



NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing March 19, 2017



Third Sunday of Lent

This Week's Gospel

Jesus enters Samaria en route from Judea to Galilee. Exhausted by the heat, Jesus rests; his disciples go for food (v. [8](#)). Rabbis did not speak to strange women in public and Jews considered Samaritans ritually unclean, so the woman is surprised by Jesus' request (v. [9](#)). Jesus answers her: if you knew that God gives to those who ask ("the gift of God", v. [10](#)) and that I am his agent, you would be the one asking for a drink, "and he would have given you living water". She misunderstands, thinking that he asks for bubbly spring water. (A legend about Jacob: for him water rose to the top of this well and overflowed.) Are you counting on such a miracle, for "you have no bucket" (v. [11](#)). This water was good enough for Jacob, so are you greater than him? Jesus contrasts the well water with "water gushing up to eternal life" (v. [14](#)). (In John, *living water* is the vehicle of the gift of the Spirit in baptism.) While she still doesn't understand, she at least now asks (v. [15](#)). Vv. [16-18](#) are difficult, but they do show that Jesus has insight, so he must be "a prophet" (v. [19](#)), and can therefore resolve a religious dispute: the common ancestors of the two peoples worshipped on Mount Gerizim ("this mountain", v. [20](#)) but Jews claim that the only proper worship site is Jerusalem. Jesus replies (v. [21](#)): "the hour" of God's intervention in the world "is coming"; then cultic sites will be irrelevant. Samaritans, by accepting only part of the Bible, denied themselves access to the part of God's end-time plans given through the prophets ("what you do not know", v. [22](#)); "Jews" are at least on the right track. The time is both "coming, and ... now here" (v. [23](#)) to worship God spiritually, discerning "truth", the reality revealed in Jesus. God is "spirit" (v. [24](#), life-giving power). She decides to wait to understand until the "Messiah" (v. [25](#)) comes, but Jesus tells her: "I am he" (v. [26](#)). In her haste to tell others about this amazing man, she leaves her "water jar" (v. [28](#)) behind. Come, she says, judge for yourselves! Jesus tells his disciples that the food that sustains his life is obeying the Father and completing his task (v. [34](#)). There is no time for delay (v. [35a](#)) for God's harvest, "gathering fruit for eternal life" (v. [36](#), conversion to Christ) is ready now. Others have already begun to sow, have preached the good news. Meanwhile, after hearing the woman's witness, many hear for themselves and come to belief in Christ. Jesus is "truly the Saviour of the world" (v. [42](#)).

Neighbourhood Ministry and the Mobile Care Unit

The Neighbourhood Ministry is looking for new volunteers, especially for the Mobile Care Unit (MCU) that was recently launched. The MCU offers basic medical care and social service support for homeless and needy people on the Westside. Currently, the MCU visits three community meals weekly (Saturday mornings at Kits Community Centre; Tuesdays mid-day at St. Mary's Kerrisdale; and Thursday Evenings at St. Augustine Marpole), where about 200 people gather. In just the first two months of the trial launch, the team directly served over 60 people. The large uptake for MCU services points to the significant need in the community.

Volunteers assist our social work and medical professionals at each site by engaging with clients, building trust, and helping folks become more comfortable accessing medical and social work services. If this kind of service appeals to you, please come to a training session and learn more about the Neighbourhood Ministry and the Mobile Care Unit, about how these ministries connect with our faith, and about some of the specifics in assisting with government forms.

Training will be held Saturday April 1, 10am -2:30pm at St. Anselm's, across from the UBC golf course. An alternative session will be held over two evenings, Tuesday March 28th and Wednesday April 5th, 6:30-8:00 pm, also at St. Anselm's. ALL ARE WELCOME. RSVP to Deacon Pitman, pbpotter@live.ca

Calling all Gardeners

Please join a small group of us who work on tidying up the gardens at St John's on Monday mornings at 10 am for an hour or two. Weeding, pruning, raking and transplanting. No experience necessary!!! Many hands make light work. Please contact the office for more information.

Catherine Warren

Do you love Scrabble?

A small group of SJS parishioners is interested in getting together to play Scrabble. Possibly in the Trendell Lounge after coffee hour on Sundays,

or possibly during the week in the choir room. Please contact the office for more information.

Church Committee Meeting on March 29

The first meeting of our newly elected Church Committee will take place on Wednesday March 29 at 7:00pm in the Trendell Lounge. You will be emailed the package for this meeting. Normally we meet on the third Wednesday of the month so please note this change!

Café Caritas: Walk and Be Seen Monday, April 3, 2:00-4:00pm

A few times a year St. Faith's hosts Café Caritas, a chance for seniors in our neighbourhood to get together for food and fellowship. On April 3rd at our next Café Caritas, along with coffee and conversation, we will be highlighting the importance of senior pedestrian safety. We will be joined by a member of the Westside Seniors Hub who will give a short presentation called "Walk and Be Seen". There will be reflective arm bands available for \$4.00 as well as Safe T Brellas for \$30.00. These high tech umbrellas offer an LED fiber-optic shaft along with a built-in LED flash light to deliver a safe walking experience. St. Faith's Anglican Church (downstairs in the Church Hall) 7284 Cypress Street (at W. 57th near W. Blvd) 604-266-8011 ext. 1

SJS Music Events with Michael Dirk

Further for your SJS Events considerations: **Easter Sunday April 16**, Michael has been invited to return and offer another 30min post-compline organ recital at St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle. He suggests for those interested to carpool from SJS in the early afternoon to Seattle - perhaps taking in the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival www.tulipfestival.com. Once checked into a downtown/university district hotel in Seattle (four-star around \$150CDN in downtown/university district) go for dinner up on Capital Hill. 9:30pm the famed Men's Compline Choir carry us through the service, www.complinechoir.org, followed by Michael's recital.

After a good night's rest, we have the Easter holiday Monday to enjoy all Seattle has to offer - lunch up the Space Needle, and Pike Place Market

etc. At 7pm the historic Paramount Theater hosts 'Silent Movie Monday' featuring Clark Wilson at the helm of their Mighty Wurlitzer Theater pipe organ, providing accompaniment to the 82min 1924 comedy 'Girl Shy'.

<http://www.stgpresents.org/tickets/alphabetical/eventdetail/3065/-/silent-movie-mondays-girl-shy-1924>

Unless wanting to stay another night, we'd be on the I-5 heading North at 8:30pm, through the border before 11pm, and back home in bed by midnight.

SJS goes to the VSO:

It's that time of the year - the Vancouver Bach Choir joins forces with the VSO to deliver their own take on the long tradition of the Last Night of the Proms with the comically brilliant Maestro Bramwell Tovey at the Helm! Rather than just a standalone event, the VSO has made it the finale to their 2017 Spring Festival



celebrating British composers and their most popular works - so have a look, and let Michael know which concerts strike your fancy, and he'll secure a ticket of your price choice at 15% off for group rate. The sooner you let him know, the better the seat!

To get the best seats, Michael Dirk is taking group rate orders for the **2017 VSO Spring Festival**. It is themed "British Fantasy", focusing on great British composers and their most popular works.

www.vancouverSymphony.ca

April 22 8pm- Songs and Serenades

April 24 8pm- The Planets (Holst) & Viola Concerto (Elgar)

April 29 8pm- Henry (Walton)

April 30 7pm- Enigma variations (Elgar)

May 1 8pm- Last night of the Proms (with Bach Choir)

Group rate tickets \$22-60 (15% off). Please email Michael at organist@sjs.net or speak to him during coffee hour on Sundays.

<http://www.vancouverSymphony.ca/festivals/16VSF/>



The Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ from the Cross

Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. *Luke 23.34*

Truly, I tell to you, today you will be with me in Paradise. *Luke 23.43*

Woman, here is your son. Son, here is your mother. *John 19.26-27*

My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? *Matthew 27.46*

I am thirsty. *John 19.28*

It is finished. *John 19.30*

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. *Luke 23.46*

For the five Monday Evenings in Lent we will gather to meditate upon and discuss the first five of the seven sayings of Jesus from the Cross. The sixth and seventh will be the themes for the liturgies on the Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week.

7pm in the Trendell Lounge

Mar 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr 3

Holy Week



Sunday April 9 Palm Sunday

- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00am Palm Procession and Sung Eucharist

Monday/Tuesday April 10/11

- 7:00pm Said Holy Eucharist with address (30 minutes)

Wednesday April 12

- 9:30am Said Holy Eucharist with address (30 minutes)

Thursday April 13 Maundy Thursday

- 6:00pm Homemade soup and sandwiches - all welcome
7:30pm Last Supper Eucharist with foot washing. A meditative watch will be kept until 10:30pm.

Friday April 14 Good Friday

- 10:00am Families Stations of the Cross (35 minutes)
12:00noon Solemn Liturgy of the Day with Sung Passion

Saturday April 15 Holy Saturday

- 8:30pm Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday April 16 Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Day

- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00am Celebration Eucharist and Easter Egg Hunt

PROVINCIAL ELECTION ACCOUNTABILITY ASSEMBLY

We will use the combined power of up to 100 community, labour, faith, and educational organizations to ask the leaders of BC's provincial parties to commit to commonly agreed proposals that will make our province a better place for all of us.

April 4, 2017, 6 – 8 PM

Come early! We will have food trucks on the street next to the Italian Cultural Center from 4:30 until 5:45.

Registration begins at 5:15, the program runs from 6 to 8.

Italian Cultural Centre

3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver

Slocan at Grandview, near the Renfrew Skytrain Station.

Parking available. just off Grandview Highway

Join us for this exciting night of non-partisan grassroots democracy!

To RSVP and get your ticket for the Assembly, contact the MVA representative for your organization or MVA at the addresses below.

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| Sacristan and MC | Paul Bunnell |
| Verger/caretaker | Amy Thorogood |

Sunday services

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday service

9:30am Holy Communion

Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and Confessions are by appointment with the Rector. Please contact us if you would like to have our weekly newsletter emailed to you. Cover image by John Stuart
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