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THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY



May 17, 2026

TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

10:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER (Prayer book pp. 6-15.)
(Psalm 20, 21; Isaiah 52:1-12; Eph 4:1-16)

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

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

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:
Fantasia
Tomas de Santa Maria (c. 1510-1570)

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN: # 247 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

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 GOD the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 32:14-17

14 For the palace will be forsaken, the populous city deserted, the hill and the watch-tower will become dens for ever, the joy of wild asses, a pasture for flocks; 15 until a spirit from on high is poured out on us, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. The Peace of God's Reign. 16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. 17 The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust for ever.

R./ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM: 47:5-10

5 GOD is gone up with a merry noise, / the LORD with the sound of the trumpet.

6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; / O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

7 For God is the King of all the earth: / sing ye praises with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the nations: / God sitteth upon his holy throne.

9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together, / with the people of the God of Abraham;

10 For the rulers of the earth belong unto God; / he is very highly exalted.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Peter 4:7-11

7 The end of all things is near; therefore, be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. **8** Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. **9** Be hospitable to one another without complaining. **10** Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. **11** Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

R./ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: # 379 Rejoice, the Lord Is King

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:26-16:4

R. / Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

26 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. **27** You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

16 '4 But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with 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: # 374 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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: # 246 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus
402 Confitemini Domino**

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: # 245 O Lord Most High, Eternal King

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Tune: Diademata

George J. Elvey (1816-1893)

Arranged by Chris Neal

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 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

THANK-YOU! To our dear church family, we are so grateful for the prayers and outreach of concern towards us. My surgery went well; I am recovering as I should. Jim's family stepped up to look after Jim and me until I can take over again. Blessings and thank-you to you all. Also, a beautiful prayer shawl was delivered to me by Ann Knutson, the shawl knitted by Shirley. It is physically cozy, "if my neck is warm, I am all warm" Plus it is like a prayerful hug from you all. Thank-you. **Sharon and Jim Klemke**

CATHEDRAL VILLAGE ARTS' FESTIVAL PARADE ON MAY 18 This is your official invitation to come out and represent St. Mary's with us.

SCHEDULE:

10 a.m.: For those who have wagons, wheelchairs, walkers - meet at St. Mary's to decorate

10:45 - 11:00 a.m.: Meet at Holy Rosary Park to get organized

11:30 a.m.: Parade beings

BBQ after the parade at Les Sherman Park

We will be carrying a banner and handing out candy and postcards with our worship time and a description of our children's programming. We have traditionally played a part in this awesome festival and we're glad to be able to continue. Please join us and be part of the community celebration! Wear bright colours and bring a smile. We look forward to seeing you there, rain or shine.

CATHEDRAL ARTS' FESTIVAL The First Church Presbyterian Church invites you to a special "Messy Church" come and go program on Saturday, May 23 from 1-4 pm. It's an event for all ages from little children to seniors, with the theme of "Who is our Neighbour?" based on the Good Samaritan parable. Bring some friends and enjoy stories, art, crafts, and a snack at First Presbyterian Church, 2170 Albert Street at 14th Avenue.

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 and 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.