

SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY



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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}

HOLY 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

{PROCESSIONAL HYMN}

{OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY}

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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}




1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



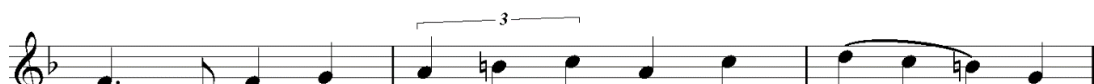
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



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.

{COLLECT OF THE DAY}

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

{THE LESSONS & SEQUENCE HYMN}

THE FIRST LESSON: 2 KINGS 2:1-12

A Reading from the Second Book of Kings.

WHEN THE LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and

its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: PSALM 50:1-6

Antiphon: The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
God has summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
God has summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

EVEN IF OUR GOSPEL is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

{SEQUENCE HYMN}

THE GOSPEL: MARK 9:2-9

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS TOOK with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

{THE SERMON}

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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.
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.

{THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE}

See insert

As we stand or kneel in awe of the holy mystery of God made manifest in Christ, let us offer our prayers to God.

GRANT, ALMIGHTY GOD, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

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

GUIDE THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Visit the people of
Ukraine, the people of Israel, and the people of Palestine; deliver them from fear,
violence, malice, injury, destruction, and death, Turn the hearts of those bent on war.
Strengthen the hand of all seeking to halt conflict, restore order, and pursue justice and
reconciliation.

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

OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS AND HANDS for the welfare of all your beloved creation, that
we may learn to walk gently on this good earth, as you walked gently among us.

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

BLESS ALL WHOSE LIVES are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve
Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

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

PRESERVE AND DEFEND all the men and women of our armed forces at home and
abroad, especially **Kevin** Tye, **Justin** Briggs, **Josom** Alomran, **Jason** Kelly, **James**
Monaghan, **Joshua**, **Jerry** Holley, **Nick** McKenna, **Sean** Kellogg, **Patrick** Kline, **Anna**
Whetstone, **Kyle** Sholos, **Marcus** Powell, **Ivan** Powell, **Ruth Anna** Powell, **LeeAnn**
Beckman, **Jonathan** Fritts, and **Daniel** Schaffer.

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

COMFORT AND HEAL all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially **Linda & Al Nielsen, Janet Spears, Marlyn Stroud, Jean & Todd Rachel, Dorothea Kenyon, Ron Lunney, Sara DelCampo, Jack Harrington, Joe and Victoria Shively, Judy White, Rowan Guirey, Christina, Cyndi, Margo Paustian, Carole Crawford, Cat Bullard, Miriam, Erik Sauro, John Church, Pat Sulk, Sherry Reisieh, Yonne, Arrow, David Kidger, Mary Elizabeth Murray, Richard White, Denise Brown, Larry Smielewski, Bob Demaree, David Proefke, Donna Dietiker, Danielle Dunn, Ken Thomason, Gabby & Shirley Allen, Lois Beach, Noela Beach, Trudy Zelezic, Franczy Benson, Ellis Mills, Randy Heidtman, Fran S., Mark Rothwell, Donna Mash, Laura K., Mattea,** and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, including those we now name _____ (*please add your own names silently or aloud*).

Draw near to the broken-hearted, Lord; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

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

WE COMMEND TO YOUR MERCY all who have died, especially **Fr. Larry Jackson, Diane Mash, Mary Kay Cummings, Patty, Ron,** and those we now name _____ (*please add your own names, silently or aloud*): May your will for them be fulfilled, and may we share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

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

Silence. Please add your own intentions and petitions, silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

{CONFESSION OF SIN}

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All

**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.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

{THE PEACE}

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

{THE OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY}

Hymnal #380, verse 3

{EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B}

Book of Common Prayer, p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

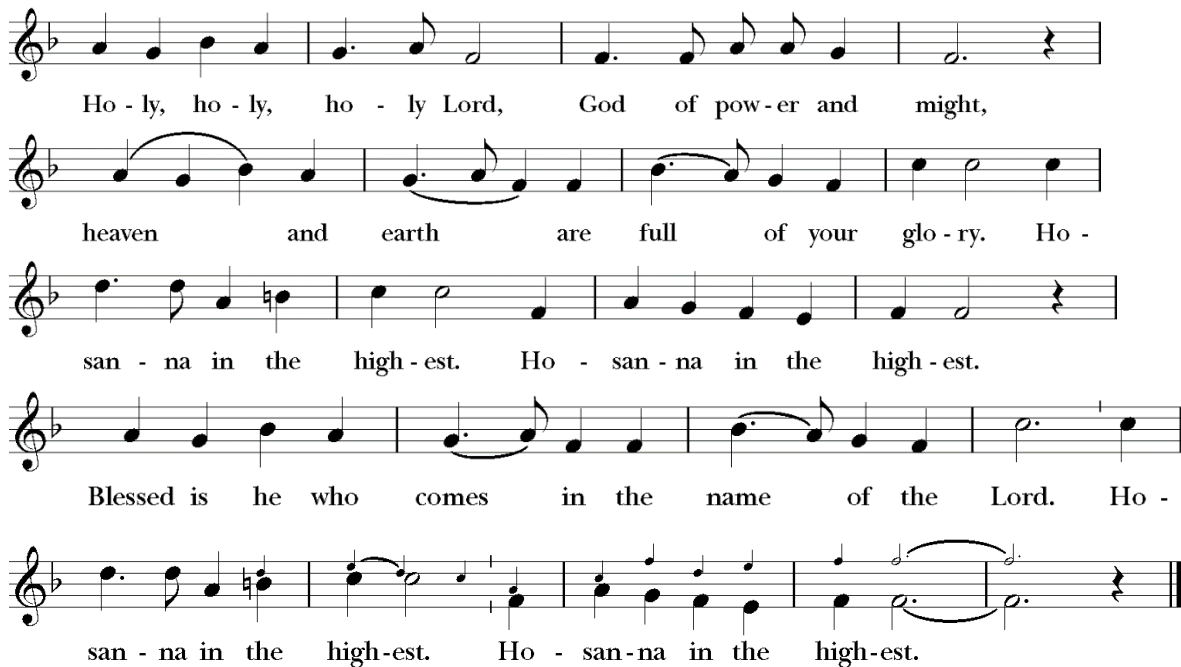
Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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.

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 him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

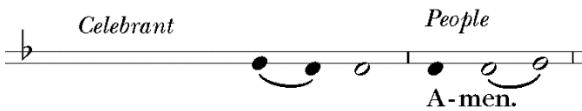
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**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 Lord 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 your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

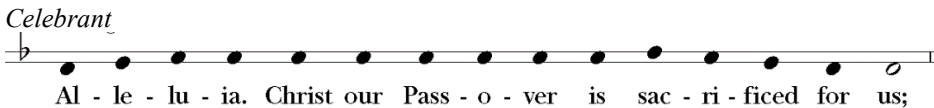


And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

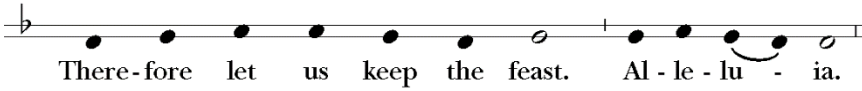
**O UR FATHER, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

{THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD}

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



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 glad to offer 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, p. 365

ETERNAL GOD, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

{BLESSING}

{ANNOUNCEMENTS}

{RECESSIONAL HYMN}

{DISMISSAL}

The Dismissal will be given, and the people respond

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.