

ST. MARY'S Episcopal Church

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10AM

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MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

The ministers of St. Mary's are all the people.

Presider: The Rev. Michael Burke, Rector

Gospel Reader: The Rev. Ross McKay

Readers: Greg Wilkinson and Deb Kennedy

Voice of the People: Thad Hunter

Prayers of the People: Charlene Davis

Musicians: Praise Singers

Media Specialists: Seth Eggleston, Timothy Baker, and Will Weaver

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

GATHERING MUSIC • *Various selections from the Liturgical Music* • Praise Singers

GATHERING MUSIC • *This Little Light of Mine* • Traditional

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Won't let Satan blow it out . . .

Hide it under a bushel, NO! . . .

Let it shine 'til Jesus comes . . .

WELCOME • The Rev. Michael Burke

***OPENING HYMN** • *Praise to the Lord* • Hymnal #390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:

join the great throng,

psaltery, organ, and song,

sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:

borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.

Hast thou not seen

how all thou needest hath been

granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;

surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;

ponder anew

what the Almighty can do,

who with his love doth befriend thee.

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
 All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
 Let the amen
 sound from his people again;
 gladly for ever adore him.*

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Priest Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People ***Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.***

Priest Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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 Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

<h2>SERVICE OF THE WORD</h2>

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Priest God be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Priest Let us pray.

Priest O God, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING • Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Reader A Reading from Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and

there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 37:1-12,41-42 • The Emergent Psalter

ANTIPHON

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The mouths of the right - eous are ut - ter-ing wis - dom

and their tongues are speak - ing jus - tice.

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.
Put your trust in God and do good;
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
Take delight in God,
who shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to God

and put your trust in God, who will bring it to pass.

God will make your righteousness as clear as the light

and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before God

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,

the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;

do not fret yourself;

it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who wait upon God shall possess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more;

you shall search out their place,

but they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land;

they will delight in abundance of peace.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord;

he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

God will help them and rescue them;

and will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,

because they seek refuge.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

♩ = 110

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and their tongues are speak - ing jus - tice.

SECOND READING • I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Reader A Reading from I Corinthians.

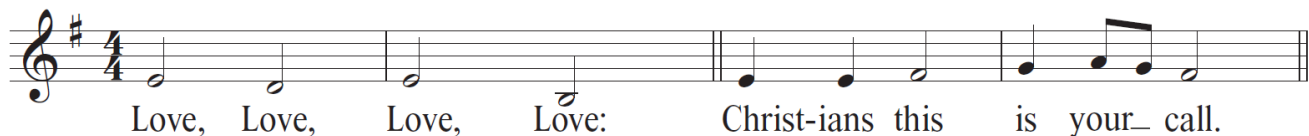
Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, siblings, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL HYMN • *The Love Round***GOSPEL • Luke 6:27-38**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Priest Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those

who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Silence

SERMON • The Rev. Michael Burke

THE NICENE CREED

*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.*

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean Rowe our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop; and all bishops and ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions, aloud or via chat boxes

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings, aloud or via chat boxes

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions, aloud or via chat boxes

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Silence may be kept.

A Priest says Together, praying,

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

A Priest says

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

***THE PEACE**

Priest The peace of Christ be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Then the People may greet one another in the name of God.

<h2>SERVICE OF THE HOLY COMMUNION</h2>
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OFFERING

Offerings toward the work and ministry of St. Mary's may be made by texting StMarysAK to 73256, at GodsView.org, or by using this QR code:



OFFERTORY HYMN • *And So it Goes* • Lana Ramos, solo

A mansion on a hill is a lovely sight to see
 But like any other house it's only temporary
 Home is anywhere you choose to put your heart
 If there's no love inside it'll soon fall apart.
 Ashes to ashes, dust into dust
 Buildings will crumble, bridges will rust,
 Mountains will disappear, rivers will dry up
 And so it goes with everything but love,
 So it goes - with everything but love,
 So it goes

You can drive around in a long limousine
 If you don't know where you're going, it don't mean a thing
 He who'd walk a mile just to hold an empty hand
 Knows what it means to be a wealthy man.
 Ashes to ashes, dust into dust
 Palaces will crumble, bridges will rust,
 Mountains will disappear, rivers will dry up
 And so it goes with everything but love,

So it goes - with everything but love,
So it goes

Worldly treasures will all pass away
There's just one thing that's put here to stay

Ashes to ashes, dust into dust
Kingdoms will crumble, bridges will rust,
Mountains will disappear, rivers will dry up
And so it goes with everything but love,
So it goes - with everything but love,
So it goes - with everything but love,
So it goes - with everything but love.

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

*PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People *And of thine own have we given thee.*

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest God be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The priest continues

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your own children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS • WLP 858

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.

San - to, san - to, san - to es el Se - ñor. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en el cie - lo.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na, ho san - na, ho - san - na en el cie - lo.

A priest continues

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.
But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.
Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.
On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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,
and when he had given thanks,
he 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.” 

A priest says Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.


A priest continues

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

At the last day, bring us with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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. **AMEN.** 

Priest As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, singing:

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Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your

Name, your king-dom come, your

will be done, on earth as in heav-en.

Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-

give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-

gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,

and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the

king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are

yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men, A-men.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People *therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE**

This is Christ's Banquet. It is made ready for those who love God,
 and for those who want to love God more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have
 been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried
 to follow, and you who feel you have failed.

Come, because it is Christ who invites you.

COMMUNION HYMN • *L'Amour De Moy (Instrumental)***COMMUNION HYMN • *They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love* •**

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We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

Am

Em

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

Am

Em

And we pray that all unity, may one day be restored

[CHORUS]

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And they'll know we are Christians by our love by our love

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And they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land

[REPEAT CHORUS]

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity, and save each others pride*

[REPEAT CHORUS]

*All praise to the Father from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son
All praise to the Spirit, who makes us one*

[REPEAT CHORUS]

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After Communion, a priest says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING OUT EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: (Name), in the name of this congregation, we send you to share our Eucharist with _____. May you take the prayers of all of us as you deliver the sacrament of Christ's presence.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in the one cup!

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

Watch over your child, O God, as their days increase; bless and guide them where ever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful, raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding, abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES

Send, O God, your blessing upon these your servants. Sustain them in their love and commitment to each other, that their home may be a place of peace and hospitality now and always. Amen.

SOBRIETY

Bless, O God, your servant in their work or recovery; defend them in their sobriety; and bless them with strength and wisdom now and always. Amen.

WORK TRANSITION OR RETIREMENT

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant who has enriched this community and brought gladness to friends and family; now bless and preserve them at this time of transition. Guide them in the continued use of your gifts; provide sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends to cheer the way, and a clear vision of the ministry to which you are now calling them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

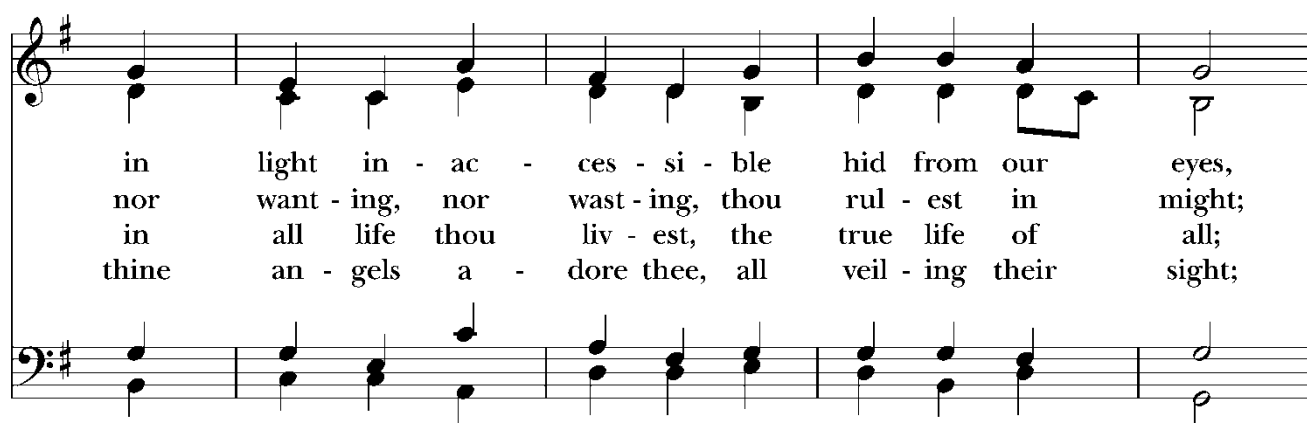
BLESSING SONG

May the blessing of God be upon you, the blessing of the Father and the Son. And may the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Love, be with you all your days.*

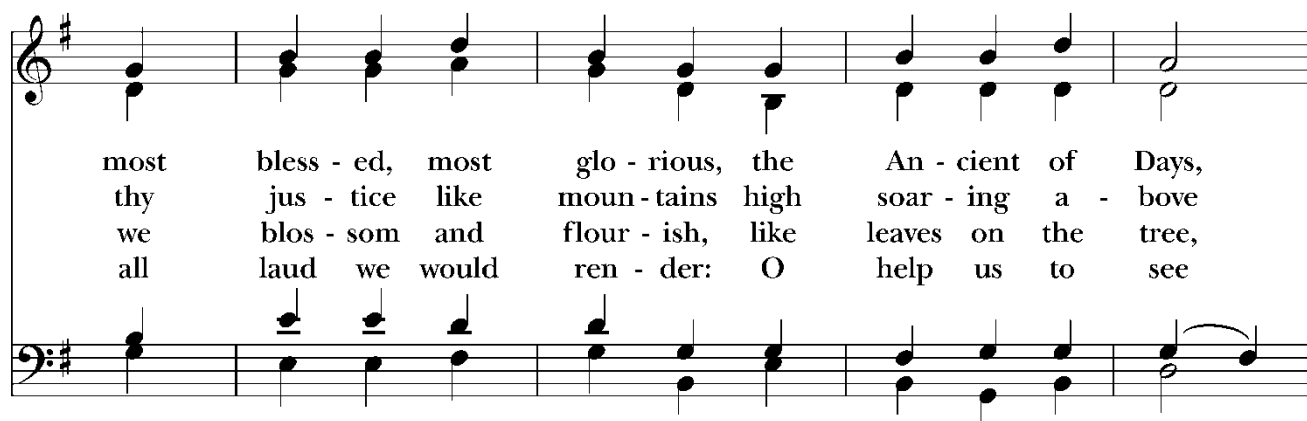
**Spirit of Peace [second verse]*

*RECESSIONAL HYMN • *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* • Hymnal #423

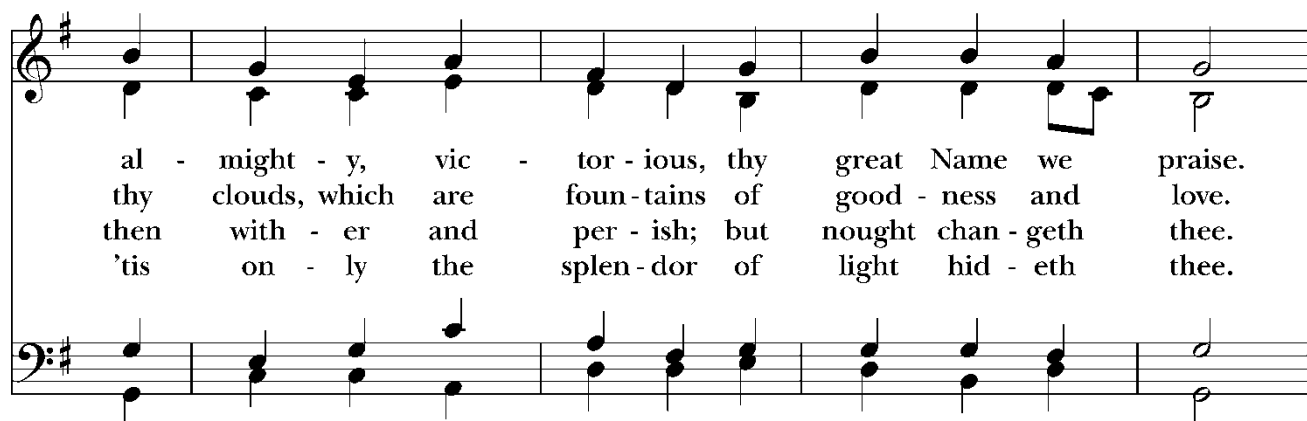

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S**

February 23-March 2, 2025

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to sign up for our weekly newsletter.

Sunday, February 23

8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**

Chapel

9 am **Christian Formation**

Cay's Room & classrooms

10 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**

Sanctuary & online; ID 940 3189 1877

10 am **Godly Play**

Room 1

11:20 am **Fellowship Hour**

Waldron Hall

4 pm **Evening Prayer**

Sanctuary

Monday, February 24

5 pm **Yoga and Relaxation**

Room 1

6 pm **Fierce Women Bible Study**

Room 2

6:30 pm **Youth Ministry Team Meeting**

Cay's Room

Tuesday, February 25

12 pm **Yoga and Relaxation**

Room 1

Wednesday, February 26

7 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**

Sanctuary & online; ID 584 949 088

6:15 pm **Organ Choir Rehearsal**

Sanctuary

6:30 pm **Women's Book Club**

Online; ID 864 8947 7980

7:30 pm **Praise Singers Rehearsal**

Sanctuary

Thursday, February 27

7 am **Men's Group**

Waldron Hall

7 pm **Bible Explorers**

Online; [click here](#) or see newsletter

Friday, February 28

1 pm **Afternoon Bible Study**

Cay's Room

5 pm **Board Game Night**

Waldron Hall

Saturday, March 1

No scheduled church events

Sunday, March 2

8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**

Chapel

9 am **First Sunday Breakfast**

Waldron Hall

10 am **New Orleans Jazz Mass**

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10 am **Godly Play**

Room 1

11:30 am **Mardi Gras Celebration Lunch**

Waldron Hall

4 pm **Evening Prayer**

Sanctuary