



Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
The Last Sunday of Epiphany
World Mission Sunday
Holy Eucharist
Sunday, February 15, 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 or check out our [Facebook Page](#).

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

Voluntary Pastorale

Louis Vierne

The Word of God

All stand and sing

Hymn 542 Christ is the world's true Light

The Celebrant says

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

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

The Celebrant continues

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 Deo

Robert Powell, S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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.

The Collect of the Day

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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.**

Children depart for Children's Chapel.

The Lessons

All are seated.

A reading from The Book of Exodus

24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2

Quare fremuerunt gentes?

Edward Bairstow



- 1 Why are the nations | in an | uproar? *
Why do the peoples | mutter | empty | threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes | plot to- | gether, *
against the | LORD • and a- | gainst his • A- | nointed?
- 3 "Let us break their | yoke," they | say; *
"let us cast | off their | bönds | from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in | heaven • is | laughing; *
the | Lord has | them in • de- | rision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them | in his | wrath, *
and his | rage | fills them • with | terror.
- 6 "I myself have | set my | king *
upon my | holy | hill of | Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the de- | cree of • the | LORD: *
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this | day have | I be- | gotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your in- | heritance *
and the ends of the | earth for | your pos- | session.

Second half of the chant

9 You shall crush them with an | iron | rod *
and shatter them | like a | piece of | pottery."

10 And now, you | kings, be | wise; *
be warned, you | rulers | of the | earth.

11 Submit to the | LORD with | fear, *
and with | trembling | bow be- | fore him;

12 Lest he be angry | and you | perish; *
for his | wrath is | quickly | kindled.

13 Happy | are they | all *
who take | refuge | in | him!

A Reading from The Second Letter of Peter

1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 136 O wondrous type!

The Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All stand and say together

The Nicene Creed

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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. 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.

World Mission Sunday –

The Prayers of the People for Missions

Taken from the Kenyan Service of Holy Communion

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord our God. *(Pause in Silence)*
For the growth of God's Kingdom throughout the world, We pray to you,
O God.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the ministry of the Holy Church of God to make disciples of all nations, especially in our Diocese and in our partner dioceses of Botswana and Costa Rica, most especially Santa Maria Siquierres, for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, Grace, Clayton, St. Clements, Clemmons, Christ Church, Cleveland.

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all baptized Christians, that they may discern their vocation to spread the Gospel at all times and in all places,

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have not yet heard or believed in the Gospel, and those who may have the opportunity to declare it to them,

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all whose ministry it is to respond to human need and suffering, wherever it may be found, and for all who preach the Gospel and teach the truth,

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For an increase in evangelism and ministries of mercy in our local community and abroad, that all people may come to know and enjoy your blessings,

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For greater awareness and advocacy on behalf of the persecuted churches, wherever they may be found,

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all people driven from their homes by war, violence, and natural disaster and for the nations who receive them that you may provide, protect, and care for them,

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed people, and all who suffer for the sake of following Jesus' command to love our neighbor as ourselves, in this country and around the world,

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick and infirm and those who minister to them, especially Frankie, Nancy, Kathy, Diane, Joan, Bill, Cheryl, Debbie, Barry, Pat, those on our parish prayer list and those on the Daughters of the King prayer list, *(pause for intercessions)*

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the hope of the Resurrection, and those whose faith is known to you alone, *(pause for intercessions)*

We pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever.

Amen.

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

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

Standing, the Celebrant says

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.

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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

Of the Father's heart begotten

Arr. David Willcocks

Of the Father's heart begotten, ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha: from that fountain all that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega of all things yet to come the mystic close,
Evermore and evermore.

By his word was all created; he commanded and 'twas done;
Earth and sky and boundless ocean, universe of three in one,
All that sees the moon's soft radiance, all that breathes beneath the sun,
Evermore and evermore.

He assumed this mortal body, frail and feeble, doomed to die,
That the race from dust created might not perish utterly,
Which the dreadful law had sentenced in the depths of hell to lie,
Evermore and evermore.

Sing ye heights of heaven his praises; angels and archangels, sing,
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful, let your joyous anthems ring,
Ev'ry tongue his name confessing, countless voices answering
Evermore and evermore.

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our parish's ministries which serve our community and beyond.*



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

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.

Music at the Communion

Motet

Salvator Mundi

Thomas Tallis

Salvator mundi, salva nos:

Saviour of the world, save us:

Qui per crucem et sanguinem

you who through the cross and your blood

Redemisti nos, auxiliare nobis,

redeemed us, help us

Te deprecamur, Deus noster.

We beg you, our God.

Sending Out Prayer

Celebrant and People

As the people of Saint Mary's, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread one cup. Amen.

After Communion, all kneel 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 and all stand.

The Celebrant dismisses the people and they respond,

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 135 Songs of thankfulness and praise

Voluntary

Voluntary No. 5 in G

William Walond

Altar flowers: The flowers on the altar are given by Carroll Ann and Jeff Miller to the glory of God, in loving memory of their daughter-in-law, Lindsey Pleban Miller.

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Celebrant

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