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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER



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TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

10:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER (Prayer book pp. 6-15.)
(Psalm 135; Numbers 13:1,2,17-end; Mark 5:21-end)

10:30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION (*Prayer Book pp. 67- 85*)
Communion Setting: John Merbecke (1510-1585)
Celebrant and Preacher: Gene Packwood
Assistant: Lloyd Begley
Greeters: Katherine & Lyndon Server: Joshua
Lector: Judy

NURSERY for children up to 3 years. Leader: Kelli
GODLY PLAY for children 3-6 years. Leader: Katie Shepherd: Li
FAITH QUEST for children 7-13 years. Leader: Starr Shepherd: Shelley

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:

Who Is There on This Easter Morning
French traditional melody
Harmonized by Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN: # 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

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

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:1-12

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, ² much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. ³ So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand. ⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.”

¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

R./ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM: 63:1-3

O GOD, thou art my God; / early will I seek thee.

2 My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee, / in a barren and dry land, where no water is.

3 Thus have I looked upon thee in the sanctuary, / that I might behold thy power and glory.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God’s approval. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²² ‘He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.’ ²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

R./ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: # 229 Who Is There on This Easter Morning

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11-16

R. / Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹¹ ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

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: # 430 Will You Come and Follow 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: # 445 God the Creator

Take, O Take Me As I Am

Take, O take me as I am.

Summon out what I shall be.

Set a seal upon my heart, and live in in me.

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

ALTAR GUILD COMMISSIONING

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one body,
and given gifts for a variety of ministries
for the common good.

Our purpose today is to recognize and affirm
the ministry for which this person has offered himself/herself.

The presiding minister describes the ministry and then continues

Is it your will that Katherine, Sandy, Chelsea, Tracey, Shirley and Joshua fulfil this ministry?

People
It is.

The presiding minister addresses those to be commissioned.

Katherine, Sandy, Chelsea, Tracey, Shirley and Joshua,
you have been called to this ministry.

Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work,
perform it with care,
to the honour of God and the benefit of the Church?

Answer **I will.**

The presiding minister addresses the congregation.

Minister Will you uphold them in this service?

People **We will.**

The presiding minister continues,

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
our creator and redeemer.

In every age you call people
to minister in your name.

May the work of this your servant
so build up your Church,
that we may faithfully serve you
and show your love in all the world.

Blessed are you, O God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE ICON

WE bless this Icon in the name of the Father of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
And we pray that as this wedding symbolizes Christ's union with the Church his bride,
we will strive to be faithful witnesses in our world. May those who contemplate its
meaning discover joy and blessing in the foreshadowing of the Eucharist and the
Kingdom of God. May they know God's abiding presence and strength in this life of
Faith through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We gratefully acknowledge Andrew Davis for his generous donation, which made this
beautiful icon possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional Hymn: # 435 Take My Life, and Let It Be

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Offertoire

Leon Boellmann (1862-1897)

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 next Sunday April 26. If you would like to help with food or assist with cleanup, please sign the form on the table outside the sanctuary. Thank you for your support!

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.

COFFEE HOST MINISTRY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Yvonne and Christian Schmidt are retiring from the first Sunday of each month Coffee preparation, serving and clean-up. We thank them for their faithful service!

Eileen Barrie (co-ordinator) is looking for two volunteers to fill this vacancy.

On the first Sunday of each month, the Coffee Hosts’ duties are to:

- Arrive at 10:00 a.m. before the Morning Service. (The tables and chairs are usually set up by secret angels.)
- Prepare the beverages (coffee, tea, cream, milk, sugar, boiled water, juice, powdered mixes).
- Cover the tables with green plastic tablecloths.
- Make up plates of cookies.
- Turn on the dishwasher.

After the Morning Service, host the serving of beverages.

After the social time:

- Clean the tables
- Run the dishwasher
- Put away mugs and glasses
- Tidy the kitchen

- Take home the dish towel to launder and return

We have a list of spare trained volunteers available if you are unable to serve on the first Sunday of each month. Please contact Eileen Barrie if you can help with this important and enjoyable ministry. *“We do this because Jesus loves us and we love Him.” (Quoted from The Rev. Gene Packman’s sermon)*