

# 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

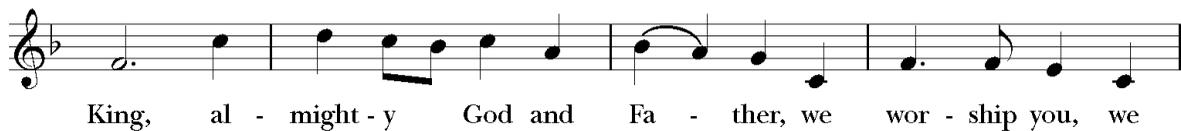
{OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY}

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

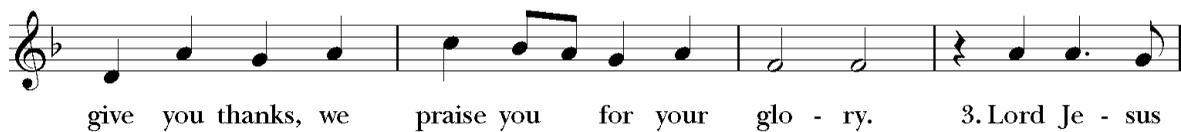
*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

{GLORIA IN EXCELSIS}





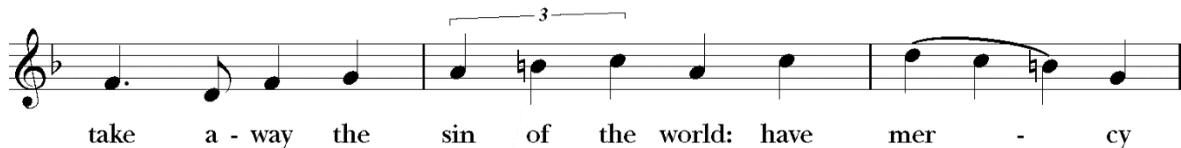
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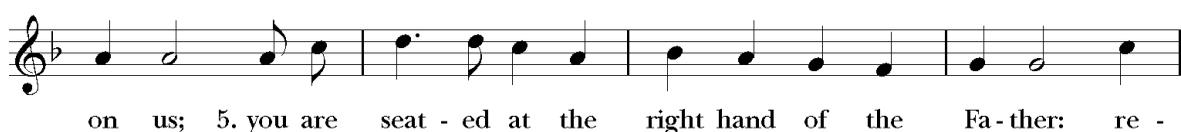
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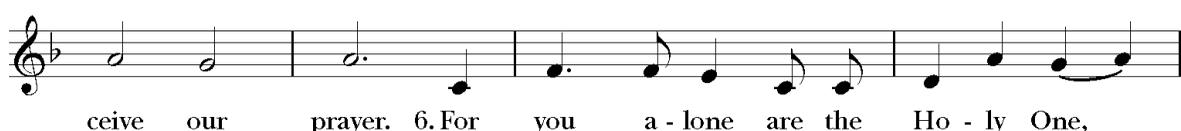
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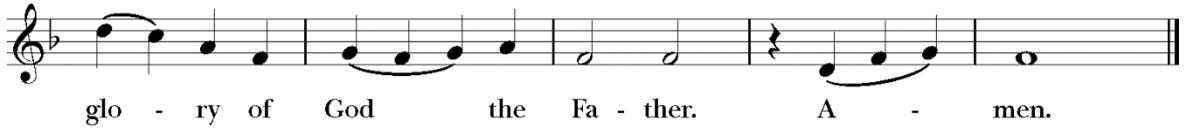
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



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{COLLECT OF THE DAY}

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

{THE LESSONS}

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 11:1-18

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

**N**OW THE APOSTLES AND THE BELIEVERS who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they

praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

THE PSALM: PSALM 148

*Antiphon:* Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
**praise him in the heights.**

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
**praise him in the heights.**

Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
**praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
**praise him, all you shining stars.**

Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
**and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
**for he commanded, and they were created.**

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
**he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
**you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
**tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

Mountains and all hills, \*  
**fruit trees and all cedars;**

Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
**creeping things and winged birds;**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
**princes and all rulers of the world;**

Young men and maidens, \*  
**old and young together.**

Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
**for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.**

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
**the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

## THE SECOND LESSON: REVELATION 21:1-6

A Reading from the Apocalypse of St. John.

**I** SAW A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-35

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**A**T THE LAST SUPPER, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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.**

**C**ONQUEROR OF DEATH, remember for good those whom we love but see no longer, especially **Jennifer Kolp, August Beute, Max Schein,** and those we now name \_\_\_\_\_ (*please add your own names silently or aloud*). Keep them, we pray, in your everlasting memory, with all those whose lives and names are for ever hidden in you.

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

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of God.

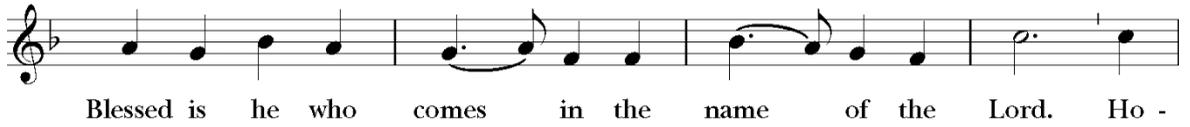
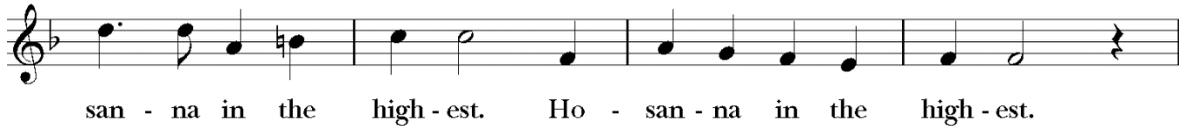
*A moment of silence will be held for you to offer your own prayers and intentions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

{THE PEACE}

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





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.



*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.*