

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

# MOTHERING SUNDAY

March 11, 2018

*Jerusalem which is above is free;  
which is the mother of us all!*

## **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalms 86 & 87 | Genesis 35:1-15 | Hebrews 13:1-21

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit: Psalm 122:	page 498
<i>The Gloria is omitted during Lent</i>	
The Collect:	page 147
The Old Testament Reading:	Exodus 16:2-7a
Salvator Mundi:	<i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Epistle:	page 147
Gradual Psalm 125:	page 499
The Holy Gospel:	page 147
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; <b>C: Hear our prayer</b>
The Consecration:	page 82
Collect for Lent:	page 138

**9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall**  
**Time with Fr. Stockall**

## **10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

♪♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	627 (Ewing)
<i>The Gloria is omitted during Lent</i>	
The Collect:	page 147
The Old Testament Reading:	Exodus 16:2-7a
♪♪ SALVATOR MUNDI:	<i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Epistle:	page 147
♪♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	116 (Song 13)
The Holy Gospel:	page 147
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♪♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	807 (Hermon)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; <b>C: Hear our prayer</b>
The Consecration:	page 82
♪♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	219 (Bread of Heaven)
Collect for Lent:	page 138
♪♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	503 (Kingsfold)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall  
following the 10:30 Celebration for  
Coffee & Conversation.*



*From the Rector* \_\_\_\_\_

The Fourth Sunday in Lent has long been called Laetare Sunday from the Latin text of its Introit Psalm: *Laetatus sum – I was glad when they said unto me, 'We will go unto the house of the Lord'*. This day has also been known variously as Refreshment Sunday, Mid-Lent Sunday, Mothering Sunday, Jerusalem Sunday, New Sunday, Rose Sunday, Alb Sunday, and the Sunday of the Five Loaves.

As Fr. Whitney pointed out in last year's study of the Pre-Lent and Lenten Sunday readings, it is as if the phase of the Church Year which began back on Septuagesima Sunday is being brought to a close this morning, before we embark on the challenges of Passiontide, with phrases from the Collect for that Sunday echoed within the Collect appointed for today: "that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved"; an image of comfort that is developed by this morning's Gospel, the story the feeding of the 5000. In fact, in some parts of the Church, bread would be distributed to the poor on this day in re-enactment of that event.

The Epistle for Mothering Sunday refers to "Jerusalem" as the mother of us all", so it became customary in many cities to visit the mother church of the area. The reference to 'mother' led to the English custom of visiting one's own mother on this day. Special cakes called Simnel or Mothering cakes would be prepared, and violets would be brought as gifts.

Another name for Mothering Sunday is Refreshment Sunday because the fasting rules for Lent were relaxed that day. The food specially associated with Mothering Sunday is Simnel cake, which is a fruit cake with two layers of almond paste, one on top and one in the middle. Symbols representing the Apostles and the Trinity have customarily been included. The name Simnel likely comes from the Latin word *simila*, which means a fine wheat flour usually used for baking a cake.

We thank the members of our Mothers' Union branch for preparing our own Simnel Cake this morning. As we celebrate Mothering Sunday let us give thanks for the many different mothers who have played, and continue to play, significant roles to nourish and nurture the People of God; including the Church, which offers us a reminder of the Grace of God which nourishes us soul and body every day.



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The Flowers on the Altar are given to the

**GLORY OF GOD**

and in loving memory of

**Mary & Parnell Stack**

**Marianna Stack**

by the Family

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon them.



*The Anglican Church of Canada*  
*The Diocese of Fredericton*  
**THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK**



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That crowd of Jews would have followed Christ at that moment because He was giving them what they wanted [bread], and they wished to use Him for their plans and dreams and purposes. That attitude to Christ still lingers in men's minds. We would like Christ's gifts without Christ's Cross; we would like to use Christ instead of allowing Him to use us.

William Barclay (1907-1978), *The Gospel of John* [1975]

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*Priest and Rector*

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## Parish Notices and Updates

**ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN** will be meeting tomorrow, March 12<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Hall, beginning with lunch at 12:00 noon followed by a business meeting. The women of St. Mary's are warmly invited to join them. For more information please speak to Joan Keswick at 472-2193 or the Rector.

**OUR LENTEN FAITH AND FILM** series continues tomorrow, *Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>*, with a showing of *Cry the Beloved Country*, a 1995 film starring James Earl Jones based on the 1948 novel of the same name by Alan Paton. We plan to start at 7:00 p.m. **at the Rectory**; and for those who can join us, we warmly invite everyone to come along for a light supper of soup and rolls starting each Monday at 6:00 p.m. Our film series will explore the intersection of faith and life, providing a place where we can discover how God's Grace is shaping our own lives. **So, feel free to come along each Monday for supper and a movie; or, if it's better for you, just supper or just the movie!**

**ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** is held every *Friday, starting at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. We've started a new study of the Gospel According to St. Luke. Everyone is warmly invited to join us; and if your schedule only permits you to attend occasionally, please plan to join us when you can.

**EACH FRIDAY THROUGHOUT THE SEASON OF LENT**, at 7:00 p.m., we pray the *Stations of the Cross*, a quiet reflective service in which we journey through Christ's steps on the road to the Cross. This brief service is an excellent and hopeful mediation on what Christ was accomplishing on our behalf by His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection;

**MEMBERS OF THE PARISH CORPORATION** (Wardens and Vestry) are reminded of the meeting scheduled for next *Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>*, starting at 12:15 p.m. Those who are unable to attend are asked to convey their regrets to the Rector or the Vestry Clerk.

**FLOWERS AT EASTER:** Those who wish to place memorial flowers may do so by including a donation through the collection plate. Please ensure that your donation includes the names in whose memory the flowers are being placed. We'll need to know the names by Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**NEWS! NEWS!** Everyone is warmly invited to join us for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual **Congregational Roast Pork Dinner** on **Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**. Beverages will be available at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner will be served at 6:00. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to share in this opportunity to gather as the Family of God around the table for fellowship and mutual support; and we very warmly encourage you to invite your family and friends. A basket will be available to those who would like to make a very

small freewill offering to help cover the costs, but this is **NOT** a fundraising project, so there is no cost to attend! But, to help organisers to prepare for the meal, a signup sheet has been placed on the table in the narthex. Please let us know either there or by email to the Rector by Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, if you plan to attend. ***We hope to see everyone there!***

Our friends in the Parish of Marysville are challenging the people of St. Mary's, and other neighbouring parishes, to share in their 2nd annual Tournament, this year in support of **Striking out Child Hunger in New Brunswick**. The event will be held on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, at Bowl-a-Drome (301 Main Street) starting at 12:30 p.m. ***We need just one more bowler to form our team***, so please speak to the Rector if you're interested. The funds raised at the Fredericton event will go to the Fredericton Community Kitchen to help with their student hunger programme. **A signup sheet is available on the table in the narthex. Plan to help make this excellent project a success!**



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**MARCH 14: ST. PATRICK**, Missionary & Bishop, 461 (tra.)

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**MARCH 15: LENT FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

**MARCH 16: EVE OF ST. PATRICK OF IRELAND**

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – The Stations of the Cross

**MARCH 17: THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT:**

**PASSION SUNDAY**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**MARCH 18: THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT:**

**PASSION SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages!

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

*Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Hall*