

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

November 13, 2016

*God is Love!
O come, let us worship!*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 139 | Amos 9:5-end | St. John 7:37-52

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit Psalm 99:1-5:	<i>page 456</i>
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect and Epistle:	<i>page 131</i>
Gradual Psalm 99:6-9:	<i>page 456</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 132</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; C: Hear our prayer

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

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♫ Processional Hymn:	393 (Lobe Den Herren)
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect and Epistle:	<i>page 131</i>
Gradual Psalm:	<i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 132</i>
♫ Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
♫ Offertory Hymn:	240 (Schmuche Dich)

The Prayers of the People:

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The Consecration:

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♫ Hymn during Communion:

219 (Bread of Heaven)

♫ Recessional Hymn:

Lift High the Cross
please see the bulletin insert

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

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From the Rector

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.
Psalm 118:8-9

For our friends and family in the United States these days there is much uncertainty and anxiety. On one side of a much divided nation, there are the angry voices of those who have felt excluded, economically and ideologically, from the political narrative for many years, who voted this past week very firmly against the status quo. On the other side of that divide are other, equally passionate voices speaking of impending disaster in every possible way: political, economic, ecological, and social.

And even for those of us here in Canada, it has been virtually impossible to escape the subject. No matter where I go I encounter people discussing their fears with a fervour almost as intense as we hear from the other side of the border.

On one hand we're right to take note. Some of the divisive forces that led to such an unexpected result in the American presidential election have surfaced in recent months and years in Great Britain and other European countries. The world is a village writ large; and ideas transcend national borders, so we're not likely to avoid entirely the pull of social fragmentation here in Canada.

Without getting too deeply involved in each issue, and trying very hard not to be partisan, I will admit that I think that there is good cause to fear some of the political and social forces that we've seen rising of late. The increasing normalisation of racial and ethnic bigotry, the casual acceptance of the language of violence and sexual assault, and the inability to engage differences and disagreement peacefully and constructively are all causes for great anxiety. So much that civil society has worked to resolve in recent decades seems lost; and how we find our way back to 'the better angels of our nature,' as one former U.S. president once urged in a dark and foreboding time, has yet to be made clear.

But regardless of how all this plays out, as Christians we are reminded by the words of Psalm 118 that we should never put our deepest trust in princes, or presidents, no matter which one wins election. God alone is our refuge; and

whenever we begin to think that political parties or platforms are our highest hope, we run the grave risk of idolatry.

Please pray for wisdom and discretion in all political leaders and for compassion, love, and patience for all people. There are many hearts and souls in need of healing. There is much fear and anger; and the only remedy for that is Christ.

A Message from the Sunday School:

Throughout this Fall the Sunday School here at St. Mary's is studying the Lord's Prayer; and as part of that project, we will be producing a variety of visual representations which will be hung in the Nave.

The latest of these displays speaks symbolically of the words 'thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.' We constructed a crown to remind us of God's role as King of heaven and earth. We then explored what God's Will might be and used symbols to represent love, peace, kindness and joy. We see these signs in the world, which serve to remind us of our role to do God's Will in our own lives; and to share God's Will with others. When we're able to do that, with God's help, we become part of God's plan in making His Kingdom come.

Please stayed tuned as we continue our exploration of the Lord's Prayer. We hope that you find the displays a helpful addition to your own spiritual journey.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

NOVEMBER 15: MARY SUMNER, Founder of the Mother's Union

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

Followed by a meeting of St. Mary's Mothers' Union

NOVEMBER 16: ST. HUGH, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200

2:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, *Paradise Villa*

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

NOVEMBER 19: THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

NOVEMBER 20: THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

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It is only when we see things in the light of God that we see what things are really important, and what things are not. Things which seem vastly important, things like ambition, and prestige, and money and gain, lose all their value and importance when they are seen in the light of God. Things which seem evils, hardship, toil, discipline, unpopularity, even persecution, are seen in their glory when they are seen in the light of God.

William Barclay (1907-1978), *The Revelation of John*

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Parish Notices and Updates

The newest copy of *The Tidings*, our parish newsletter, is available in the Narthex. Pick up a copy or we can email one to you. Please speak to the Rector or Debbie Perry if you can't find one or if you'd like to receive it electronically.

Church Calendars for 2017 are now available on the table in the Narthex for a very reasonable \$6.00. These lovely calendars are an ideal way of keeping track of the Church Year and are excellent small gifts for friends at Christmas. Please speak to the Rector if you can't locate the calendars.

Members of the Parish Corporation (Wardens and Vestry) are reminded of the meeting scheduled for next Sunday, November 20th, starting at 12:15 p.m. Those who are unable to attend are asked to convey their regrets either to the Rector or the Vestry Clerk.

The Rt. Revd. David Edwards, Bishop of Fredericton, will be in the Parish of St. Mary (York) to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on *Sunday, December 11th*. *As part of the Bishop's visit we welcome anyone who would like to make a reaffirmation of their Confirmation and Baptismal promises.* If you would like to do that in the presence of the Bishop, or if you have any questions as to what that means, please speak to the Rector.

St. Mary's branch of Anglican Church Women will be meeting on *Monday, November 14th* beginning with a business meeting at 12:00 noon. At 1:30 they will enjoy Tea at the Rectory. 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.

St. Mary's branch of the Mothers' Union will be meeting on *Tuesday, November 15th* beginning with a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m. They invite everyone to join them. For more information please speak to Adele Knox.

As part of a series of events recalling Canadian participation in the First World War being organised by the UNB Art Centre and the Gregg Centre for Study of War and Society, the Revd. Canon Ross Hebb, Rector of our sister parish, will be offering a presentation based on his recent book *Letters Home: Maritimers and The Great War*, a collection of letters from soldiers at the front, on *Thursday, November 17th*, at 7:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event.

St. Mary's weekly Bible Study "Faithful and True: a Look at the Women in Holy Scripture," is held each *Friday at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. 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.

Ten Thousand Villages 16th Fredericton Festival will be held at Wilmot United Church, on Friday, November 18th, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, November 19th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Fredericton Mennonites invite you to participate and join in the fun! Buy beautiful handmade crafts, jewellery,

home decor, clothing, toys, and more while supporting artisans in the developing world. Be part of the change we want to see in our world. Your support of Fair Trade will make a difference! Admission is free and everyone is welcome. For more information go to www.tenthousandvillages.ca or contact Jill at bateman5@nb.sympatico.ca.

The Men of St. Mary's, and their friends, are invited to join us for **PINT of VIEW**, a new informal parish discussion group. We plan to gather again on **Tuesday, November 22nd** at 7:30 p.m. at *Bill & Adele Knox's (5 Ruby Street)* and we're very pleased to tell you that the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Revd. David Edwards, will be with us to initiate a conversation on the question of: "Why bother with the Bible." Please join us for a stimulating conversation while we enjoy some of Fredericton's finest craft beer.

Please join us on Saturday, November 26th for our annual Chicken Pattie Tea & Bazaar from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost of the Tea is \$8.00.

* The organisers are asking for your donations of items for the Food Table, Craft Table (knitting, etc.), the White Elephant Table (books, CDs, jewellery, Christmas decorations, ornaments, etc.), Silent Auction (items to make up baskets e.g. soaps, candles; or any **new items you would like to give** (e.g. a sheets, towels, a sweater, pictures, decorations, gift certificates, etc.. Everything is welcome.

* They're also calling for volunteers to help with all aspects of the event. Please speak to the Rector if you have any questions.

New Brunswick Community Harvest Gardens, the organisation which manages St. Mary's Community Garden, will be holding their annual Fall Harvest Pot Luck here at St. Mary's on Sunday, November 27th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Open for all members of the St. Mary's and Marysville gardens, they also wish to invite the people of the Parish of St. Mary (York) to join them. The theme this year is "Food from many Cultures." Bring along your favourite dish to share. Recipe cards are requested so that people with allergies can eat with confidence. They hope to see you there!

We're planning our 3rd Annual PARISH ADVENT PARTY, with a visit from *St. Nick*, for pre-school and school-age kids (and their families!), on **Saturday, December 3rd** from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Hall. There will be Games and Crafts for all ages, with activities for younger children; and the decorating of St. Nicholas Cookies. Everything will wrap up with a Family Supper. Plan to join us on the 5th and please feel free to invite your friends. For more information please speak to Janice.

St. Mary's Mothers' Union branch is looking for contributions of new or gently-used baby monitors for *Women in Transition House*, Fredericton's emergency shelter for abused women and their children, for their use at the house. Those who are able to help are asked to please bring their contributions to church **by December 4th** and Mothers' Union will have a box in the hall for you to place them. Any questions can be directed to Adele Knox or another Mothers' Union member. Thank you for your assistance in this important cause.