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THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT



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TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

10:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER (Prayer book pp. 6-15.)
(Ps 80; Ec 11 & 12; Heb 11:1-16)

10:30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION (*Prayer Book pp. 67- 85)*
Communion Setting: John Merbecke (1510-1585)
Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Gene Packwood
Assistant: Rev Nathainel Deng
Greeters: Mary & Nat Server: Lyndon
Lector: Judy

NURSERY for children up to 3 years. Leader:
GODLY PLAY for children 3-6 years. Leader: Katie Shepherd: Helper
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:
Peace and Love and Joy
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Arranged by Ellen Jane Lorenz (1907-1996)

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN: # 380 O Worship the King

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
STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 23:5-8

5 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous
Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and
righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.
And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'
7 Therefore, the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when it shall no longer be said,
'As the Lord lives who brought the people of Israel up out of the land of Egypt', 8 but 'As
the Lord lives who brought out and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the
land of the north and out of all the lands where he[a] had driven them.' Then they shall
live in their own land.
R./ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM: 85:8-13

8 I WILL hearken what the LORD God will say: / for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his saints, and unto them that turn their heart to him.
9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him, / that glory may dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth are met together: / righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11 Truth springeth out of the earth; / and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
12 Yea, the LORD shall give what is good; / and our land shall yield her increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before him, / and shall direct his going in the way.

THE EPISTLE: Colossians 1:13-20

13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of
his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the
image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven
and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions
or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He
himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the
body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might
come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased
to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether
on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.
R./ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: # Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart,
O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of Hope,
give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where'er we roam
ancient words will guide us home.

Refrain: Ancient words ever true,
changing me, and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.
Holy words of our Faith
handed down to this age,

Came to us through sacrifice,
O, heed the ancient words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart;
O let the ancient words impart.

Refrain

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:35-45

R. / Glory be to Thee, O Lord.
35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and as he watched
Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' 37 The two disciples heard
him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 When Jesus turned and saw them following,
he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated
means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' 39 He said to them, 'Come and see.' They
came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about
four o'clock in the afternoon. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him
was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his brother Simon and said to
him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). 42 He brought Simon
to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called
Cephas' (which is translated Peter).43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He
found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of
Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him
about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from
Nazareth.'
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: # 48 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
 # 365 Glory to God on High

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: **# 378 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Organ Postlude:
Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
John Hatton (?-1793)

PARISH LIFE NOTES

Morning Prayer
Monday to Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Mid-Week Eucharist
Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m.

Evening Prayer
Monday to Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

PASTORAL EMERGENCY If there are any emergencies, please contact Rev. Michael Lyons on 306-715-1689

YOUR PRESENCE WITH US HERE TODAY IS A GIFT. Your generous giving helps us share Christ's love in our community and beyond. Visit https://www.stmarysregina.ca/donate or scan the QR to learn more about ways you can give to support our mission.

BIBLE STUDY Our weekly Leviticus Bible Study continues Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the church. There's also an additional study group on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.at the church. Please join us

ADVENT MEDITATION St. Mary's and Immanuel Anglican Church will be collaborating this year for the Advent Meditation. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for these special gatherings at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- November 25 – St. Mary's Church
- December 2 – Immanuel Church
- December 9 – St. Mary's Church
- December 16 – Immanuel Church

We look forward to sharing this meaningful Advent journey together as we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth.

ADVENT MEDITATION SERVICES CHOIR Would you be interested in joining the choir for our Advent Meditation Services? We welcome anyone who would like to share their voice and be part of this special ministry. If you are interested, please speak with Rev. Michael or Jennifer.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP Calling all youth! The Parish Youth Group will be holding its first meeting on Friday, November 27, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the Lower Hall.

ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, THE 5TH OF DECEMBER FROM 11AM-3PM Volunteers needed -- please talk to Katherine Gilks or email at km.gilks@gmail.com. Donations of baking, other food items (such as jam), and crafts (handmade or self-created items that are not food) for our sale will be much appreciated. Please let Katherine know if you are planning to contribute. Regarding used items this year, we will only accept gently used and clean toys (suitable for ages 12 and under) for sale. Please let Katherine know if you plan to donate any toys to the

event. (We will donate any remaining toys.) Please talk to Katherine Gilks about volunteering (if not in person, email km.gilks@gmail.com). We look forward to another lovely event!"

ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL SET-UP TIMES: If you have volunteered to help set up for the St. Nicholas Festival, the times are as follows:

- Thursday, the 3rd of December starting at 7pm (90-minute time commitment)
- Friday, the 4th of December: 1-4pm will be packaging and pricing for the bake sale, followed by set-up from 5-7pm
- Saturday, the 5th of December: last-minute set-up starting at 9:30am (event starts at 11am)

On Thursday, we will be setting up the cafe in the lower hall (including decorations) as well as the tables in the upper hall. On Friday, we will be setting up the bake & craft sale, as well as decorating the upper hall, and the BBQ team will be doing some food preparations. Please have baking and crafts dropped off by 1pm on the 4th. If that is not feasible, please bring items Friday evening or Saturday morning already packaged and priced. Thank you very much for all your prayers and contributions!"

GIVING ENABLES MISSION This November, every household on the parish list will be contacted by a Vestry member and receive a package outlining the cost of sustaining our life and mission at St. Mary's. As we renew our vision and refocus our mission, we invite every member to prayerfully consider their giving and make a generous financial commitment to support the future of our church. Together, our gifts make our mission possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS & SHEPHERDS NEEDED We are looking for volunteers to serve as Sunday School Leaders and Shepherds. If you are interested in helping support and guide our children and youth, please speak with Amy Auton or Starr Davis. We welcome anyone who would like to get involved!

SUNDAY AFTER-SERVICE COFFEE MINISTRY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Eileen Barrie (co-ordinator of the Sunday after Service Coffee Ministry) is looking for two volunteers to fill a vacancy: (adults, a couple, teenagers, anyone who is interested in getting to better know church members, etc.).

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).

- prepare the beverages (coffee, tea, cream milk, sugar, boiled water, ice water, juice, powdered mixes), cover the tables with green plastic table cloths, -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 towels to launder and return. The social time and clean up I is usually complete by 1:00p.m.

We have a list of spare trained volunteers available if you are unable to do this service on the first Sunday of each month or trade with volunteer from weeks 2,3 or 4. Please contact Eileen Barrie if you are able to help with this important, enjoyable Ministry.

"We do this because Jesus loves you and we follow Him." (Quoted from The Rev. Gene Packwood's sermon)

Eileen Barrie Home phone (306) 584-9550) E-mail <marieka@accesscomm.ca>





GIVE HOPE. CHANGE A LIFE.

St. Mary's refugee sponsorship campaign is underway, and there is still time to be part of this life-changing ministry.

Our current goal is to raise another **$4,600.**

How to Give

Please make a one-time donation marked "Refugee Fund" by:

- Cheque
- Using the QR code
- E-transfer to giving@stmarysregina.ca
- Cash

Donations can be placed in the Sunday collection plate or delivered to the church office.

Your gift, in addition to your regular offering, will help provide a refugee family with safety, hope, and a new beginning.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

If you need more information, please contact Nathaniel, email nadeathiand@gmail.com or phone 306-716-6380.