

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

**Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people; for unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.**

Many of you will recall that these are words that we hear each and every year on Christmas Eve as part of that wonderful Gospel reading from St. Luke. They are the words spoken by the Archangel Gabriel to some very frightened and confused shepherds: very ordinary people suddenly caught up in something far larger than they were; something that they couldn't even begin to understand.

But, right now, these words may seem out of place for us for lots of different reasons. The most obvious reason is the fact that it's not Christmas. In fact, with so much happening these days, this past Christmas may seem to be a long distant memory. So, these words seem out of place because it's the wrong time of year.

But Saturday is March 25<sup>th</sup>, the day precisely nine months before Christmas Day; the day on which the Church remembers the visit of the Archangel Gabriel to a young woman named Mary to tell her the scarcely believable news that God was calling her to be the mother of the long-awaited, long-expected, and long-prayed for Messiah.

The Church's annual commemoration of the Annunciation, that is, the announcement of God's great plan of salvation through the birth and death and resurrection of his Son hopefully reassures us even now that God comes to us when we least expect it, as he did to Mary; and in ways that we're not always going to be able to recognise; that moments of doubt or confusion or fear or uncertainty are not signs that God has forgotten us but that God is ready and willing to come to us to carry all of our struggles and burdens with us.

And knowing that; knowing that God has both the power and the will to face our fears with us and to conquer them for us hopefully gives us the courage to carry on. Just as that kind of faith once gave a young girl in a small town on the edge of the mighty and powerful Roman Empire the power to say yes to God's call, in spite of the tremendous risk that saying yes would mean – the risk of the public shame or dishonour or rejection or even harm that she might face.

The world is an uncertain place. At times, the news can be deeply disturbing. And sometimes there seems to be little reason to be joyful. But it is precisely in this context that God is calling us to be beacons of

light and hope and patience to our friends and family and neighbours; to refuse to give in to negativity or fear; to faith the uncertainty with hope and trust.

And a young girl named Mary offers us a way to do just that: knowing that no matter what comes, no matter what challenges lie before us, and no matter what the future holds, God has promised to be with us through it all.

**Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy.**

Fear not, the angel said to Mary. Fear not the angels told the shepherds. Fear not, the angels tell us, for God is with us even now.

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**REMINDER: Starting next week on Palm Sunday the new schedule of Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist each weekend will be as follows:**

**Saturday @ 5:00 p.m. @ St. Mary's**

**Sunday @ 9:30 a.m. @ All Saints'**

**Sunday @ 11:00 a.m. @ St. Mary's**

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## *Parish Notices and Updates* \_\_\_\_\_

**COPIES OF THE SCHEDULE OF SERVICES** for Holy Week and Easter were emailed this past week. Some paper copies are available on the Table on the Narthex. Please be sure to have a look at the schedule and plan to attend as often as you can in order to strength and encourage your Spiritual walk with Jesus and his Church.

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION:** We are very grateful to those who are volunteered to help with Coffee & Conversation. Please speak to the Rector or the Curate if you'd like to join one of the teams.

**FLOWERS AT EASTER:** Those who wish to place memorial flowers may do so by including a donation through the collection plate or by arranging to have a donation dropped off at the Rectory. Please ensure that your donation includes the names of those in whose memory the flowers are being placed; and to help us to include that information in the Easter bulletin, we'll need to know by next week, Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information, please speak to the Rector.

**ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** is held each Friday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Church. We're looking at a series called "Matriarchs & Patriarchs; Prophets & Papyri: the great stories of the Old Testament and how they point us to Jesus." Come along whenever you can!

**FAITH IN ACTION: Building hope for tomorrow in the face of climate change.** Have you considered switching to an electric vehicle? Electric vehicles can save you money, pollute less, and help us care for creation, but there are several things you should know before you buy your first electric vehicle. Join Andrew Mathis to discuss the different types of electric vehicles, the options for charging electric vehicles, and what to consider when choosing an electric vehicle. This event is taking place here at St. Mary's from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.**



*Please join us in the Parish Hall  
following the 10:00 a.m. Celebration  
for Coffee and Conversation.*



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.



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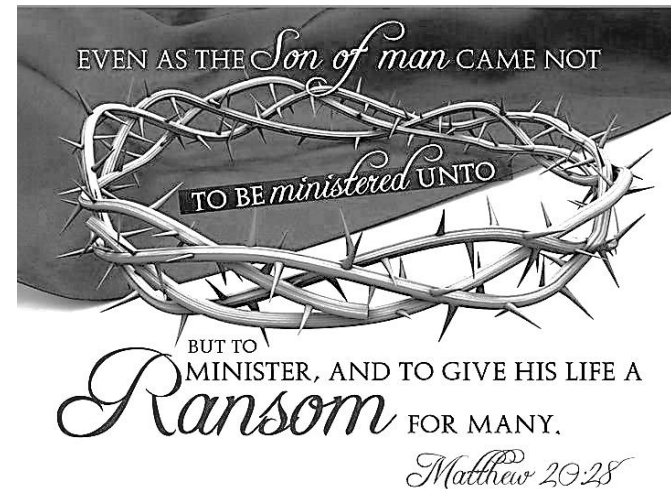
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We are at the threshold of our celebration of the paschal mystery of the cross and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we enter these days of awe and ponder the mighty sign of love poured out for the world, we are open, as Caiaphas could never be, to the possibility that this story of tragedy and triumph will open our eyes, purify our motives and ambitions, redirect our hungers back to their source in God himself so that the cross may shape our practice of truth, integrity and Christian discipleship. In St John, the finished work of the cross on the sixth day echoes the finished work of creation in Genesis when 'God saw all that he had made, and behold it was very good'. But now a greater work is here, for in Jesus' cross and crown is love's new creation, the dawning of a new day for us and for our world: sins forgiven, hope restored, our life given back to us once more.

Michael Sadgrove

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT PASSION SUNDAY

*March 25, 2023*

*Whoever would be great among  
you must be your servant, and  
whoever would be first among  
you must be your slave.*

## ***4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:***

✠ Psalms 46 & 98 | 1 Samuel 2:1-10 | Matthew 1:18-23

## ***5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist***

Introit Psalm 43:	<i>page 384</i>
<i>The Gloria is omitted during Lent</i>	
The Collect:	<i>page 148</i>
The Collect for Ash Wednesday:	<i>page 138</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Exodus 24:4-8
Psalm 143:1-6:	<i>page 513</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 148</i>
Gradual Psalm 143:7-10:	<i>page 514</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 149</i>
The Nicene Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy C: <b>Hear our prayer</b>
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### **MARCH 27: LENT FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

### **MARCH 28: LENT FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

### **MARCH 29: JOHN KEBLE, Scholar & Poet, 1866**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer  
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

### **MARCH 30: LENT FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*  
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

### **MARCH 31: LENT FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
4:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)  
7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross, *All Saints'*

### **APRIL 1: THE EVE OF PALM SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer  
5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist with the Blessing of Palms

### **APRIL 2: THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT: PALM SUNDAY**

11:00 a.m.\* – Holy Eucharist with the Blessing of Palms  
*Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the  
Parish Hall (\*Please note Change of Time)*  
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

### **APRIL 3: MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*  
6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer  
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist with the Reading of  
the Passion

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT PASSION SUNDAY

*March 26, 2023*

*Whoever would be great among  
you must be your servant, and  
whoever would be first among you  
must be your slave.*

## **9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalms 77 | Exodus 2:23-3:20 | Mark 10:32-45

## **10:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

♪ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** **128** (WALTON)

*The Gloria is omitted during Lent*

The Collect: *page 148*

The Collect for Ash Wednesday: *page 138*

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24:4-8

♪ **SALVATOR MUNDI:** *please see the bulletin insert*

The Epistle: *page 148*

♪ **GRADUAL HYMN:** **222** (RENDEZ A DIEU)

The Holy Gospel: *page 149*

The Nicene Creed: *page 71*

The Homily

♪ **HYMN:** **596** (LOVE UNKNOWN)

The Prayers of the People: L: Lord, in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer**

The Consecration: *page 82*

Post Communion Prayer: *page 85*

♪ **RECESSIONAL HYMN:** **Lift High the Cross**

*please see the bulletin insert*

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