

**Sunday January 23 at 10:00 am
The Third 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

God of freedom,
make us impatient to greet the time fulfilled,
the poor lifted up,
the oppressed set free
and your love made manifest
in Jesus Christ, the Anointed Servant. Amen.

Reading Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people,

"This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:1-8, 14

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows the handiwork of the Lord.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

4 their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs
about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight; *

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Reading 1Corinthians 12:12-31

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. **15** If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. **16** And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? **18** But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. **19** If all were a single member, where would the body be? **20** As it is, there are many

members, yet one body. **21** The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” **22** On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **23** and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; **24** whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, **25** that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. **26** If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. **27** Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. **28** And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. **29** Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? **30** Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? **31** But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 635 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigour of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body,
to the branches of the vine,
to the church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

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 Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 4:14-21

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. **15** He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, **17** and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

19

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

21 Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Message

Prayers of the People

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. Empowered by the Spirit, let us pray together saying, “We bless you, Lord our God, Amen, amen.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. We bless you, Lord our God,
Amen, amen.

By the Spirit of the Lord, may we, your Church carry out the work of Jesus. Open our hearts to the poor and the captives, to the blind and the oppressed. We bless you, Lord our God,
Amen, amen.

The heavens declare your glory, Great Creator, and the firmament shows your handiwork. We praise and thank you for the beauty and majesty of your creation. We bless you, Lord our God,
Amen, amen.

We thank you, O God, for the many members that make up our body; for the gifts, the work and the prayers we share. We ask you to bless especially our leaders lay and ordained. Give us wisdom and guide by your Spirit. We bless you, Lord our God,
Amen, amen.

We pray for those who are sick and sorrowful. When they suffer, we suffer with them. Revive and heal them, we pray for all on our prayer list especially Mavis, Michael Logan, Ivy Muirhead, Misty Potts, Phyllis Moar, and Bev Towle in hospital. May your joy be their strength. We bless you, Lord our God,

Amen, amen.

O God, you have formed an eternal bond with us in baptism. Whether living or dead, bless and keep your children forever. We bless you, Lord our God,

Amen, amen.

Hymn 487 Where Charity and Love Prevail verses 1, 3, & 6

Where charity and love prevail,
 there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
 by love we thus are bound.

Forgive we now each other's faults
 as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well
 in Christian holiness.

Love can exclude no race or creed
 if honoured be God's name;
our common life embraces all
 whose Father is the same.

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,
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

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, Anne Clairmont, Mason Clairmont, Vickie Donald, Linda Downing, Elaine, Gerald, Glenn, George, Bill Human, Jane Human, Rod Knott, Jackson, Jason, Jane, Jess & Kelsey, Julia, Jocelyn, Joe, Kirby, Myrtle Kenny, Fran Laakso, Malcolm, Maureen, Mavis, Michael Logan, Ivy Muirhead, Misty Potts, Phyllis Moar, Clive Morgan, Nori, Donna Pacholuk, Colten Pratt, 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 may 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 Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, 1 Corinthians 13, Luke 4:21-30

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 pick up a pledge sheet from the Church office.

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.