

SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday after Epiphany / The Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 11, 2026



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St. Mary's is:

Inspiring in Worship,
Loving Without Exception, and
Giving of Ourselves Completely

HYMN: *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

HYMN: *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought:
by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself, but us.

For us to wicked men betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us gave up his dying breath.

HYMN: *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
for ever and for evermore.

THE WORD *of* GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

THE COLLECT *of the* DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT *of the* DAY

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

A READING *from the*
BOOK *of* ISAIAH 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

ISAIAH 42:1-9

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have

ISAIAH 42:1-9

called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to

ISAIAH 42:1-9

pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Afferte Domino | Read responsively by verse

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; ***
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

PSALM 29

- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; ***
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

PSALM 29

- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes
the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

PSALM 29

- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, “Glory!”
- 10 **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; ***
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people
the blessing of peace.

A READING *from the* ACTS
of the APOSTLES

10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in

ACTS 10:34-43

Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were

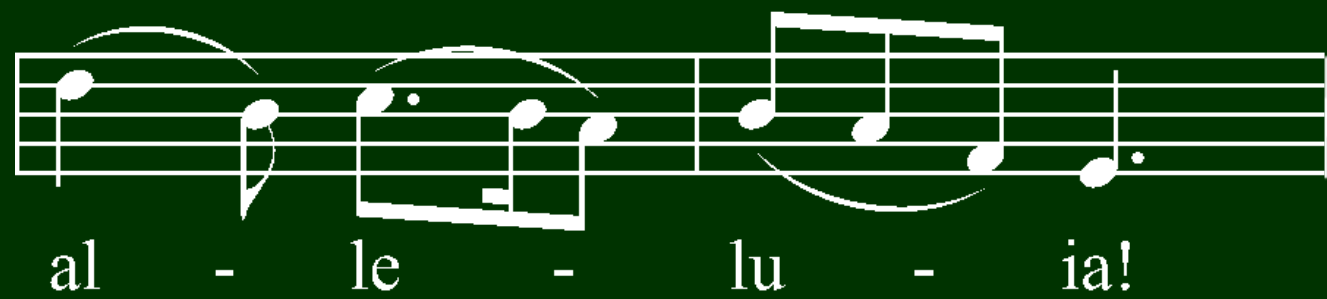
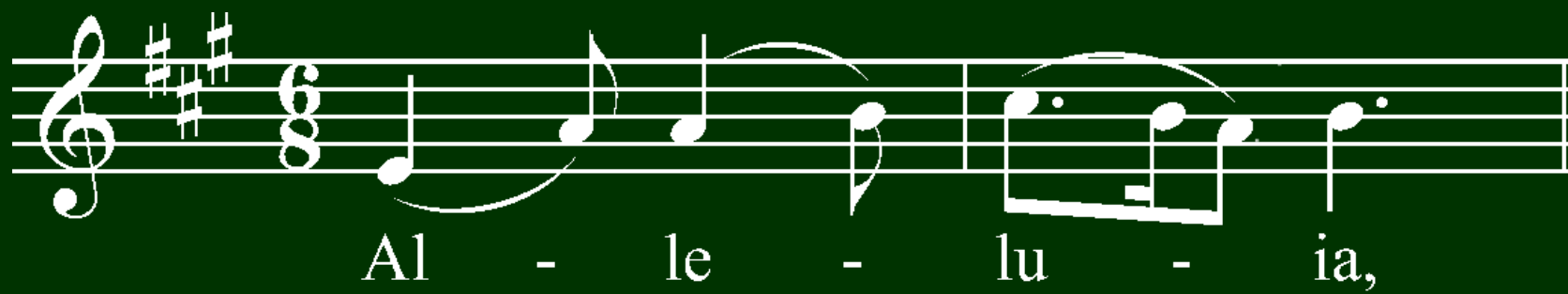
ACTS 10:34-43

chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

ACTS 10:34-43

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

Gospeller:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

People:

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Louis-Patrick Mua

THE NICENE CREED

All stand and say together

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.

THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE NICENE CREED

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

The Leader and the People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice,
and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
especially Ray, Hannah, Linda, Carter, Tom, Loyd, Mike, Connie,
Em, Kim and family, and all those on our Parish prayer list;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless,
and the needy.**

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, St. John's, Battleboro, Church of the Holy Comforter, Burlington, St. Paul's, Cary, and our companion dioceses of Botswana and Costa Rica, most especially Santa Maria Siquierres;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

CONFESSION *of* SIN

Minister and People:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

CONFESSION *of* SIN

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

CONFESSION *of* SIN

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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *All stand*

Celebrant:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People:

And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are seated as the altar is prepared.



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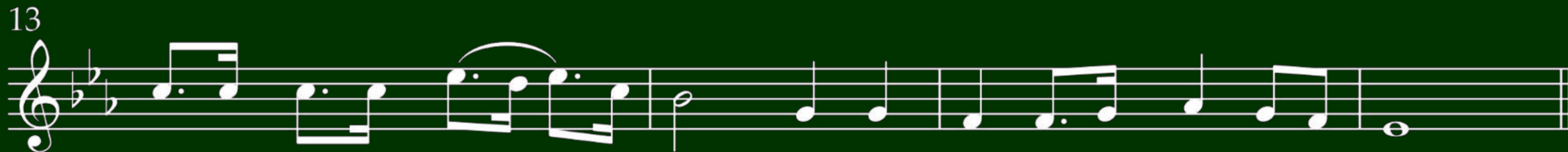
1. Shall we ga - ther at the ri - ver, Where bright an - gel feet have
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing ri - ver, Lay we ev' - ry bur - den
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing ri - ver, Soon our pil - gri-mage will



trod; — With its cry-stal tide for - e - ver Flo-wing by the throne of — God?
down; — Grace our spi-rits will de - li - ver, And pro-vide a — robe and crown.
9 cease; — Soon our hap-py hearts will qui - ver With the me - lo - dy of — peace.



Yes, we'll ga-ther at the ri - ver, The beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti - ful — ri - ver;



13 Ga-ther with the saints at the ri - ver That flows by the throne of — God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sung:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant & People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with The Ever Blessed Virgin

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Mary and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our
sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us
from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and
for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING *of the* BREAD

Celebrant: Holy things for holy people.

THE BREAKING *of the* BREAD

Sung:

Jesus, lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

THE BREAKING *of the* BREAD

All are welcome at God's holy Altar. If you normally receive communion in another church, of any denomination, you are welcome to do so here. If you are drawn to Jesus, but not yet baptized into any Christian community, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. In that case, simply cross your arms over your chest in front of the altar, or ask the priest, and you will be given a blessing. Ask the priest afterwards about baptism and joining St. Mary's. We offer gluten-free wafers as well. Please let the priest know if you need one.

HYMN: *Wade in the Water*

Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
The leader looks like the Israelite,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.

HYMN: *Wade in the Water*

See that band all dressed in red,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
Looks like the band that Moses led,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.

Look over yonder, what do I see?
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
The Holy Ghost a-coming on me,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.

HYMN: *Wade in the Water*

If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The Celebrant and the People:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING *and* DISMISSAL

The Celebrant blesses the people and then they are dismissed, responding:

Thanks be to God.

PARTICIPANTS *in the* LITURGY

Celebrant: The Rev'd Robert P. Travis

Preacher The Rev'd Louis-Patrick Mua

Lector: Lin Amos

Server: Kathy Conrad

Chalicer: Chris Grimes

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