

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church  
The Second Sunday of Epiphany  
Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, January 18, 2026  
11:00am

*Welcome to Saint Mary's! We are glad you are joining us today for either in person or online worship. If you're new to the Episcopal Church, know that we follow an ancient and enduring pattern of worship called Liturgy, which is designed to give glory to God and draw people closer to God. We sing and pray together, and stand, sit and kneel at different times using our bodies, minds and voices as we worship in the Spirit. All of those directions are in this guide, which is drawn from the Book of Common Prayer you see in the pew racks in front of you. We have communion every Sunday (and sometimes more often!) and everyone is invited to the altar, regardless of membership or from what denomination they've come. If you haven't been baptized, or aren't sure you're ready to receive communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing and talk to a priest after the service about getting baptized. For more information about Saint Mary's, please see our website at [www.stmaryshighpoint.org](http://www.stmaryshighpoint.org) or check out our [Facebook Page](#).*

The liturgy begins on page 355 in The Book of Common Prayer.

## Voluntary

## The Word of God

*All stand and sing*

**Hymn 7** Christ, whose glory fills the skies

*The Celebrant says*

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

**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People** There is one hope in God's call to us;

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People** One God and Father of all.

## The Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Children depart for Children's Chapel.*

## **The Lessons**

*All are seated.*

### **A reading from the Book of Isaiah**

**49:1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God."  
  
And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength--  
he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."  
  
Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

***People***

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 40:1-12

*Expectans, expectavi*

Edward Bairstow



- 1 I waited patiently up- | on the | Lord; \*  
he stooped to | me and | heard my | cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | mire and | clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and | made my | footing | sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of | praise • to our | God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and | put their | trust in • the | Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who | trust in • the | Lord! \*  
they do not resort to evil | spirits • or | turn to | false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!  
how great your wonders | and your | plans for us! \*  
there is none who can | be com- | pared with | you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them | known and | tell them! \*  
but they are | more than | I can | count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you | take no | pleasure \*  
(you have | given • me | ears to | hear you);
- 8 Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not re- | quired, \*  
and so I | said, “Be- | hold, I | come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is | written • con- | cerning me: \*  
‘I love to do your will, O my God;  
your | law is | deep in • my | heart.’”
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great | congre- | gation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and | that, O | Lord, you | know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your de- | liverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the | greät | congre- | gation.
- 12 You are the LORD;  
do not withhold your com- | passion | from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness | keep me | safe for | ever.

## A Reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

***People***            **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 533**    How wondrous and great

## The Gospel

**John 1:29-42**

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

***People***            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

*Gospeller*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

*All are seated.*

The Rt. Rev'd Jennifer Brooke-Davidson

# Confirmation & Reception

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

*The Bishop says*

The Candidates will now be presented.

*Presenters* I present these persons for Confirmation.  
Berkely Brehm

*Presenters* I present these persons to be received into this Communion.  
Frank Lamson

*Presenters* I present these persons who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.  
Beverly Burke  
Steven Burke

*The Bishop asks the candidates*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidate* I do.

*Bishop* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidate* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People** We will.

*The Bishop then says these or similar words*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## The Baptismal Covenant

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?

**People** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Bishop* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People** I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People** I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

*Bishop* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

## Prayers for the Candidates

*The Bishop says*

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **For Confirmation**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Berkely with your Holy Spirit; empower *her* for your service; and sustain *her* all the days of her life. **Amen.**

### **For Reception**

Frank, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

### **For Reaffirmation**

Beverly, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

Steven, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Vestry Commissioning**

*The newly elected and appointed leaders gather at the front of the altar.*

**Amanda Gane – Senior Warden**  
**Jason Johnson**  
**Julian Weston**  
**Will Moore**  
**Patrick Simcox**  
**Ellen Walsh**  
**Mike Boggs - Clerk**

**Vestry 2026**

**Tim Yates – Junior Warden**  
**Alicia Archibald**  
**Dale Strayhorn**  
**Lenora Sparks**  
**Mark Penley**  
**Kathy Conrad**

**Warden:** On behalf of the congregation of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, I present these persons to serve as officers and members of the vestry for 2026.

**Celebrant:** Have these leaders been elected by the congregation or appointed by the vestry in accordance with the canons of our congregation?

**Warden:** They have.

**Celebrant:** (to the new leaders) Do you commit yourselves to carry out the responsibilities of the office to which you have been appointed?

**Leaders:** I do.

**Celebrant:** Do you reaffirm your commitment to follow Christ and to serve this congregation in his name?

**Leaders:** I do.

**Celebrant:** (to the congregation) Will you do all in your power to support these leaders with your prayers, your honest yet gracious communication with them, and your willingness to help them carry out Christ's ministry in this church?

**Congregation:** We will.

**Celebrant:** In the name of this congregation, I commission you for this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor upon these persons who have now reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*All stand.*

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory

*Frederick A.G. Ouseley*

From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same my name shall be great, among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered up unto my name: for my name shall be great among the heathen, thus saith the Lord!

*Malachi 1*

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# The Great Thanksgiving

## *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

**People**                      **And also with you.**

Celebrant                  Let us pray.

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;

*The Celebrant prays the appointed Proper Preface.*

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 qui venit*

*Eddie Bass*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer 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 kneel as able.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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."

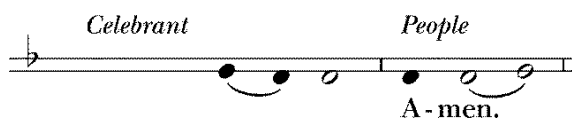
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

### *Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

### *The Celebrant continues*

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 Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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. .



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

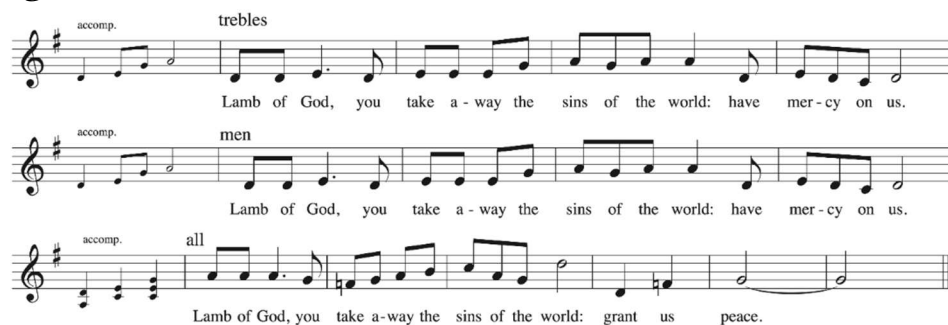
**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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### *Agnus Dei*

*Eddie Bass*



### *The Celebrant says*

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.

**Hymn 516** Come down, O Love divine

*After Communion, all stand and the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty 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.**

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

**Hymn 542** Christ is the world's true light

*The Celebrant dismisses the people and they respond,*

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary**

**Altar flowers:** The flowers on the altar are given by Alicia Archibald to the glory of God, in thanksgiving for the Parish of St Mary's, and in loving memory of my mother, Suzanne C. Goddard

## Participants in the Liturgy

### *Celebrant & Preacher*

The Rt. Rev'd Jennifer Brooke-Davidson

### *Assisting Clergy*

Rev'd Robert P. Travis, Rev'd Louis Patrick Mua

### *Verger*

Kathy Conrad

### *Chalicers*

Betsy Lehman, Alicia Archibald

### *Acolytes*

Jonathan Richardson, Aaron  
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### *Pianist & Choirmaster*

Isaac Fulk

### *Virtual Verger*

Paula Cash

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***Keeping in Prayer this Week:*** We pray for those whose needs are closely linked with ours and for those who suffer from any sickness, grief or distress, also remembering and praying for those on our parish prayer list, including Helen Congdon, Linda Nitz, Emily Finch Johnson, Anne Miressi, Trish, Thea Oglesby, Steve, Jerri Phillips, Elizabeth White, Richard Glover, Rick and Margaret Lewis, Frankie Gurganus, Nancy Jenkins, Kathy, Diane Kearns, Joan Cardwell, Bill Fenn, Cheryl Warren, Debbie Ewing, Barry, Pat Hayes, Clara Blythe, Susan Hayne, Sam Hawley, Robert Eamon Kelly, David Stewart, Jane Gill-Shaler, Denni Mikola, Shirley, Greg Denison, Ray, Hannah, Linda Focarelli, Carter, Tom Peterson, Loyd, Mike Hennen, Connie Strader, Em, Kim Williams and family, Jennifer Boggs, Land Hurley, Erin McDonough, Gary King, Betty Jean and Les Ipock, Kim Susnik, Kim, Carlin, Jess, Claire, Katharyn Ernst, Laura Covington Marsh, Suzanne Swadener, Belen Perez, Robert Swab and family, Brenda B, Ben and Meredith Jenkins and family, Diane Rankin, Stephanie Gardner-Cole, Angel Berdiales, Mike Cook, Judy Jarrell, James Pardue.

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