



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

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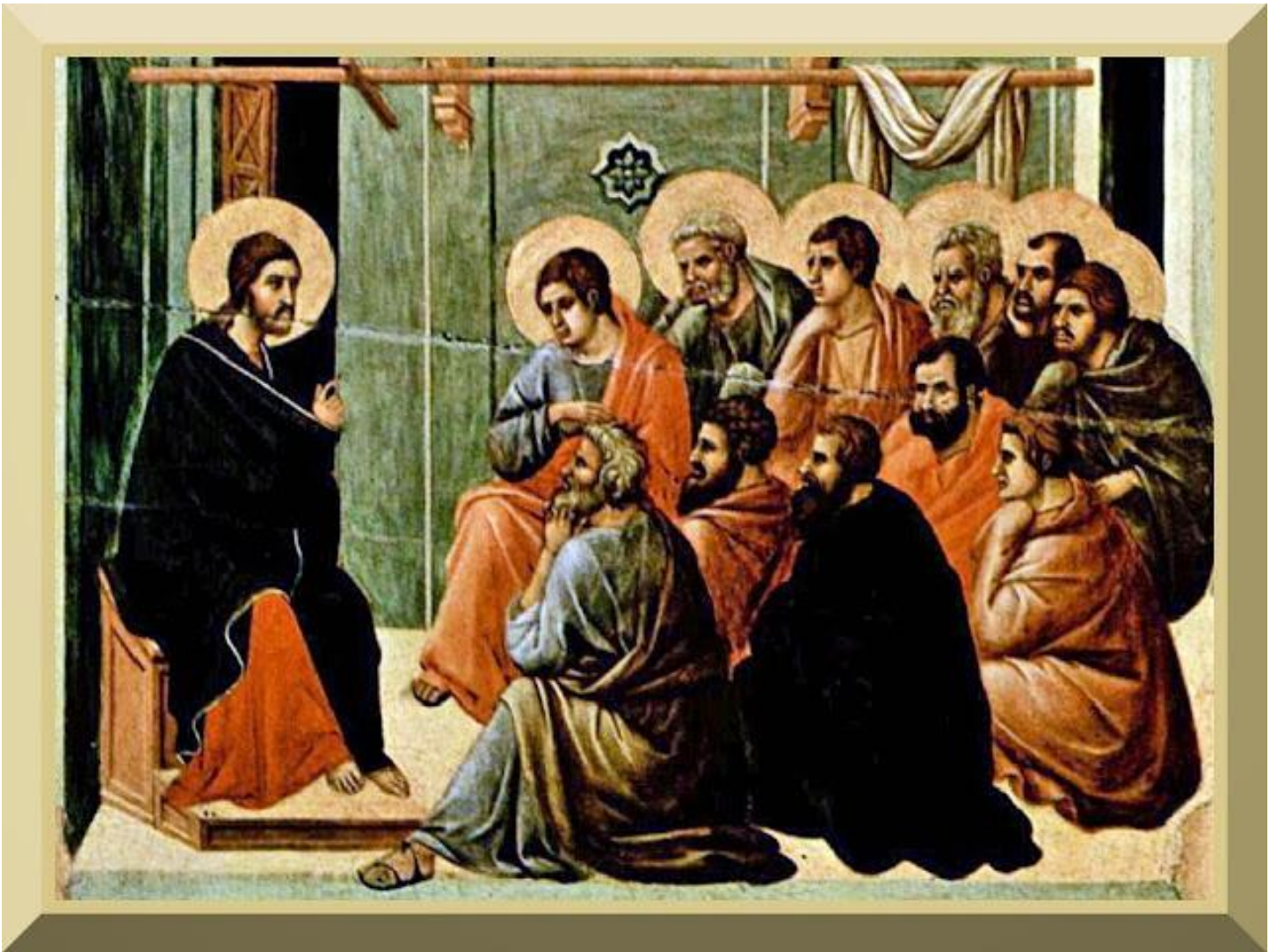
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## **THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**



**April 26, 2026**

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

10:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER (Prayer book pp. 6-15.)  
(Psalm 121, 122; Numbers 22:1-21; Luke 7:11-17)

10:30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION (*Prayer Book pp. 67- 85*)  
*Communion Setting: John Merbecke (1510-1585)*  
*Celebrant and Preacher: Paula Foster*  
*Assistant: Henry Friesen*  
*Greeters: Janice & Dave     Server: Lyndon*  
*Lector: Dave*

*NURSERY for children up to 3 years. Leader: Deborah*

*GODLY PLAY for children 3-6 years. Leader: Alanna     Shepherd: Heather*

*FAITH QUEST for children 7-13 years. Leader: Adam     Shepherd: Eli*

### *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:**

#### **Simple Gifts**

Russell Schulz-Widmar (b. 1944)

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**OPENING HYMN: # 205 The Day of Resurrection**

**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 showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may forsake those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:23-31**

<sup>23</sup> After they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God and said, 'Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them, <sup>25</sup> it is you who said by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant: "Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples imagine vain things? <sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers have gathered together against the Lord and against his Messiah." <sup>27</sup> For in this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, <sup>28</sup> to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. <sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, <sup>30</sup> while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant

Jesus.’ <sup>31</sup> When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

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

**GRADUAL PSALM: 66:7-8**

7 O PRAISE our God, ye peoples, / and make the voice of his praise to be heard;  
8 Who holdeth our soul in life, / and suffereth not our feet to slip.

**THE EPISTLE: 1 Peter 2:11-17**

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. <sup>12</sup> Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge. <sup>13</sup> For the Lord’s sake accept the authority of every human institution, <sup>14</sup> whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. <sup>15</sup> For it is God’s will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. <sup>16</sup> As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. <sup>17</sup> Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

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

**GRADUAL HYMN: # 405 Alleluia No. 1**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 16:16-22**

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

<sup>16</sup> ‘A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me.’ <sup>17</sup> Then some of his disciples said to one another, ‘What does he mean by saying to us, “A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me”; and “Because I am going to the Father”?’ <sup>18</sup> They said, ‘What does he mean by this “a little while”? We do not know what he is talking about.’ <sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, ‘Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, “A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me”?’ <sup>20</sup> Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup> When a woman is in labour, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. <sup>22</sup> So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from 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: # 207 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

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

**# 361 Surely It Is God Who Saves 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**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Recessional Hymn: # 239 Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE: Offertoire**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Tune: Old Hundredth

Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561)

Arranged by Robert J. Hughes (1916-1999)

## **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.**

## PARISH LIFE NOTES

**FARWELL**, please join us today after the service for lunch and to say farewell to Rev. Paula and Yvonne as they move onto their next chapters.

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

**May 10** - Eucharist - Presiding: Rev. Nathaniel Deng; Preaching: Rev. Gene Packwood  
**May 17th** - Eucharist - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Gene Packwood

**May 24** - Eucharist - Presiding: Rev. Nathaniel Deng; Preaching: Rev. Gene Packwood  
**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 - Presiding: Rev. Nathaniel Deng; Preaching: Rev. Gene Packwood  
**July 19** - Eucharist - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Gene Packwood

**July 26** - Morning Prayer - led by Lloyd Begley

**NEW ADMIN OFFICER** Please join us in welcoming our new administrative assistant, Feyikemi Adewunmi, who will be taking over from Yvonne at the end of April. Feyi grew up in the Anglican Church in Nigeria, is married with two boys, and attends Immanuel Anglican Church. She has a background in communications and administration and looks forward to serving and getting to know the parish community.

**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! (please keep in until I give you updated information)

**CALL FOR BBQ** " With nicer weather and BBQ season soon in the forecast, St Mary's is looking for one or two additional good working BBQ's which would supplement our older units, one of which is no longer operational. Those of you who have an extra BBQ available, please contact Mike or Kate or any Vestry member."

**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.