



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

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## **PASSION SUNDAY**



**March 22, 2026**

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

10:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER (Prayer book pp. 6-15.)  
(Psalm 77; Exodus 2:23—3:20; Mark 10:32-45)

10:30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION (Prayer Book pp. 67- 85)  
Communion Setting: John Merbecke (1510-1585)  
Celebrant and Preacher: Revd. Gene Packwood  
Greeters: Mike & Sandy Hauser    Server: Gwyn Crozier-Smith  
Lector: Mike Hauser

NURSERY for children up to 3 years.    Leader: Rachel  
GODLY PLAY for children 3-6 years.    Leader: Amy    Shepherd: Li  
FAITH QUEST for children 7-13 years. Leader: Andrew

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:

**Molto sostenuto e divoto**  
Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**OPENING HYMN: # 524 O Christ, the Great 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**

*WE beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 1:10-20**

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! <sup>11</sup>What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. <sup>12</sup>When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; <sup>13</sup>bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. <sup>14</sup>Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. <sup>15</sup>When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. <sup>16</sup>Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, <sup>17</sup>learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. <sup>18</sup>Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. <sup>19</sup>If you are willing and obedient, you

shall eat the good of the land; <sup>20</sup> but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. **R./ Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL PSALM: 143:1-10**

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, and consider my desire: / hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

**2 And enter not into judgement with thy servant; / for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.**

**3** For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground: / he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

**4 Therefore is my spirit vexed within me, / and my heart within me is desolate.**

**5** Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works: / yea, I meditate upon the works of thy hands.

**6 I spread forth my hands unto thee: / my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.**

**7** HEAR me, O LORD, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint: / hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

**8 O let me hear thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in thee is my trust: / show thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.**

**9** Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies; / for I flee unto thee to hide me.

**10 Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God: / let thy loving spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.**

**THE EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:11-15**

<sup>1</sup> But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), <sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! <sup>15</sup> For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

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

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 20:20-28**

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

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. <sup>21</sup> And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to

him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' <sup>22</sup> But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' 'They said to him, 'We are able.' <sup>23</sup> He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.' <sup>24</sup> When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup> But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>26</sup> It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; <sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

**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: # 522 Rock of ages, Cleft for Me**

### **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:       Return to the Lord, Your God  
Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

**# 85 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless**

**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: Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

**Refrain:**

***Great is Thy faithfulness!***

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***Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE: March from "Scipio"      George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)**

### **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](mailto: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.

**SAFETY NOTICE: EMERGENCY SIGNALS** You may have noticed air horns posted around the building. We have recently completed an Emergency Response Plan covering situations such as fire and hostile threats.

What you need to know:

- Fire alarm: Exit the building immediately and go to the muster point on the sidewalk on the west side of Montague Street (signage to follow).

- Air horn: Stop what you are doing and await instructions from a Warden, the Incumbent, or another person in charge. You may be directed to evacuate or to shelter/hide.

A copy of the Emergency Response Plan can be found in the office.

**PARISH LUNCHESES – COORDINATOR NEEDED** For several years, Lorna Cross has faithfully organized our Sunday parish lunches. We thank God for her ministry as she now steps back from this role. Going forward, instead of one person overseeing all lunches, we will ask for a coordinator for each event. Coordinating includes inviting the parish to bring food, scheduling set-up and clean-up volunteers, and ordering/picking up a cake, if it is a celebration lunch. **Our next lunch is April 26. If you can coordinate this lunch, please speak to Kate or Mike.**