYMN: # 643 Holy Spirit, Come with Power**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May his grace and peace be with you. **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love. We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread. We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord. And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

**Reader 1:** “If you love me and keep my commandments, I will pray to the Father and He will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever.” (John 14:15-16)

**Reader 2:** “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.” (John 16:13)

**Reader 3:** “He who believes in me, as scripture has said: ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water’. This Jesus said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive.” (John 7:38-39)

**People: We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey. We pray that the glory of the Lord, a consuming fire on top of the mountain, may touch our hearts and minds to believe the words of the covenant that the Lord has made with us (Exodus 24: 7, 8, 17).**

**Reader 4:** “Jesus breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’” (John 20:22)

**Reader 5:** “Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in Jerusalem, until you are clothed with power from on high.” (Luke 24:49)

**Reader 6:** “When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” (Acts 2:1-4)

*As this last passage from Acts is read, those with cardboard can wave them to create a breeze towards the rest of the congregation. Those with ribbons can wave them over the rest of the congregation to create flame effects. Those with words of praise in different languages can hold up their placard and declare them aloud at the end of verse 4.*

**Reader 1:** This is what God promised would happen.

**Reader 2:** It was all predicted long ago in the scriptures.

**Reader 3:** God wants to live inside His people by his Spirit.

**Reader 4:** The Holy Spirit is a gift for all – young and old, rich and poor, women and men.

**Reader 5:** Whoever calls on God can experience all this because of what Jesus did!

**People: We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey. We pray that the glory of the Lord, a consuming fire on top of the mountain, may touch our hearts and minds to believe the words of the covenant that the Lord has made with us (Exodus 24: 7, 8, 17).**

Prayer for Personal Renewal

*The celebrant says:*

Be with us, Spirit of God; **nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God; **fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God; **bring strength, healing, and peace.**

Come, great Paraclete, Father of the poor, comforter of the blest, fulfill the promise of our Savior who would not leave us as orphans. Fill us as you descended on the day of Pentecost upon His Apostles. Grant that every member of the Church may have a part in those gifts which were bestowed on that day. By the power of your Spirit, may your blessing rest upon those anointed with this oil in your name. Let it be for them a sign of your acceptance and adoption, your equipping and empowering. Form in them the likeness of Christ, that they may be witnesses of your astonishing love, and fill them afresh with life in all its fullness. O Holy Spirit, Giver of every good and perfect gift, may the Father's will be done in us and through us, and may you, O mighty Spirit, equal to the Father and the Son in Being and Majesty, be praised and glorified for ever and ever. Amen.

*Those who wish to receive an anointing for the Feast of Pentecost.*

Hymns During the Anointing: #649 Breathe on Me, Breath of God  
#647 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

**Refrain**

*(sung after each verse)*

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness  
calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.**

Verse 1

**You moved on the waters,  
you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains  
from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
Awake from your slumbers  
and rise on your wings.”**

**Refrain**

Verse 2

**You swept through the desert,  
you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people  
with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded  
with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets  
to open their eyes.**

**Refrain**

Verse 3

**You sang in a stable,  
you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence  
when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city  
you called once again,  
when you blew through your people  
on the rush of the wind.**

**Refrain**

#### **Verse 4**

**You call from tomorrow,  
you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow  
all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions,  
our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions  
your people arise.**

#### **Refrain**

Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives to bring Christ to the world.

#### **COLLECT of the Day**

GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

#### **EPISTLE: Acts 2:1-11**

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

**R./ Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL PSALM: 68:7-10 / 125**

7 O GOD, when thou wentest forth before thy people, / when thou wentest through the wilderness,

**8 The earth shook, and the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God: / Sinai also quaked at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel.**

9 Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance, / and refreshedst it when it was weary.

**10 Thy congregation dwelt therein; / for thou, O God, of thy goodness didst provide for the poor.**

1 THEY that put their trust in the LORD are even as the mount Sion, / which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

**2 The hills stand about Jerusalem: / even so standeth the LORD round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.**

3 For the sceptre of the ungodly shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; / lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness.

**4 Do well, O LORD, unto those that are good, / and unto them that are true of heart.**

5 As for such as turn aside to their own crooked ways, / the LORD shall lead them forth with the evil doers; but peace be upon Israel.

## **GRADUAL HYMN: # 249 Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15-27**

**R. / Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup> 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.' <sup>22</sup> Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, 'Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?' <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup> 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

**R. / Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **THE SERMON**

**OFFERTORY HYMN: # 637 Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire**

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**Blessed be thou, LORD God 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. *1 Chronicles 29. 10, 11, 14.***

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE, BIDDINGS, INTERCESSION – pages 75-76**

Lord in your mercy

**R./ Hear our prayer.**

### **GENERAL CONFESSION**

**ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please**

**thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION, COMFORTABLE WORDS - pages 77-78**

**THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION – pages 78**

THE Lord be with you;

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts;

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Therefore with Angels, and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying: *(sing)*

**HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

**PRAYER of CONSECRATION and BREAKING of BREAD – pages 82-83**

**R./Amen, Amen, Amen**

THE peace of the Lord be always with you;

**And with thy spirit.**

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

**WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

**THE COMMUNION**

**O LAMB of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.**

**Communion Hymns: # 645 Come Down, O Love Divine  
# 360 Bless the Lord, My Soul**

**THE LORDS PRAYER: Our Father...**

**THANKSGIVING**

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

**... And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Recessional Hymn: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Inflame our souls with love,  
Transforming every heart and home  
with wisdom from above.  
O let us not despise  
The humble path Christ trod,  
But choose, to shame the worldly-wise  
the foolishness of God.**

**Come with the gift to heal  
The wounds of guilt and fear,  
And to oppression's face reveal  
the kingdom drawing near.  
Where chaos longs to reign,  
Descend, O holy Dove,  
And free us all to work again  
the miracle of love.**

**Spirit of truth, arise;  
Inspire the prophet's voice:  
Expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,  
and bid the poor rejoice.  
O Spirit, clear our sight,  
All prejudice remove,  
And help us to discern the right,  
and covet only love.**

**Give us the tongues to speak,  
In every time and place,  
To rich and poor, to strong and weak,  
the word of love and grace.  
Enable us to hear  
The words that others bring,  
Interpreting with open ear  
the special song they sing.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, dance  
Within our hearts today,  
Our earthbound spirits to entrance,  
our mortal fears allay.  
And teach us to desire,  
All other things above,  
That self-consuming holy fire,  
the perfect gift of love!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** Prelude in B Flat Major  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## **Morning Prayer**

Monday at 9:00 a.m.

## **Evening Prayer**

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

### **PRAYER FOR THE RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE AND PARISH**

Gracious, loving God, we pray for the people, clergy and bishops of the Church who are involved in our search for a new rector. Open our hearts to hear your Word that our lives and labours may proclaim your love for all people. Bless us with your Holy Spirit that we may not fear the challenges and changes that lie before us. Please grant that we remain faithful to this journey through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## PARISH LIFE NOTES

### WORSHIP IN MAY, JUNE, AND JULY

**May 31** - Morning Prayer - led by Lloyd Begley

**June 7** - Eucharist - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Nathaniel Deng

**June 14** - Eucharist - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Gene Packwood

**June 21** - Eucharist - Preaching and Presiding: The Venerable Jonathan Bauer, Executive Archdeacon of our Diocese

**June 28** - Morning Prayer - led by Lloyd Begley

**July 5** - Eucharist and Wedding of Katherine and Lyndon - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Paula Foster and Rev. Jesse Miller (Incumbent at St. Mary's, Maple Creek)

**July 12** - Eucharist - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Nathaniel Deng

**July 19** - Eucharist - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Gene Packwood

**July 26** - Morning Prayer - led by Lloyd Begley

**PASTORAL EMERGENCY** If there's any emergencies, please call Reverend Gene Packwood on 306-209-7831

**LINK for BOOK PURCHASE** As you may know, Katherine Gilks has recently published a novel through Pete's Press, entitled *Firstborn Daughter*. It is speculative fiction and suitable for ages 14 and up, though likely most relatable for adult readers. If you would like to purchase a copy, here is the link to the publishers' website: <https://petes-press.square.site/>. (The price is \$25.) If you would like more information about the book, please talk to Katherine.

**CATHEDRAL VILLAGE ARTS' FESTIVAL PARADE** We had a fabulous time walking in the parade on May 18. Thank you to all who came out to join in! Approximately 28 people turned out from the parish, along with the Auton's dog, and Hezekiah the Righteous Rodent. We decorated 3 wagons and a walker and carried the banner that is currently mounted on our front lawn. We handed out 100 candy bags plus extra candy and stickers. The candy bags included an invitation with our Sunday worship time, descriptions of our children's programming, a description of how we have a "story worth telling" (this year's theme), and a QR code link to our Facebook page. Check out some of the photos on our facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysAnglicanChurchFamilyMinistry/> and on the website here: <https://www.stmarysregina.ca/photos/2026-cathedral-arts-festival-kickoff-parade>.

**WEDDING INVITATION** "We are honoured to invite the congregation of St. Mary's to our wedding + communion service on Sunday, July 5th, 2026, at 10:30 am, with a lunch afterwards. Please let us know if you (+ family) and possible guests are planning to attend the lunch, for us to have the right numbers to plan the meal accordingly.

Thank you and we look forward to celebrating with you! Our e-mails are: [km.gilks@gmail.com](mailto:km.gilks@gmail.com) and [lyndonluu@gmail.com](mailto:lyndonluu@gmail.com)"

**CAMP HARDING IS PARTNERING WITH THE ANGLICAN FOUNDATION TO SAY YES TO KIDS!** For generations, Camp Harding has been a place where children and youth encounter God in creation, form lasting friendships, and grow in faith. Nestled in the beauty of Cypress Hills, Camp Harding continues to offer life-giving Christian camp experiences for young people.

This summer, Camp Harding will welcome youth campers through a Junior Camp, a Teen Camp, and a South Sudanese community Dinka language camp. These programs create spaces of belonging, joy, and spiritual growth for the next generation.

Camp fees cover only part of the true cost of camp, and the Diocese of Qu'Appelle works hard to keep registration affordable for families.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to support Camp Harding's ministry. **Every \$1,000 donation is matched by an angel donor. Your willingness to help us reach our goal of \$5,000 is appreciated.**

Donate today: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-anglican-foundation-of-canada/p2p/sytk2026/team/camp-harding-says-yes-to-kids>

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP** Following the announcement on Sunday May 3, 2026, the Refugee and Newcomer Support Committee invite members and friends of St. Mary Anglican Church to join in the new exciting journey to sponsor a refugee family. We will submit the application to the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) within six weeks and request for your financial assistance to achieve this important goal. With the balance from the previous refugee sponsorship and contribution from the relatives in Canada to the applicant, we have currently raised \$15,038. We want to raise additional \$8,000 to achieve the sponsorship goal. Please send your cheque, e-transfer or cash marked "Refugee Fund" to the office. You can place your contributions in the collection plate on Sundays, and the Counters will designate the contributions to the Refugee Fund. Please note this project one-time contribution on top of your usual donation to the church.