



# **ST. MARY THE VIRGIN ANGLICAN CHURCH**

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## **THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**



**May 3, 2026**

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

10:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER (Prayer book pp. 6-15.)  
(Psalm 126, 127, 128; Numbers 22:36-23; John 11:1-44)

10:30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION (*Prayer Book pp. 67- 85*)  
*Communion Setting: John Merbecke (1510-1585)*  
*Celebrant and Preacher: The Venerable Jonathan Bauer*  
*Assistant: Rev. Nathaniel Deng*  
*Greeters: The Children Server: Lyndon*  
*Lector: The Children*

*NURSERY for children up to 3 years.*

*GODLY PLAY for children 3-6 years.*

*FAITH QUEST for children 7-13 years. Children will worship and serve in church today.*

### *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:

**Be Still, My Soul**

Tune: Finlandia

Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

Arranged by Chester Nordman (1895-1973)

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**OPENING HYMN: # 230 The Tomb Is Empty! Come and See**

**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**

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing 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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 4:32-35 READER: Luka Davis**

<sup>32</sup> Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need

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

**GRADUAL PSALM: 118:15-18 READER: Johanna Davis**

15 THE voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous: / the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.

**16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted: / the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.**

17 I shall not die, but live, / and declare the works of the LORD.

**18 The LORD hath chastened and corrected me; / but he hath not given me over unto death.**

**THE EPISTLE: James 1:17-21 READER: Heather Schemenauer**

<sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

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

**GRADUAL HYMN: # 651 God Sends Us the Spirit**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 16:5-15**

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

<sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. <sup>12</sup> 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**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: # 223 Christ Is Risen**

## **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: # 62 Come, Let Us Eat**

**# 405 Alleluia No. 1**

## **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: # 662 The Trees of the Field**

**PIANO POSTLUDE:** Invention No. 14 in B Flat Major  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

### **NOTES FROM ST MARY'S VESTRY MEETING APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> 2026**

- (Rector, Wardens, Safe Church, Treasurer reporting in)
- Communication Plan / Kate: Spoke about plans to include advertising our church events on Face Book and website. Vestry members inquired into possibility of including Instagram into our social media presence. Kate will inquire.
- Safe Church / Kate: Waiting for new incumbent to finalize some plans. Emergency response and fire protection plan binders in the office. Muster sign across the street to be set up. CR checks for a couple of our vestry and staff

pertaining to the handling of funds are in the works.

- Cathedral Parade / Kate: We've applied and requested confirmation from Parade Committee. Banners and postcards and tossing candy are plans in the works.
- Diocese Update / Kate: Provided Update Indigenous Awareness Course etc, refer to Diocesan website.
- Parochial Committee Update / Mike: all applicants interviewed. In the process of short listing our applicants. May include in person interviews.
- Office manager Update / Derek: Feyi is successful candidate, started training with Yvonne, 3 month probationary period and criminal record check required, w/o signing authority until probationary period completed.
- Treasurer Update / Spencer: Quarterly update
- Items for Discussion:
  - a. Refugee Sponsorship / Nathaniel: One or possibly two young adults from Sudan at the cost of approx. \$11,800 each. Family willing to donate approx. \$7,000. \$8,000 each in fundraising would be the cost if we choose to go ahead. Arrival time for refugee(s) if approved would be 2-3 years. Any donations requested are not intended to supersede donations/tithes to the church.
  - b. Community Rototilling Update / Mike: This is a large project and unsure if St Mary's can commit. Nat will inquire with Mary and Starr.
  - c. Signing Authorities / Mike: Change of signing authorities required for Conexus Credit Union cheque writing and online banking. Also for Customer Automated Funds Transfer (CAFT) and finally for Investment signers for RBC and Investment Planning Council (IPC)

Next Meeting: May 24th

## PARISH LIFE NOTES

### **Morning Prayer**

Monday at 9:00 a.m.

### **Evening Prayer**

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday at 7:00 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.**

### **WORSHIP IN MAY, JUNE, AND JULY**

**May 3** - Eucharist - Preaching and Presiding: The Venerable Jonathan Bauer, Executive Archdeacon of our Diocese

**May 10** - Eucharist - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Nathaniel Deng

**May 17** - Eucharist - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Gene Packwood

**May 24** - Eucharist - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Nathaniel Deng

**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

**SAVE THE DATE** We have applied for a chance to join the Cathedral Village Arts Festival parade on May 18, 2026, beginning at 11:30 a.m. We will carry a banner with our church name and hand out postcards with our service times and children's program descriptions along with candy! Plan to bring a smile, dress in fun, bright colours and decorate your wheelchair, your wagons, or whatever else you wish to bring. Please put this date in your calendar and come out to represent our community. If the

application is approved, more details will come out about where we will meet that day etc. Stay tuned!

**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, in order 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)"

**REQUEST FOR PASTORAL CARE** We are looking for volunteers to visit parishioners who are house bound and take Communion to them. Training will be available. If you are interested, send us a mail - [office@stmarysregina.ca](mailto:office@stmarysregina.ca) or by phone – 306-522-6052.