

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2019

*Great is your faith! Be it done for
you as you desire!*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 51 | Genesis 18:1-15 | St. Luke 15:11-end

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit: Psalm 25:1-7: *page 358*
The Gloria is omitted during Lent
The Collect: *page 143*
The Old Testament Lesson: *Jeremiah 17:5-10*
Psalm 51:15-17: *page 395*
The Epistle: *page 144*
Gradual: Psalm 123: *page 498*
The Holy Gospel: *page 144*
The Creed: *page 71*
The Homily
The Prayers of the People: *L: Lord, in your mercy;
C: Hear our prayer*
The Consecration: *page 82*
Post-Communion Prayer: *page 85*

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

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** **589** (Breslau)
The Gloria is omitted during Lent
The Collect: *page 143*
The Old Testament Reading: *Jeremiah 17:5-10*
♪ **PSALM:** *please see the bulletin insert*
The Epistle: *page 144*
♪ **GRADUAL HYMN:** **812** *verse 6 only* (Deirdre)
The Holy Gospel: *page 144*
The Creed: *page 71*
The Homily
♪ **OFFERTORY HYMN:** **571** (All for Jesus)
The Prayers of the People: *L: Lord, in your mercy;
C: Hear our prayer*
The Consecration: *page 82*
♪ **HYMN DURING COMMUNION:** **233** (St. Agnes 232)
Post-Communion Prayer: *page 85*
♪ **RECESSIONAL HYMN:** **241** (Albano)

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

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From the Rector _____

This morning's Gospel speaks directly to the question of how we relate to the stranger and the outsider: to those who differ from us in any of the countless ways that humanity likes to draw lines and make distinctions. And while that issue is always relevant, we are made even more aware of it when we witness the brutal violence of Friday's mass shooting at two

mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, where a shooter targeted victims solely on the basis of religious and cultural difference; in this case, solely because they were Muslims. We have again been reminded of the power of hatred to scar the soul and the power of bitter words to darken the heart. We have again seen how divisive ideas and images in one corner of our highly connected world permeate every corner; where violent acts and hateful words stir violence and hatred everywhere.

The Canaanite woman in this morning's Gospel reaches out beyond the cultural and religious walls of her world. In her desperation she does what few in her context would have had the courage to do: she is willing to face the indignity of rejection and judgement because her love for her daughter is so great that she does not fear personal humiliation and shame. And because of her persistence and faith, because of her willingness to overlook harsh words and rejection, Jesus sees in her humility a faith that he has not seen in anyone else.

The brutal violence that we saw on Friday in Christchurch seems a world away from our quiet corner of God's creation, even though we have been reminded in recent years that violence can strike here as well. But I wonder whether our lives are as sheltered as we like to think they are. There seems to be a rising intolerance in our political and civil debate; and some of the bigotries that we once thought had been eradicated from the public square (and maybe even from the human heart) have returned in new packaging.

So I wonder if we're as willing to face shame and rejection as the Canaanite woman whose great faith stands out so boldly in this morning's Gospel. Are we willing to speak boldly in the name of love and compassion when we hear our friends or neighbours or family members (or politicians or the political commentators) speaking hatefully or unkindly or intolerantly about immigrants or people of colour or the First Nations people of Canada, or those who differ from us religiously, linguistically, or culturally? We may think that bitter, judgemental words spoken in the quietness of our homes or our coffee shops have little consequence, that words are only words, or that everyone has the right to their opinion, no matter how vile that opinion may be, but, as John Donne reminded us a long time ago, we are never islands unto ourselves; we are always part of something larger, whether that larger thing is our common humanity or, in our case, our life in the Body of Christ.

So now is the time to stand as courageously as the Canaanite woman whom Jesus praises in this morning's Gospel. Now is the time to reject the narrow-mindedness of religious or cultural bigotry; to demand of our political and social leaders more compassionate policies and practices; to condemn hatred, bigotry, and intolerance in all forms. Jesus is very clear that to welcome the stranger is a basic requirement for anyone who wishes to call themselves a Christian. It's not negotiable.

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It is not that we keep His commandments first, and that then He loves; but that He loves us, and then we keep His commandments. This is that grace, which is revealed to the humble, but hidden from the proud.

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

Lectures or Tractates on the Gospel according to St. John

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Parish Notices and Updates

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH CORPORATION (Wardens and Vestry members) are reminded of the meeting which is scheduled for today, starting at approximately 12:15 p.m. Those who are unable to attend are asked to convey their regrets to the Rector or the Vestry Clerk.

OUR LENTEN FAITH AND FILM series continues at 7:00 p.m. this **Tuesday, March 19th**, at the Rectory with ***The Voyage of the Dawn Treader***, a 2010 film based on one of the novels in C. S. Lewis' remarkable Narnia series. Our film series will explore how God's Grace is shaping our own lives. *This week's movie will offer an exploration of how we are offered redemption in Jesus Christ.* And we warmly invite those who can join us to come along for a light supper of soup and rolls starting 6:00 p.m. So, feel free to come along 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 each **Friday, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Rectory. We're looking at 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 whenever you can.

EVERYONE IS WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US for **PINT of VIEW** on **Thursday, March 28th** at 7:00 p.m. at the **Rectory**. We're very pleased that Fred Doucette will be speaking on the issue of PTSD in the military. Fred works as a peer support coordinator with the Canadian Forces Operational Stress Injury Social Support Program, following 32 years of military service, including a year-long tour in Sarajevo. In 2002 he was medically released from the army for PTSD. Plan to join us for a stimulating conversation on a very timely and important subject while we enjoy some of Fredericton's finest craft beer. For more information, directions please speak to the Rector.

THE CHOIRS OF HOLY TRINITY, NEW MARYLAND, CHRIST CHURCH (PARISH CHURCH), ST. PETER'S, AND ST. MARY'S, under the direction of Dr. Willis Noble and Alice Boyd, are combining for a series of three services of Choral Evensong. The first will be held on **Sunday, March 31st**, at 4:00 p.m. at the Parish Church. Everyone is invited. Choral Evensong is one of the great spiritual gems of the Anglican tradition: a beautiful blending of Scripture, music, and prayer that brings our day to a quiet and graceful close. The focus of this first service will be our Lenten journey; services in April and June will focus on our Easter celebration of the Resurrection and our Pentecost celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Light refreshments will be offered following the Service.

WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT SEVERAL MEMBERS of the Parish are able to represent the Parish at this year's Bowling Tournament to raise fund for Fredericton's Community Kitchen, which will be held on **Saturday, April 6th**, starting at 12:30 p.m. Archdeacon Cathy Laskey, Jean Vanstone, Adele

Knox, and Linda and Shannon Thornton are looking for your support. Sponsorship sheets have been placed on the table in the Narthex. Please speak to them if you're able to help their efforts to raise funds for this very important community programme.

OUR FRIENDS IN THE PARISH OF MARYSVILLE are holding a Memorial Hymn Sing on **Sunday, April 28th** at 3:00 p.m. If you wish to have a hymn sung in memory of a loved one, or if you wish more information, please contact Wendy Banks at 206-4068 or wendy4301@hotmail.com. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Church Hall.

BEWAR BARZANI, HIS WIFE ATENA AND THEIR SON DANIEL, are recent arrivals in Canada from Kurdistan and we have been pleased to welcome them to services here at St. Mary's. They have been learning English through classes at the Multicultural Centre and are learning what life is like here in Fredericton. Bewar has been looking for a job and has asked that we post his resume in case any members of St. Mary's are looking to hire someone for help with odd jobs. His resume has been posted in the Narthex; please have a look. If you have any questions please speak to the Rector.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MARCH 20: ST. JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

- 2:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, *Paradise Villa*
- 6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

MARCH 21: THOMAS CRANMER, Archbishop and Martyr

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

MARCH 22: LENTEN FERIA

- 6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. – The Stations of the Cross

MARCH 23: THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

- 4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
- 5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

MARCH 24: THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
- 10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Followed by Coffee and Conversation in the Parish Hall