



**Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
The Second Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist
Sunday, February 28, 2021**

Welcome to Saint Mary's! We are glad you are joining us today for online worship. For more information about Saint Mary's, please see our website at www.stmarysepisc.org or check out our Facebook Page.

Our liturgy today is from one of our authorized alternative resources, *Enriching Our Worship*, which assists worshipping communities in the use of expansive language, images, and metaphors used in worship. Before Covid-19, we used some of these resources in our 9 am services of Holy Eucharist.

Voluntary

Gathering

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Confession and absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.
All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *All are seated*

The First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:22-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

Read in unison

²² Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

²³ For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷ For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹ My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand

Tract *Sung by all*



Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo-ple make, the path through noise and
si - lence, the way of give and take. The trail is found in des - ert and
winds the moun-tain round. Our cov-en-ant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

The Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon *All are seated* The Reverend Darby Oliver Everhard

The Nicene Creed *All stand and say together*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of People

For the peoples of this earth who live in the gardens of your creation. For the earth itself and all that you have made. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For your church everywhere throughout the world, for our companion dioceses of Botswana and Costa Rica; for the Anglican Church of Central America; for Iglesia El Buen Pastor, Durham, St. Joseph's, Durham, St. Luke's, Durham, and for all serving in your name, teaching your repentance and love, sharing in the death and resurrection of Christ. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, Presiding Bishop, Samuel and Anne, our bishops, and Darby, Gus and Larry, our clergy, and the St Mary's staff; for all your bishops, priests, deacons and chaplains, and all those who minister in Christ in our diocese, our nation and our world. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For St Mary's Church and its Search Committee, that the Holy Spirit would guide the minds of those who will choose a rector for this parish, that St Mary's would receive a faithful, wise and compassionate pastor, to care for its people and equip them for their ministries. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For justice, mercy, and peace in the world and those who work for them. For our national and local leaders, Joe, our president, Roy, our governor, and Jay, our mayor. For our healthcare workers who continue tirelessly for the health of us all. For our frontline workers, our teachers, and all those who are agents of your love among us. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those who rest in Christ, and for all the departed. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For our families, friends, and neighbors. For those among us who are struggling with homelessness, joblessness, and hopelessness. For those we struggle to love as Christ commanded us and those most dear to our hearts. For those who suffer and for those who are ill, especially Jerry Duncan, Jesse Wilson, Betty Handy, Helen Congdon, Linda Nitz, Haley & Michael Walsh, Elizabeth Adkins Flowers, Bill Fenn, Becca Page Forrest, Mary Gordon, Margaret Lewis, Khaleesi Grant, Christi White, Tom Capraro, Rick Manning, Mary Darby, Dan Haworth, Ann Miressi, Tom & Wendy Needham,

Sarah Owen, Jane Freeze, James Pardue, Judge Rogers, Edna Landon, Gloria Morris, Harriet Ray, Rick Lewis, Eamon Kelly. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Lord, receive the prayers we offer this day and renew our hearts as we come to your table. In these forty days teach us to do the work of our baptism and so daily to raise to you the needs of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

All are seated and the altar is prepared.

The Offertory *Sung by the choir*

Finn Viderø

Based on a melody from 1539

O love of whom is truth and light, the word and spirit, life and power, whose heart was bared to them that smite to shield us in our trial hour; O love, I give myself to thee, thine ever, only thine to be. ~ Johann Scheffler

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The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer II

All stand

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

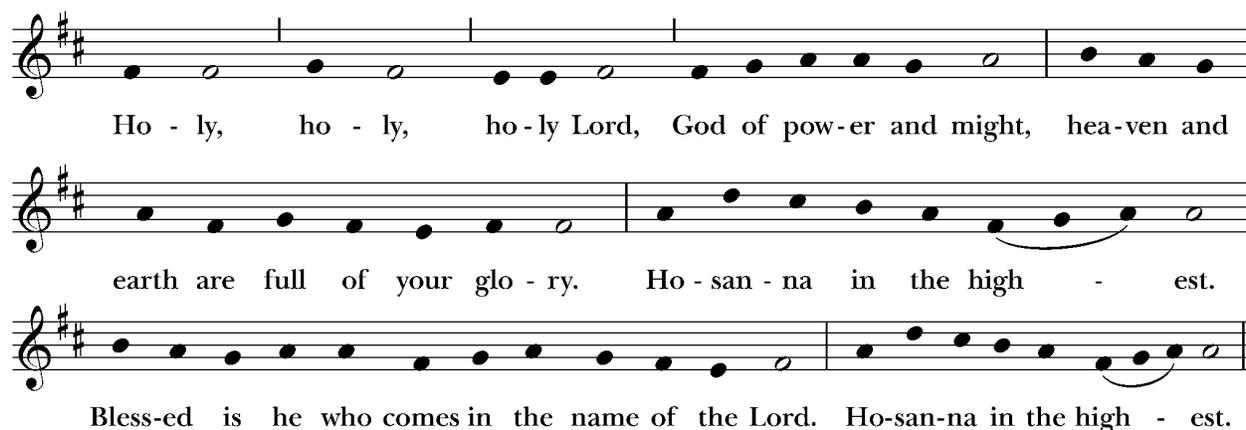
The Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb— of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant— us peace.

The Celebrant says

Holy things for holy people.

An Act of Spiritual Communion (for those watching from home)

Lord Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to at least come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my being. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

After Communion, all stand and the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn 753 (*Wonder, Love and Praise*)

Sung by all



1. When from bond - age we are sum - moned out of dark - ness in - to light,
2. When our God names us a peo - ple, Je - sus leads us by the hand
3. Through all stag - es of the jour - ney Christ is with us, night and day,
4. We must not lose sight of Je - sus, who ac - cept - ed pain and loss,
5. See the prize our God has prom - ised: end - less life with Christ our Lord.



1. we must go in hope and pat - ience, walk by faith and not by sight.
2. through a lone - ly, bar - ren des - ert to a great and glo - rious land.
3. with com - pas - sion for our weak - ness ev' - ry step a - long the way.
4. who, for joy of love un - meas - ured, dared em - brace the shame - ful cross.
5. Now we fix our eyes on Je - sus, walk by faith in Je - sus' word.

Refrain



Let us throw off all that hin - ders; let us run the race to win!



Let us hast - en to our home - land and, re - joic - ing, en - ter in.

The Celebrant blesses the people and then the Deacon dismisses them with these words

Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

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