

# EASTER SEASON



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# H O L Y E U C H A R I S T

## R I T E I I A C C O R D I N G T O T H E B O O K O F C O M M O N P R A Y E R

{WELCOMING PRAYER}

**H**OLY SPIRIT living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship *with* St. Mary's. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone who crosses our threshold feels welcomed in the spirit of your love. Help us to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. And most of all, O God, let this be a *community* of love and acceptance for all your children; in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

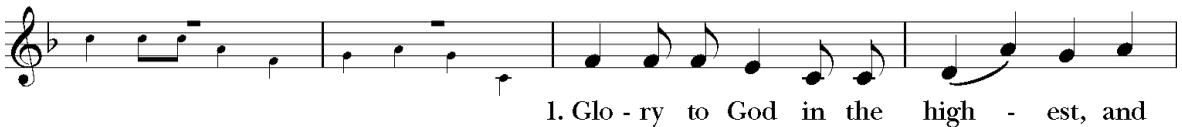
## T H E L I T U R G Y O F T H E W O R D O F G O D

{OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY}

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* 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 IN EXCELSIS}





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



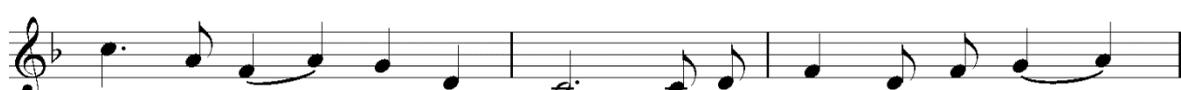
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



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



The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
**I shall not be in want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
**and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul \*  
**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
**you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

### THE SECOND LESSON: REVELATION 7:9-17

A Reading from the Apocalypse of St. John.

**I** LOOKED, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!  
Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**A**T THAT TIME the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

{THE SERMON}

{THE NICENE CREED}

**W**E BELIEVE in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

**W**E 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.

**W**E 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 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.

{PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE}

In peace, let us pray to Jesus our Lord, raised in power so that he might intercede for us at the very Throne of Grace.

**L**ORD OF THE CHURCH, empower by your Spirit all your holy people, especially the people of St. Mary's, who in our life and witness strive to live according to the high calling you with which you called us in Holy Baptism; for +Bonnie, our Bishop; and for Andy+, our priest. Give us grace to proclaim the Good News joyfully in word and deed.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**S**HEPHERD AND GUARDIAN OF OUR SOULS, guide and enable all who lead and serve our common life, and those on whom we depend for our daily needs. Bring your peace in the world and make us instruments of your peace. Watch over all those who keep watch for us in the armed forces, especially **Kevin Tye, Josh Tindall, Craig Froehlich, Justin Briggs, Josom Alomran, Jason Kelly, James Monaghan, Scott, Blake Abel, Joshua, Jerry Holley, Corbin, Nick McKenna, Sean Kellogg, Brandon Jamison, Patrick Kline, Anna Whetstone, Kyle Sholos, Marcus Powell, LeeAnn Beckman, Ruth Ann Beckman, and Phillip Halliburton.** Grant that we may seek the peace and welfare of this place and of the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**S**AVIOR OF THE WORLD, be present in all places of suffering, violence, and pain. Stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness, and peace to **Linda & Al Nielsen, Brian and the Kelly Family, Janet Spears, Marlyn Stroud, Hannah and Tyler, Todd Rachel, Bobbi Patton, Dorothea Kenyon, Wendy Mikula, The Probert Family, Karen Schreiber, the Freeman Family, Mark Udell, Bob Masek, the Neal Family, Nancy Marshall, Nancy Peter, Stephanie and Henry, Don Foran, Michael Hurst, Danny DiNardo, Derek Kolp, Brittany, the Schein Family, Kathy Bahnmler,** and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Fill us with compassion, that we may be channels of your healing love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



*People*

It is right to give him 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus

Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All*  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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

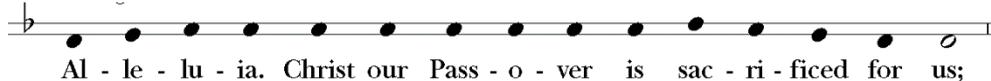
*All*

**O**ur 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,

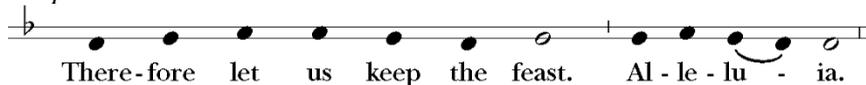
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

{THE FRACTION}

*Celebrant*



*People*



*Celebrant*

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.

{COMMUNION}

*During Communion all are welcome to come forward. If you have a gluten intolerance, gluten-free hosts are available. If you would prefer a blessing instead of receiving the Sacrament, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will gladly bless you.*

*We are now offering the Eucharistic wine from a common chalice, but we will continue to offer individual cups also for those who would prefer to receive the Eucharistic wine in that way. You may also choose to refrain from the Blood of Christ, resting assured that the grace of the Eucharistic Feast is fully present if one kind only is received.*

{PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION}

Book of Common Prayer, 366

**A**lmighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

{BLESSING}

{THE DISMISSAL}

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## *St. Mary's In-The-Hills.*

*inspired by the Word and nurtured by the sacraments,  
promotes an active and community-conscious congregation  
supporting the mission and ministry of  
Jesus Christ.*



*Here at St. Mary's we believe we are blessed and strengthened by God's diverse creation of age, race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, nationality, and spoken language. We welcome all who seek to follow Christ into the full life and service of the Church.*