



## The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

8:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., Sunday, January 26, 2025

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.  
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.  
May you leave here with a heart prepared to serve.*



*Photo from the MLK March  
On Monday, January 20, 2025*

*If this is your first time here, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card  
found in the pews and on the Welcome Table in the courtyard.*

# The Word of God

*Our worship time together begins with a musical prelude.*

*Thank you for observing a prayerful silence as we feel God's presence among us.*

## Voluntary (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

*Enigma Variations: ix. "Nimrod"*

Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

## Entrance Hymn (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

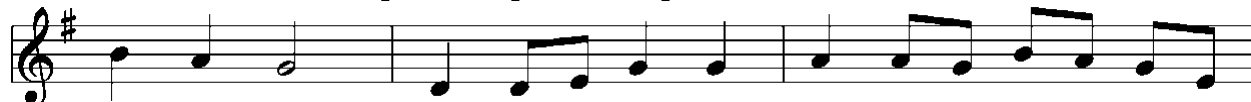
WLP, #761

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

*The people stand.*



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a  
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.  
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



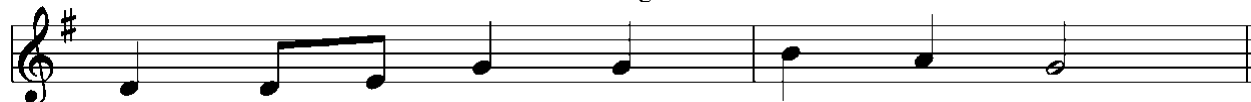
Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were  
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.  
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## Opening Acclamation

8:00 a.m.: *The people stand.*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.*

## Collect For Purity

*Said in unison*

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 Lord. Amen.

## Gloria

8:00 a.m.: *the following is said.*

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.: *the following is sung.*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



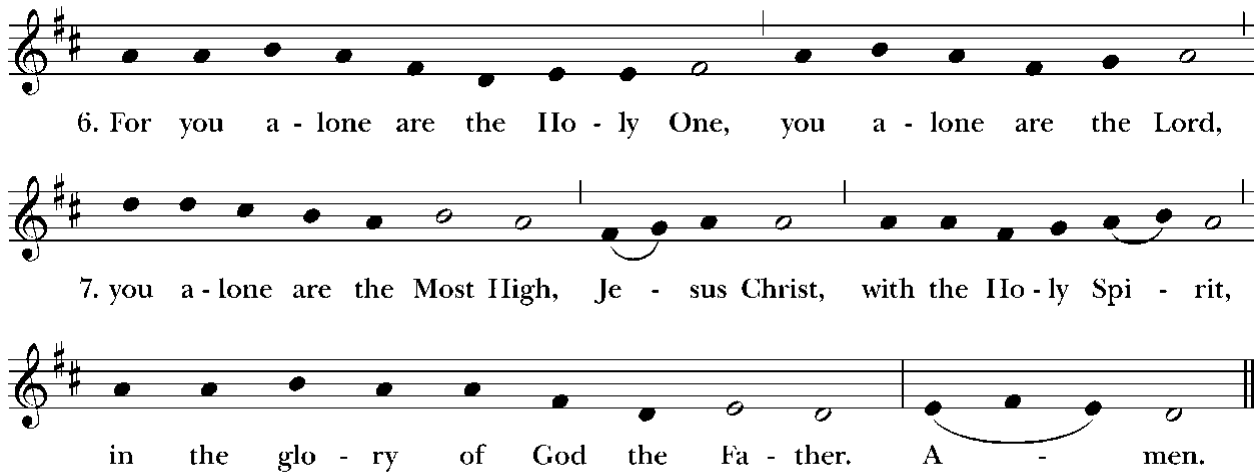
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**The Collect Of The Day**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, 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.*

# The Lessons

**First Reading**

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

*The people are seated.*

A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*The 9:00 a.m. service continues with the Children's Choir Anthem on page 8.*

### Gradual Psalm (8:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Psalm 19

*at 8:00 a.m.: The following is read responsively by half verse*

*at 11:00 a.m.: The following is chanted by all, seated*

John Stainer  
(1840–1901)



- <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the / glory ' of / God, \*  
and the firmament / shows ' his / hand'i-/work.
- <sup>2</sup> One day tells its tale / to ' an-/other, \*  
and one night imparts / know'ledge / to ' an-/other.
- <sup>3</sup> Although they have no / words ' or / language, \*  
and their / voic'es / are ' not / heard,
- <sup>4</sup> Their sound has gone out in-/to ' all / lands, \*  
and their message / to ' the / ends ' of the / world.
- <sup>5</sup> In the deep has he 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.

- <sup>6</sup> It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of / it ' a-/gain; \*  
nothing is hidden / from ' its / burn'ing / heat.
- <sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect  
and re-/vives ' the / soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives / wis'dom / to ' the / innocent.
- <sup>8</sup> The statutes of the Lord are just  
and re-/joice ' the / heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and ' gives / light ' to the / eyes.
- <sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean  
and en-/dures ' for / ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and / right'eous / al'to-/gether.
- <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than / much ' fine / gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than / hon'ey / in ' the / comb.
- <sup>11</sup> By them also is your / servant ' en-/lightened, \*  
and in keeping them / there ' is / great ' re-/ward.
- <sup>12</sup> Who can tell how often / he ' of-/fends? \*  
cleanse me / from ' my / se'cret / faults.
- <sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion / o'ver / me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent / of ' a / great ' of-/fense.
- <sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable / in ' your / sight, \*  
O Lord, my / strength ' and / my ' re-/deemer.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Children's Choir Anthem (9:00 a.m.)**

Fairest Lord Jesus

from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842

*Sung by St. Mary's Children's Choir*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son;  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.  
Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.  
Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

-Composite

**Sequence Hymn (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)**

Hymnal, #513

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

*The people stand.*

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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 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,  
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 Savior.  
*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Homily (8:00 & 11:00 a.m.)**  
**The Children's Homily (9:00 a.m.)**  
*The people are seated.*

The Rev. David Erickson  
Linda Woodworth

**Children's Offertory Collection (9:00 a.m.)**

*The Children's Offertory collection supports The Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA), a NPO that strives for human rights and the welfare of children in the Middle East.*

**Doxology (9:00 a.m.)**

*sung to the tune Old 100th.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**The Nicene Creed**

*The people stand.*

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 heave,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
    and became truly human.  
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 he is worshiped 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.

### **The Prayers Of The People**

The glory of the Lord has been revealed that we might see and believe. Trusting in the Lord, let us pray, "Jesus Christ, Light of the world, in your light we see light."

Blessed Lord, through the Spirit you have given to your Church varieties of gifts. Bind us together as your body that we may use this grace to show forth your great light.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,

*In your light we see light.*

Blessed Lord, your righteousness is like the strong mountains and your justice is like a deep sea of mercy. May all the peoples of the earth look to you for guidance and strength. Jesus Christ, Light of the world,

*In your light we see light.*

Blessed Lord, restore desolate landscapes and ravished lands that are devastated by the rage of wildfires, especially in Southern California. Renew your creation to bring forth life and growth. Jesus Christ, Light of the world,  
*In your light we see light.*

May we desire the common good. We pray, blessed Lord, that you will teach us to love each other. We thank you for the diversity of the human family. Hear our plea for the hope of unity. Jesus Christ, Light of the world,  
*In your light we see light.*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, blessed Lord. Heal and restore those who are sick or weak in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, (N.) and others you may name, silently or aloud. Jesus Christ, Light of the world,  
*In your light we see light.*

Blessed Lord, with you are life-giving streams. By water and the Spirit you accept us as members of your family in this world and the next. We remember those who have died and now are quenched by the springs of your living water in life eternal, including (N.) and others you may now name, silently or aloud. Jesus Christ, Light of the world,  
*In your light we see light.*

We give you thanks for those who are peacemakers and for the glimmer of light and hope for lasting peace in the Middle East. Jesus Christ, Light of the world,  
*In your light we see light.*

*The Celebrant ends the prayer with the following.*

Prince of Peace, grant that your presence may be known throughout this land. May we follow your example and give of ourselves knowing that your joy toward justice, mercy and peace is also our joy. Grant this through You who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **Confession Of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people kneel, as able, saying in unison*

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 our Savior 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.

*The Celebrant stands and 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**

*The people stand.*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*And also with you.*

*The Ministers and the People share the peace of Christ with one another.*

### **Greeting and Announcements**

*The people are seated.*

## The Holy Communion

### **Offertory Sentence**

*The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

*Psalms 50:14*

**Offertory Anthem (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)**

*at 9:00 a.m.*

Ave Verum Corpus

*Sung by St. Mary's Youth Choir*

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Hail, true Body, born  
of the Virgin Mary,  
truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side  
water and blood flowed:  
Be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet  
in the trial of death!  
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,  
O Jesus, son of Mary,  
have mercy on me. Amen.

*at 11:00 a.m.*

“The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me” from *The Apostles*

*Sung by St. Mary's Parish Choir*

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor:  
He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted,  
to preach deliverance to the captives,  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;  
To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes,  
the oil of joy for mourning,  
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
that they might be called trees of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.  
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,  
and as the garden causeth the things  
that are sown in it to spring forth;  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring forth before all the nations.

-Isaiah 61

## Hymn At The Presentation

Hymnal, #315

Thou, Who At Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray

*The people stand.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus & Benedictus

*The following is spoken at the 8:00 a.m.*

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 People stand or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and

Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*We remember his death,*

*We proclaim his resurrection,*

*We await his coming in glory;*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, the Christ-bearer and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

## The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Said in unison*

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,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

## Agnus Dei (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

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.



## Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## The Communion

*All who desire to know God better are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. You may drink from a common chalice, or you may intinct the Bread into the Wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please simply cross your arms over your chest.*

*The people are seated.*

## Communion Chant (9:00 a.m.)

WLP, #820

### The Eyes Of All Wait Upon You



The eyes of all wait up - on you, O Lord, and you



give them their food in due sea - son. \_\_\_\_\_ You



o - pen wide your — gra - cious hand and



sat - is - fy the needs of ev - ery liv - ing crea - ture.

**Communion Music (11:00 a.m.)**

Ave Verum Corpus

Elgar

*Sung by St. Mary's Parish Choir*

Hail, true Body, born  
of the Virgin Mary,  
truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side  
water and blood flowed:  
Be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet  
in the trial of death!  
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,  
O Jesus, son of Mary,  
have mercy on me. Amen.

**Sending Of The Eucharistic Visitor (When Needed)**

In the name of this parish family, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts. Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

*Though we are many, we are one body because we share one heavenly feast.*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*The people stand.*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People together.*

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.

## **Blessing**

### **Closing Hymn (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)**

Hymnal, #506

Praise the Spirit in Creation

*At 9:00 a.m.: Verses 1-4 are sung before the homily; verses 5-6 after.*

*At 9:00 a.m., children attending Sunday School process out after the choir.*

### **The Homily (9:00 a.m.)**

The Rev. David Erickson

*The people are seated.*

## **Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the light and peace of Christ.

*Thanks be to God.*

### **Voluntary (9:00 & 11:00 A.M.)**

Chorale Prelude on *Caithness*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

# Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

## *Welcome Visitors And Guests*

January 26, 2024

Thank you for wrapping your prayer with ours today. We welcome all that seek the Holy. St. Mary's prays, celebrates, and serves our community and our neighbors as we strive to live as the body of Christ in the world. Check out the announcements at the back of the service bulletin for more ways to connect with us or email [office@smvsf.org](mailto:office@smvsf.org) and we will stay in touch with you. We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you.

### **Flowers Today**

Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Lindley Dodson.

### **Stories of Sabbatical:**

#### **Rev. David Erickson Adult Forum**

**Today, Sunday, January 26**

Please join Rev. David as he shares his learnings, insights, and pictures from his sabbatical. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, January 26th.

### **Sunday School Update**

In this season of Epiphany we hear Gospel stories about events in Jesus' life that give us clues about his special nature. This week the children in the younger group will hear the story of the boy Jesus getting lost but then found in the Great Temple in Jerusalem. What was he doing? What do we learn from this one and only story about Jesus' childhood?

The older children will be hard at work counting, organizing and packing up the huge pile of donations to the Gubbio Project. Once again, our parish family was spectacularly generous. Watch this space for the full account of our advent and Christmas generosity. You'll be impressed

and the Gubbio project organizers and recipients will be very grateful.

### **Youth Group Update**

Youth group will be meeting in the Great Room from 5:30 to 7:30. Games, friends, food, and discussion! All 6th to 12th graders are invited, as are friends. See you there!

### **St. Mary's Easter Season Holy Land pilgrimage CONFIRMED!**

**April 21, 2025 - May 2, 2025**

**\*Information Session, Sunday Feb. 2 at 10:15 a.m.\***

Good news! Following last week's formal ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, we are pleased to confirm our pilgrimage will go ahead. Coincidentally, Bishop Austin has also just returned from a visit to the holy land, with Qumri Pilgrimages, and confirmed to us personally that he felt perfectly safe, and that there was a warm enthusiasm and true desire for pilgrims to return.

We will be holding another information session at 10.15 a.m. on Sunday, Feb 2. In the meantime, see [smvsf.org/formation/pilgrimage-2025](https://smvsf.org/formation/pilgrimage-2025) for more details and

email [pilgrimage@smvsf.org](mailto:pilgrimage@smvsf.org) with any outstanding questions. Please note, we are extending the deadline for deposits until Monday, March 3, 2025.

**Candlelight Concert: Byrd Ensemble  
Sunday, February 2**

We are excited to welcome Byrd Ensemble, a professional chamber choir from Seattle to our Candlelight Concert Series. The program showcases English and Scottish Renaissance music from the Carver Choirbook, a unique 16th-century collection that is one of Scotland's only surviving sources of Renaissance polyphony. The concert will be on Sunday, 2 February at 5:00 p.m. As always, our concerts are free and open to the public.

**Annual Meeting  
Sunday, February 9**

**(Services at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.)**

On Sunday, February 9, St. Mary's will hold its Annual Meeting at the church of St. Mary the Virgin at 11:20 a.m.. All are welcome. Here is the morning schedule for that day:

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 11:20 Annual Parish Meeting
- Immediately following the Annual Meeting there will be a catered lunch for the whole parish.

Last week we announced our 2025 Vestry Class. We are welcoming Amy Cebrian, Trey Hunter, Liz Paxton,

and Stina Skewes-Cox to the St. Mary's Vestry. To view full bio's and photos of candidates please visit [smvsf.org/vestry-slate](http://smvsf.org/vestry-slate)

**Supporting Those Affected by the  
Wildfires in Southern California**

If you are looking for a way to support those affected by the Southern California Wildfires, we invite you to donate to the Episcopal Relief and Development Wildfire Response Fund that may be found at the Episcopal Development and Relief website. Thank you.

**Parish Men's Gathering:  
Rev. David Erickson's Sabbatical  
Thursday, January 23**

To all parish men, young and old!

Please come to our first gathering of the New Year on Thursday, January 23, between 6:00-8:00 PM in Parish Hall. It will be a special opportunity to hear Rev. David tell his story about adventure, restoration, and contemplation from his recent sabbatical from which he just returned in September of last year. It will also be an occasion for community with a robust group of men in the parish having diverse and often surprisingly exciting life journeys and to reflect on our mission as the parish men's group.

Pizza and beverages will be provided!

Please RSVP to Ashley in the parish office at [Ashley@smvsf.org](mailto:Ashley@smvsf.org) no later than by January 16 if you are able to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the clergy team or David Hargis or Rob Flowers.

### **Rise Against Hunger Event**

**Saturday, January 25**

At this time when 815 million people in the world suffer from chronic hunger, please join us in packaging meals for an impoverished community in partnership with Rise Against Hunger. We will package the food, and RAH will then ship it to Asia, Africa, or Central America, where their local partner will distribute it to an impoverished community in need of food.

Everyone of all ages--parishioners, family members, friends and supporters—is invited to attend. The event will take place at St. Mary's in the Great Room on Saturday, January 25 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This Spirit-filled, joyful, community-building event in the Epiphany season is an opportunity to share God's grace in community and to show our gratitude for God's many blessings and gifts to us— especially our abundance of food.

We're planning for the parish's community ministry budget to cover the cost of this event (packaged food and shipping costs). However, we also welcome donations at the event to help defray costs.

In prior years our parish volunteers have packaged a total of over 52,000 meals for the hungry in our global community. We're hoping to package 10,000 meals at the upcoming event!

Please register at your earliest convenience as participation is limited.

Go to St. Mary's website ([smvsf.org](http://smvsf.org)) and find the registration link on the homepage. Or go directly to: [events.riseagainsthunger.org/SMV2025](http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/SMV2025)

### **2025 Dates for The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

On Sunday, January 12, St. Mary's celebrated the first Baptisms of this calendar year at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. A principal sacrament of the Episcopal Church, "Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the Church." Membership at St. Mary's is not required for Baptism.

Baptism is a community event. Those who witness the Baptism affirm "to support those being baptized and their families in their life in Christ." The Sacrament of Baptism is appropriate at any age.

These are the dates for the remaining 2025 Baptisms:

- Saturday, April 19, 2025, The Great Vigil of Easter (evening service for those being baptized who are 13 years or older)
- Sunday, April 27, 2025, The Second Sunday of Easter
- Sunday, June 8, 2025, The Day of Pentecost
- Sunday, August 17, 2025 Commemoration of The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin
- Sunday, September 21, 2025
- Sunday, November 2, 2025 The Feast of All Saints'

Baptism in-take forms and additional information about Baptism can be found on St. Mary's website. Any other Baptism-related questions may be directed to Natalie Hala, Parish Liturgist at [natalie@smvsf.org](mailto:natalie@smvsf.org)

### **Abundant Grace, Abundant Giving!**

#### **St. Mary's 2025 Annual Appeal**

*"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."*

*2 Corinthians 9:8*

St. Mary's is blessed to be a place of abundance. We are not simply surviving, we are thriving! The abundance of ministry, community, and hope is palpable in our midst.

One of the most abundant ways that we can participate in at St. Mary's is through a financial pledge. This is a giving estimate of the level of financial support you intend to give for the upcoming year. One of St. Mary's great strengths is the grace-filled and abundant people who give meaningfully of their financial means to make all that happens at St. Mary's possible.

To learn more about making a pledge, or to make a pledge online please visit our pledge page at [smvsf.org/pledge-blurb](http://smvsf.org/pledge-blurb). Should you have questions about pledging, or St. Mary's in general, please contact Rev. David at [david@smvsf.org](mailto:david@smvsf.org)  
Pledge Units: 146

Total Pledged: \$705,989

Pledge Goal: \$950,000

### **Ongoing Weekly Offerings**

#### **\*Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel**

Please join us Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Chapel for a time to time to breathe, center yourself, and feel God's presence while silently being one in community. For those unfamiliar with Centering Prayer, our time will include a Breathing Meditation, 15-20 minutes of silent prayer, followed by an opportunity for prayer requests and thanksgivings, and close with the Lord's Prayer. Those who wish may remain for a time of sharing. Please feel free to contact Debbie Veatch at [veatchdl@gmail.com](mailto:veatchdl@gmail.com) or 415-244-3515 with any questions.

#### **\* Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in Fowler Hall**

Join laypeople Eden Gallanter, Mike Stafford, and David Hargis for a discussion-based class about Matthew's Gospel on Sundays at 10 a.m. in the front room in Fowler Hall (right above the fountain). Each chapter of Matthew will be covered over two weeks. In the first week, we'll read and gather questions, and in the second week, we'll work on answering them. The leaders will guide conversations and ensure everyone has a chance to participate. Everyone is welcome, regardless of knowledge or beliefs. Regular attendance is encouraged, but drop-ins are welcome. No homework required, but Eden prepares materials and handouts. Interested but can't attend? Email [edengallanter@gmail.com](mailto:edengallanter@gmail.com) to receive chapter handouts and class Q&A summaries.

# *We Pray For...*

## ***PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS***

Roxana Flores  
David Zink  
Eli & Ellie Purpura-Pontoniere  
Sandy Briggs  
Tom Herman  
John Hsieh  
Barbara Riley & Family  
Mike McCarthy  
Carl Weissenberg  
Scott Justus  
Rick Mohr  
Jim Tanner  
They Very Rev. Lin Knight  
Raquel

## ***IN DISCERNMENT***

Michael Stafford

## ***RECENTLY DECEASED***

Gloria McLeod  
Doris Neuberger  
The Rev. Michael Hiller  
The Rev. Dr. Fran Toy  
Donald Hall Franklin  
Jim Griffith  
Dennis Bonney  
Alison MacDonald

## ***CONTINUING PRAYERS***

*Please remember these individuals who have ongoing concerns in your personal prayers this week.*

Deborah  
Gordon Bellis  
June  
Kevin Teeney  
The Community at the Heritage & St. Francis  
Jane  
Quinn Charles Fay  
Erich  
Simon  
Phyllis Shepherd  
Shirlee Martin  
Will Driscoll  
David Schade  
Bill  
Dani May  
Sarah Ellwein  
Valerie Schneider  
Divine Anthony and family  
Francis Kalani  
Catherine Secour  
Rev. Amelie Wilmer



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**The Rev. Tim Smith**  
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