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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



Map of Jerusalem 17th Century

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TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

10:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER (Prayer book pp. 6-15.)
(Psalm 86,87; Genesis 35:1-15; Hebrews 13:1-21)

10:30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION (Prayer Book pp. 67- 85)
Communion Setting: John Merbecke (1510-1585)
Celebrant and Preacher: Revd. Gene Packwood
Greeters: Roberta & John Server: Joshua Ortman
Lector: Judy Packwood

NURSERY for children up to 3 years. Leader: Deborah
GODLY PLAY for children 3-6 years. Leader: Katie Shepherd: Ursula
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:

Meditation

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN: # 300 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

The Service of Holy Communion *begins on page 67*

The Lord's Prayer (Priest)

COLLECT for Purity

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUMMARY of the LAW - page 69

Response: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you; **And with thy spirit.**

COLLECT of the Day

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 15:1-11

Every seventh year you shall grant a remission of debts. ² And this is the manner of the remission: every creditor shall remit the claim that is held against a neighbour, not exacting it from a neighbour who is a member of the community, because the Lord's remission has been proclaimed. ³ From a foreigner you may exact it, but you must remit your claim on whatever any member of your community owes you. ⁴ There will, however, be no one in need among you, because the Lord is sure to bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you as a possession to occupy, ⁵ if only you will obey the Lord your God by diligently observing this entire commandment that I command you today. ⁶ When the Lord your God has blessed you, as he promised you, you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow; you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you. ⁷ If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbour. ⁸ You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. ⁹ Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, 'The seventh year,

the year of remission, is near', and therefore view your needy neighbour with hostility and give nothing; your neighbour might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. ¹⁰ Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. ¹¹ Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.' **R./ Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL PSALM: 125

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.

THE EPISTLE: Galatians 4:26-5:1

But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷ For it is written, 'Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children, burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than the children of the one who is married.'

²⁸ Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. ²⁹ But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. ³⁰ But what does the scripture say? 'Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman.' ³¹ So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman. **5** ¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

R./ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: # 179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery verses 1-5 and 6e

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 6:5-14

R. / Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ 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.'

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: # 455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

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: # 63 Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup
563 Mon ame se repose en paix (in English)**

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.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional Hymn: # 363 My Soul Proclaims Your Glory, Lord

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Prelude No. 8, Allegro Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Holy Week Schedule

(Morning Prayer 10:00 am every Sunday)

March 29, Palm Sunday – Holy Communion 10:30 am

April 1, Holy Wednesday – Healing Service 7:00 pm

April 2, Maundy Thursday – Foot Washing and Stripping the Altar 7:00 pm

April 3, Good Friday – The Last Seven Words from the Cross 12:00 pm

April 4, Holy Saturday – Great Easter Vigil at St. Paul's Cathedral 7:00 pm

April 5, Easter Day – Holy Communion 10:30 am

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer

Monday at 9:00 a.m. *(Please note the change from Tuesday morning to Monday.)*

Evening Prayer

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

PARISH LIFE NOTES

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.

WE WILL BE HOSTING A FAREWELL LUNCH for both Yvonne, our admin assistant, and Rev. Paula, our interim priest, after the service on April 26. We are collecting a cash purse for each of them to present along with a small gift on that day. If you wish to contribute, pls forward your contribution to the office by cash, by cheque, or by e-transfer to accounting@stmarysregina.ca. Please mark your contribution “Paula” and/or “Yvonne”. **Contributions must be received by April 12.**

SMART TILLING – COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

The Chairperson of “**Grow Regina Community Gardens**” needs confirmation by **April 25** if we plan to offer the **tilling service** again this year. Last year we did not offer the service, and the chairperson needs to know if we would like to **continue working with the community garden program**. In the past, this has proven to be a **wonderful community outreach and fundraiser for St. Mary’s**. Normally, **tilling begins around the May long weekend**. Several of our parishioners—**men and women**—are already **trained and familiar with the rototilling process**, but we are currently **looking for a coordinator** to organize the program this spring. **If you are interested in coordinating this spring tilling program, please advise Kate or Mike.** Thank you for helping St. Mary’s continue this meaningful service to our community.

PALM CROSS FOLDING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are seeking volunteers to help fold palm crosses on **Friday, March 20 and Friday, March 27, during office hours from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** If you are available to assist on either of these days, your help would be greatly appreciated as we prepare for Palm Sunday on March 29. Please contact Yvonne at the office by email office@stmarysregina.ca if you are able to help. Thank you!