

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER

TRINITY

November 18, 2018

Go is love; O come, let us worship!

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 139 | Ecclesiasticus 3:17-29 | St. Luke 17:1-10

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit: Psalm 100:	page 457
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 131
The Old Testament Lesson:	Amos 9:5-6; 11-15
Psalm 99:1-5:	page 456
The Epistle:	page 131
Gradual Psalm 99:6-9:	page 456
The Holy Gospel:	page 132
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:	Thine is the Glory please see the bulletin insert
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 131
The First Lesson:	Amos 9:5-6; 11-15
♪ PSALM:	please see the bulletin insert
The Epistle:	page 131
♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	Let there be Light please see the bulletin insert
The Holy Gospel:	page 132
♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	432 (Hermon)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	500 (Song 46)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	627 (Ewing)

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

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From the Rector _____

One of the unusual words that we use in church that we seldom, if ever, use outside of church is 'consecrate'. When we consecrate something we set it apart forever for the worship and service of God. We take ordinary, unholy things and, by God's Grace, they are made holy that they might be extraordinary things; that they might become vehicles of God's Grace. In this way, for example, we consecrate a church, once it has been completed and paid for. When churches are consecrated bishops claim that place for Christ:

they trace the Alpha and the Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, on the floor; they pray at the prayer desk, the lectern, the pulpit, and the altar; they pray that each place might be used for the proclamation of God's Holy Word and for the administration of His Holy Sacraments; and, when all that has been done, the bishop blesses and consecrates the entire Church, forever setting it apart from all other uses; that it might always be used for God's worship; that it might always be used for holy things.

That same kind of thing is done when someone is made a bishop or a priest or a deacon. By the laying on of hands that person is set apart for God's service and endowed with the Grace of God to fulfil that office, that they might be vehicles of Grace. But that, of course, is the same thing that we do when we celebrate the Holy Eucharist. Bread and wine are taken and set apart and, by God's Grace, they are blessed and consecrated to be something more than just bread and wine; that is, to be for us the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ. They are set apart as holy things to be vehicles of God's Grace.

That is part of our tradition as Anglicans: a received tradition whereby God, through His Church, sets apart material things for spiritual worship; a tradition whereby the ordinary things that we can see and touch and taste and hear are used by God to give us the spiritual gifts that we cannot see or touch or taste or hear. To consecrate something is to use it forever as a means of God's Grace; to use the things around us to point to God.

But, in a sense, we are all set apart and consecrated for the worship and service of God. By virtue of our baptism we are given Grace to be vehicles of Grace. Just as churches are built and set apart and the Holy Eucharist is celebrated and set apart that people might be pointed to God, so we are marked and set apart that we might point always people to God. We point people to God when we live our lives in a holy way; in ways which allow the Grace of God to be given to those who see and know us. By ministering love and joy, peace and compassion, patience, forgiveness, and humility, kindness and thankfulness, unity, hope, and encouragement, we too can be vehicles of God's Grace: consecrated to God's Glory; set apart for His worship and service; blessed by God in order to bless others; consecrated in the Name of Christ, as ministers of Christ. This is the ministry to which all of us have been called.

The end of the Season of Trinity and the beginning of another Church Year is an excellent time to look at our lives to see whether or not we have been faithful ministers of the gifts that we have been given by God; to see whether or not we have 'done all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ'. Do people see God in us and in the things that we do? Do they see His love and His goodness? Do they see Christ in our words and our deeds? That's our challenge and privilege as people consecrated and set apart for the worship and the service of God; as those who have been blessed by God so that through us God might bless the world.

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The loneliness of God looking for his partners, Adam and Eve, in the Garden; the grief of God before the flood; the head-shaking exasperation of God at Babel—all these, God knows, he will have to continue to experience. And worse—there will be numerous further acts of judgment as well as mercy as the story unfolds. But unfold it will. The overarching picture is of the sovereign Creator God who will continue to work within his world until blessing replaces curse, homecoming replaces exile, olive branches appear after the flood and a new family is created in which the scattered languages can be reunited.

N. T. Wright, *Evil and the Justice of God*

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Parish Notices and Updates

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH CORPORATION (Wardens and Vestry members) are reminded of the meeting next 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.

ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF THE MOTHERS' UNION will be meeting on **Tuesday, November 20th**, at 7:45 p.m. following the 7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. They invite everyone to join them. For more information please speak to the Branch Leader, Shirley Hupman.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, 1224 Highway 101 in Nasonworth, on **Thursday, November 22nd** for their **Authors Coffee House**. Ian Baird will discuss "For God and Empire – Anglican Recruitment: Sermons and Voluntary Enlistments in the Great War – New Brunswick 1914 to 1917," which is the subject of his research towards a Master of Arts in History degree at UNB. You are invited to join them at 12:00 noon for chili, rolls and beverages and cookies. A free-will offering will be accepted to benefit the Fredericton Food Bank.

NEWS! NEWS! EVERYONE IS WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US for the return of **PINT of VIEW**, on **Thursday, November 22nd** at 7:00 p.m. at the Rectory. In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, the Rector plans to lead off a timely discussion about the significance of the Battle of Vimy Ridge in Canadian history. Is it right to say, as one observer did, that it gave birth to a nation? Plan to join us for a stimulating conversation while we enjoy some of Fredericton's finest craft beer. For more information, please speak to the Rector.

I'm working at trying to be a Christian and that's serious business. It's not something where you think, 'Oh, I've got it done. I did it all day—hot diggity.' The truth is, all day long you try to do it, try to be it. And then in the evening, if you're honest and have a little courage, you look at yourself and say, 'Hmmm. I only blew it 86 times. Not bad.' I'm trying to be a Christian.

Maya Angelou

Quoted by Peter W. Marty in "*The life of Faith takes Practice*"
christiancentury.org October 17, 2018

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY is held every **Friday, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Rectory. We've resumed our 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.

PLEASE JOIN US NEXT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24th for our annual **Chicken Pattie Tea & Bazaar** from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The cost of the Tea is \$10.00.

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

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



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

NOVEMBER 20: ST. HILDA, Abbess of Whitby 680 (transf.)

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

Followed by a Meeting of St. Mary's Mother's Union

NOVEMBER 21: ST. CLEMENT, Bishop of Rome, c. 100 (transf.)

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

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

NOVEMBER 22: ST. CECILIA, Virgin & Martyr, Rome

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church

NOVEMBER 25: THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT:

STIR UP SUNDAY

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

NOVEMBER 26: THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT:

STIR UP SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Parish Hall