

Parish Notices and Updates _____

HOLY WEEK BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND WITH PALM SUNDAY. We will bless and distribute palms at both services. Sunday morning's service will begin in the Parish Hall and move to the Church in procession. *Please see the Holy Week and Easter schedule for a list of more services.*

There are **TWO SIGN-UP SHEETS** in the Narthex: One for volunteers for a Maundy Thursday watch (*see the bulletin column for more information*), and another for readers for the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Thank you in advance to those who will volunteer in any way.

FLOWERS AT EASTER: Those who wish to place memorial flowers may do so by including a donation through the collection plate. Please ensure the outside of the envelope is clearly marked "*Easter Flowers*" and includes the name(s) of those in whose memory the flowers are being placed, as well as complete information regarding the donor(s). To ensure this information is included in the Easter bulletin, please submit by **Palm Sunday (March 24th)**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS continue each Friday night at 7pm, alternating between the two churches. This week (Mar. 22) at **All Saints**. This service will be followed by the brief office of Compline to finish the night, for those who want to stay.

FARRALINE PLACE, a retirement home in downtown Fredericton (run as a ministry of the Anglican Church Women), currently has **multiple vacancies**. Each vacancy costs the home a significant portion of their limited income. If you know anybody who might be a fit, please be in touch with Judy at (506) 455-6443.

DID YOU KNOW? The oil used by the clergy to anoint the sick and that used for consecration (Sacred Chrism) is blessed by the bishop each year at a special service traditionally held on Maundy Thursday. This year, this service will take place Thursday, March 21st at the Cathedral.

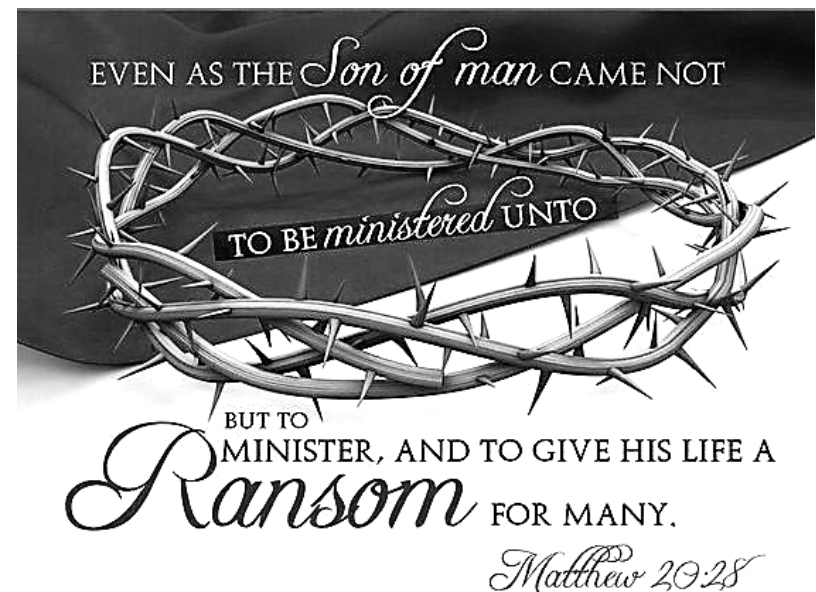
THIS FRIDAY, in place of Bible Study, we will be watching the 2014 film adaptation of the Gospel of John, "*The Son of God*" at 10am.

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*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 11:00 a.m. Celebration
for Coffee and Conversation*

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THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK



How did Jesus show his authority? Not by making vast claims for himself, though such claims were implicit. His authority seemed to reside in what he was and what he did rather than in what he specifically claimed to be. His authority was at the same time most deeply hidden and most clearly expressed by his servanthood... The more the Church in its life shows forth the character of the Servant, the more will its teaching bear the marks of the authority of the Servant.

Anthony T. Hanson, *The Church of the Servant*

From the Priest in Charge



“Could ye not watch with me one hour?”
(St. Matthew 26.40)

The church has now entered the last two weeks of Lent which are undoubtedly the two most solemn weeks of the year. The name “Passiontide” has been used to describe it, as these two weeks recall the last days of Jesus’

life before his death on the cross. Throughout this time, we remember and reenact our Lord’s *Passion*: the story of his suffering and death. We start with the entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, and each day in Holy Week we read the Passion Gospels – the accounts of this momentous event.

The Climax of the high drama of the Church’s calendar is the Paschal Triduum, the three most holy days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Eve/Easter. On these days we remember the Last Supper and new commandment (Latin: *mandatum*) Jesus gave his disciples to remember him; his crucifixion on Good Friday; and the Easter Vigil (properly done at midnight) celebrates the rising from the tomb in glorious fashion. In these three days, each action that we take is steeped in tradition and significance and by them we get to actively participate in the drama of our Salvation.

One of these traditions happens *after* the Maundy Thursday liturgy. Some of you may remember a time (B.C. – *before COVID*) when a “Maundy Thursday Watch”, or all-night vigil, would take place. The logic of this is as follows. Following the Eucharist in the Maundy Thursday service, where we commemorate the Last Supper, the church is stripped bare of ornaments as we prepare to commemorate Good Friday – this is reminiscent of our Lord being stripped of his garments before his death. Part of this “stripping” of the Church is the solemn relocation of the Blessed Sacrament that is reserved for distribution to the sick and dying to the “Altar of Repose”. Since we believe that the Bread and Wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, we cannot in good conscience leave our Lord in the austerity of the stripped Sanctuary, and

so establish the Altar of Repose as a place of rest and safety. The Altar of Repose is meant to be reminiscent of the Garden of Gethsemane, with flowers and lights. It is a place of beauty that should rightfully inspire the awe of the beholder for our Lord is present there in the Eucharist.

Following the Last Supper, Jesus went out into the Garden of Gethsemane to pray while his disciples stood watch. Jesus knew what was about to take place, and pleaded with his Father to guide him on this difficult path that lay ahead. When Jesus returned to the place where the disciples were, he found them asleep. He said to Peter, “*What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*” It is from this conversation that the tradition of the Watch was founded.

The Watch, then, is a way for us to take the place of the disciples and sacrifice an hour of our sleep to sit and pray before the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

There has been interest expressed in resuming this practice this year, but since we have had a gap of a few years, I am suggesting we perhaps modify the schedule a bit. I propose that this year’s watch begins immediately following the Maundy Thursday service at St. Mary’s and goes until Midnight. If we get more volunteers, we can go later, but midnight is a good goal to start with. To this end, a sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex for volunteers. If you are a member of the Parish of Marysville, and would like to participate, please let me know.

Even if you can’t participate at Church this year, I encourage you to spend an hour in silence at home that night, reading, praying, and basking in the presence of God. It isn’t meant to be easy or routine. It is a time to be in conversation with God. While it may be a challenge, it can be a wonder-filled, grace-filled blessing.

“So, could you not watch with me one hour?” (St. Matthew 26.40)



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi’kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi’kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



EVE OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PASSION SUNDAY

Saturday, March 16, 2024

*Christ our Lord became obedient unto death:
O come, let us worship.*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:

✠ Psalm 81 | Leviticus 25.1-24 | 1 Timothy 6

5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit Psalm 43:	<i>page 384</i>
Collect for Purity, Summary of the Law: <i>The Gloria is omitted during Lent</i>	<i>page 67</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 148</i>
The Collect for Ash Wednesday:	<i>page 138</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Exodus 24.4-8
The Epistle:	<i>page 148</i>
Gradual Psalm 143.1-10:	<i>page 513</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 149</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
The Biddings & Intercession:	<i>page 75</i>
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
Post Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MARCH 19: ST. JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

THOMAS KEN, BISHOP & POET

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, All Saints, Marysville

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

MARCH 20: ST. CUTHBERT, MISSIONARY & BISHOP

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

2:00 p.m. – Holy Communion, Nashwaak Villa

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

MARCH 21: ST. BENEDICT, ABBOT

THOMAS CRANMER, ARCHBISHOP & MARTYR

11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Christ Church Cathedral

2:00 p.m. – Holy Communion, Paradise Villa

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, All Saints, Marysville

MARCH 22: LENTEN FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross, All Saints, Marysville

7:30 p.m. – Compline

MARCH 23: EVE OF PALM SUNDAY

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

MARCH 17: THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER

(PALM SUNDAY)

8:45 a.m. – Morning Prayer, All Saints, Marysville

9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, All Saints, Marysville

11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Hall



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♫ SALVATOR MUNDI:	<i>see bulletin insert</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 148</i>
♫ GRADUAL HYMN:	116 (SONG 13)
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 149</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
♫ OFFERTORY HYMN:	588 (CROSS OF JESUS)
The Biddings & Intercession:	<i>page 75</i>
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
♫ HYMN AFTER COMMUNION:	240 (SCHMÜCKE DICH)
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♫ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	129 (ORIEL)

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