

JANUARY 26, 2025

## THIRD 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.

Preacher: The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gómez, Associate Rector

Celebrant and Gospel Reader: The Rev. Michael Burke, Rector

Reader: Al Alvarez

Voice of the People: Alexei Batischev

**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** • *Remember Brave Lord Jesus Christ* • words by W. H. Miller, melody, "Lord Nelson," English trad.

1. You can sing of kingly thrones and birth, and of purple pageantry, But Jesus Christ walked on the earth as plain as you and me. A working man with callused hands, he roamed the country wide, To bring good news of hope and truth, his disciples by his side.

REFRAIN: So remember brave Lord Jesus Christ, The one who set us free. With his last breath his martyr's death Gave us the victory.

2. He walked with beggars, cured the lame, and he caused the blind to see, The stormy waters he did tame on the Sea of Galilee. He raised the dead, the hungry fed, and he sparred with Pharisees Who turned him in, though without sin, to the High Authorities!

#### REPEAT REFRAIN

3. A priestly caste of bureaucrats, the haughty Sadducees, Were swept aside as by the tide of the seas of history. As Jesus said, their world was dead once the mighty Temple fell. But Christ lives on in hearts and song and his glories we do tell.

REPEAT REFRAIN (X2)

WELCOME • The Rev. Michael Burke

#### \*OPENING HYMN • Hail to the Lord's Anointed • Hymnal #616, v. 1-3



#### \*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.** 

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

#### \*THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest* God be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Priest Give us grace, O God, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

## **FIRST READING** • Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Reader A Reading from Nehemiah.

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which God 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 worshipped God 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.

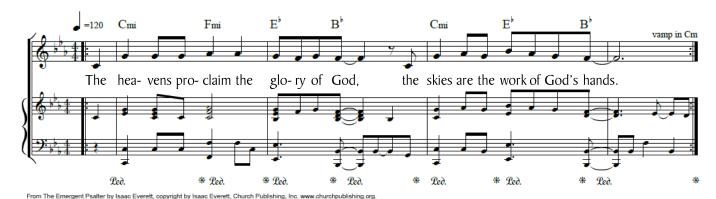
And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat 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

#### **ANTIPHON**



The heavens declare the glory of God, and skies are the work of God's hands.

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

Although they have no words or language,

and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands,

and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep God has 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.

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.

## **ANTIPHON (ALL SING)**

The law of God is perfect and renews life; the testimony of God is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

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

The fear of God is clean and endures forever; the judgments of God are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

## Antiphon (ALL SING - words at bottom of this page)

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;

let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound,

and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O God, my strength and my redeemer.

#### ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

WORDS: The hea-vens pro-claim the glo- ry of God, the skies are the work of God's hands.

#### **SECOND READING** • 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Reader A Reading from 1 Corinthians.

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. 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.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 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. 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. 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? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 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." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 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. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## \*GOSPEL HYMN • The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me



\*GOSPEL • Luke 4:14-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

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, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because God has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Silence

**SERMON** • The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gomez

#### 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.

## **SERVICE OF THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **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** • *Lift Every Voice and Sing* • by James Weldon Johnson • Lana Ramos. *soloist*

Lift every voice and sing,

Till earth and heaven ring,

Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;

Let our rejoicing rise

High as the list'ning skies,

Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,

Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,

Bitter the chast'ning rod,

Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;

Yet with a steady beat,

Have not our weary feet

Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.

We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,

Out from the gloomy past,

Till now we stand at last

Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,

God of our silent tears.

Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Thou who hast by Thy might,

Led us into the light,

Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,

Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;

Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand, True to our God, True to our native land.

#### \*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

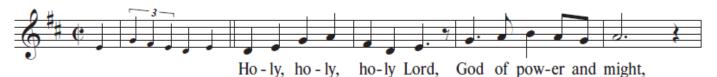
It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

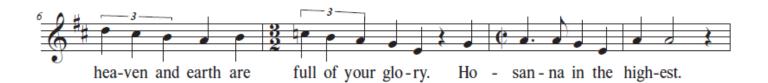
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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:

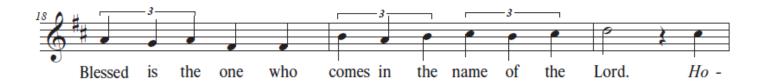
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## A priest continues

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:



#### **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** • The Sheep 'Neath the Snow (Instrumental)

-Communion Hymn on next page-

## **COMMUNION HYMN** • *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* • Hymnal #692



#### 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 Ch	ist'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 on page 24-



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## \*RECESSIONAL HYMN • Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken • Hymnal #522





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#### **DISMISSAL**

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

**REMINDER**~ There will be no 8 am or 4 pm services on Sunday, February 2, 2025.

All are encouraged to attend the 10 am service and stay for the St. Mary's All-Parish Annual Meeting at 11:20 am in Waldron Hall. Lunch will be provided. There will be lunch and kids activities downstairs during Annual Meeting.





## **Annual Meeting Agenda**

Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Beginning with 10am worship

I. Declare Quorum and Conduct Sunday Morning Worship

II. Approve Agenda, Introduce Materials

III. Approve Officers of Annual Meeting

IV. 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

V. 2024 Annual Report

VI. Nominations and Elections

VII. Awards and Presentations

VIII. 2024 Financial Report

IX. 2025 Operating Budget

X. Auctions

XI. Anything for the good of St. Mary's

XII. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

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

January 26-February 2, 2025

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## Sunday, January 26

8 am Service of Holy Eucharist Chapel

9 am Christian Formation Cay's Room & classrooms

10 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Sanctuary & online;
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10 am Godly Play

Room 1

11:20 am Fellowship Hour Waldron Hall

4 pm **Evening Prayer** Sanctuary

## Monday, January 27

6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team Meeting

Cay's Room

## Tuesday, January 28

No scheduled church events

## Wednesday, January 29

7 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Sanctuary & online; ID 584 949 088

6:15 pm **Choir Rehearsal** Sanctuary

## Thursday, January 30

7 am **Men's Group** Waldron Hall

## Friday, January 31

I pm **Afternoon Bible Study** Cay's Room

## Saturday, February 1

No scheduled church events

## Sunday, February 2 — Annual

## Meeting

10 am <u>Service of Holy Eucharist</u> Sanctuary & online;

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10 am Godly Play

Room 1

11:30 am St. Mary's Annual

Meeting

Waldron Hall

4 pm Evening Prayer Sanctuary