

Sunday January 16 at 10:00 am
The Second Sunday after Epiphany
St. Mary's la Prairie
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We acknowledge that we meet on Treaty 1 Land, the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota people and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We are grateful for their stewardship of this land and their hospitality which allows us to live, work and serve God the Creator here

The community is called to attend to the presence of God by a tone from the sounding bowl.

The Gathering of the Community

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty God,
People **to you all hearts are open,**
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,

**and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Collect

Lord of the wedding feast,
take our hearts of stone
and flood them with new wine,
so that we may savour the daily miracles
that reveal your Son in our midst,
Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;

for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 36:5-10

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like
the great deep; *
you save both mortals and beasts, O Lord.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favour to those who are true of heart.

Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. **2** You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak.

3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; **5** and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; **6** and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. **7** To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. **8** To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, **10** to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. **11** All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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Sing of God made manifest
in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem
where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound,
signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold
grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest
when Christ came as wedding-guest
and at Cana gave a sign,
turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed
as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all
who would listen to God's call.

The Proclamation of the Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2** Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. **3** When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” **4** And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” **5** His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” **6** Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. **7** Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. **8** He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. **9** When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom **10** and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” **11** Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Message

Prayers of the People

The glory of the Lord has been revealed that we might see and believe. Trusting in the Lord, let us pray, “Jesus Christ, Light of the world, **in your light we see light.**”

Blessed Lord, your righteousness is like the strong mountains and your justice is like the great deep. May all the peoples of the world look to you for salvation. Jesus Christ, Light of the world, **in your light we see light.**

Blessed Lord, restore desolate lands. Renew your creation to bring forth life and growth. Jesus Christ, Light of the world, **in your light we see light.**

May we desire the common good. We pray, blessed Lord, that you will teach us to love each other. We thank you for the diversity with which you have gifted the human family and bless you for the hope of unity. Jesus Christ, Light of the world, **in your light we see light.**

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, blessed Lord. Heal and restore those who are sick or weak in body, mind or spirit. We pray for all those on our prayer list some of whom we name now: Kirby, Lynne, Fran Laakso, Malcolm, and Maureen. Jesus Christ, Light of the world, **in your light we see light.**

Blessed Lord, with you is the well of life. By water and the Spirit you accept us as members of your family. By the springs of living water preserve us for life eternal. Jesus Christ, Light of the world,
in your light we see light.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray:
God of abundance,
we bring before you
the precious fruits of your creation,
and with them our very lives.
Teach us patience and hope
as we care for all those in need
until the coming of your Son,
our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ
has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,

**but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Glory to God,
All whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God
from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant May God the Son,
who turned water into wine
at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives
and make glad your hearts.
The blessing of God
Source of all being,
eternal Word and Holy Spirit
be amongst you and
remain with you and those you love
now and always. Amen

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For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

A note on the prayer list

We will once more be including our prayer list. If there is someone on the list who should be removed please let me know. Likewise if you would like to add a name to the list please let me know. We will include five names from the list in our intercession each Sunday.

Prayer List

Bev Braden, Brad, Bob Calder, Erik, Jan and family, Jason, Jane, Jocelyn, Julia, Kelsey, Myrtle Kenny, Anne Clairmont, Mason Clairmont, Vickie Donald, Linda Downing, Elaine, Gerald, Glenn, George, Bill Human, Jane Human, Jackson, Jason, Jane, Jess & Kelsey, Jocelyn, Joe, Julia, Kirby, Lynne, Fran Laakso, Malcolm, Maureen, Mavis, Michael Logan, Ivy Muirhead, Misty Potts, Phyllis Moar, Clive Morgan, Nori, Donna Pacholuk, Colten Pratt, Don Reid, Marcel Ricard, Rick, Marilyn Roteliuk, Jamie and Tryli Shorting, Scott, Eva Shewchuk, Sharon Skoropata, John Stairs, Bev Towle, Tammy and David and family, Mary Wildfang, Vicki

The Thrift Shop will be closed until February

Our **Annual Meeting** Will be held **February 13** following Morning Worship beginning at 11:15am

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Parishioners of the Parish of St. Mary's la Prairie will be held via Zoom on the thirteenth day of February 2022 following morning worship at 11:15am for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report, accepting the Budget and electing wardens and vestry and to transact any other business as many properly be brought before the meeting. At which time and place all members signing the Declaration of Church Membership and who are of the full age of 16 years are entitled to attend and to vote.

Dated January 12, 2022

John Dolloff

The Deadline for the submission of Annual reports is **Sunday January 30**

Next Sunday's readings Nehemiah 8:1-3,8-10; Psalm 19; 1Corinthians 12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21

Walk For St. Mary's

With "normal" fundraising difficult to achieve during the covid pandemic, Alan and I were thinking of ways to do this without it involving groups of people gathering together.

What better way, than the two of us walking!

In 2021, we took up the challenge to each walk 1,000 miles, something we really didn't imagine we could achieve, but to our surprise, we actually did!

So, there was a project for fundraising. We decided to invite anyone from St. Mary's who is able, to sponsor us to walk another 1,000 miles in 2022. Every dollar raised helps to pay the bills at St. Mary's.

We will keep you updated with the miles walked every month. Here's hoping that we can raise some much needed revenue.

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy 2022.
Mary Marsh.

If you are interested please see the pledge sheet below or they can be picked up from the Church office.

2022 Walk for St. Mary's Pledge Form

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!
Isaiah 2:1-5

As you may have read in our Fall Newsletter, both Alan and Mary Marsh decided to walk a 1000 miles in 2021. In 2022 they are planning to take up the challenge again, only this time they would like to dedicate their efforts to St. Mary's.

Alan and Mary would like to invite you to sponsor their walks with a financial donation to St. Mary's. You can pledge a certain amount per mile or weekly, monthly, quarterly or at the end of the walk. However you decide to do this or whatever the amount your pledge is most welcome.

We would like to thank Alan and Mary for remembering St. Mary's after their move to Brandon. Fun fact, the trip from Brandon the Marsh's new home, to Portage la Prairie and back to Brandon is approximately 150 miles. So Alan and Mary will be doing that the equivalent of 6.67 times by the time they have completed their distance.

We will provide you with monthly updates on how their walk is going.
If you would like to let us know what your pledge is you could use the form below. As you make your donation(s) they should be clearly marked **2022 Walk for St. Mary's**.

I/ We _____ would like to sponsor the **2022 Walk for St. Mary's**.

I/We would like to pledge _____ per mile

Alternately:

I/ We _____ would like to sponsor the **2022 Walk for St. Mary's**.

I/We would like to pledge _____ per week.

or

I/ We _____ would like to sponsor the **2022 Walk for St. Mary's**.

I/We would like to pledge _____ per month.

or

I/ We _____ would like to sponsor the **2022 Walk for St. Mary's.**

I/We would like to pledge _____ at the conclusion of the walk.

All donors will receive a tax receipt.

You may like to add the following prayer to your personal prayers

God of all creation, we pray that you would surround Alan and Mary with your protection as they undertake this walk. We give thanks for their dedication and the dedication of all those sponsoring this endeavour. We pray for your blessing on this project and ask that you guide it to a successful conclusion. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.