SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SEASON | HOLY EUCHARIST

Standing before God and the probability of judgement, we need Jesus to speak on our behalf.

About this Gathering

The Great Fifty Days of Easter celebrate the resurrection of Jesus the Christ proclaiming that the Anointed Messiah, the Son of God, the Savior of the World is risen from the dead overcoming the power of death and the grave. Please lift your voice in hymns, worship and prayer!

Prelude

Hymn 645 | The King of love my shepherd is | Sing vs. 1, 2, 5 & 6



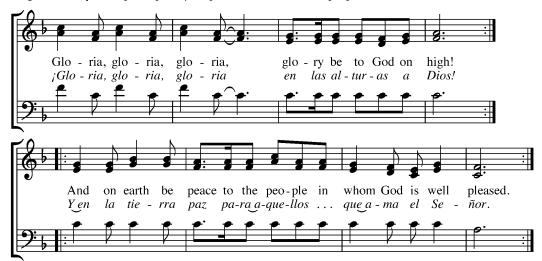
THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia.

Song of Praise | *Gloria, gloria, gloria* | Sung twice. Your choice of language.





MASKS & GATHERINGS
"So we may be exiting the public health emergency, but we haven't left the public health threat."
As Covid emergency ends for the WHO & USA, the response shifts to peacetime mode. So, while masks at Gatherings are now optional, St. Mary's asks that for the protection of others, people with cold or other symptoms to please wear a mask or worship online until symptoms clear.



Collect

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Holy God, on this Mothers' Day we give thanks for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hopes to have children have been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all those who have mothered others in any way; and for all those who have been substitute mothers for those in need. We pray this in the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. *Amen*.

Acts 17:22-31

Paul presents to learned Greeks the one God as Creator of the world who is not dependent upon human shrines or offerings. A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.' "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:7-18

A psalm of praise and thanksgivings.

Let us read Psalm 66 responsively.

⁷Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard,

8Who holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

⁹For you, O God, have proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹⁰You brought us into the snare; *

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

¹¹You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹²I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *

which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *

I will give you oxen and goats.

¹⁴Come and listen, all you who fear God, *

and I will tell you what he has done for me.

¹⁵I called out to him with my mouth, *

and his praise was on my tongue.

16If I had found evil in my heart, *

the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁷But in truth God has heard me; *

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

 $^{18}\mbox{Blessed}$ be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *

nor withheld his love from me.

1 Peter 3:13-22

Peter recognizes that those who follow Christ often encounter painful trials, just as Christ did.

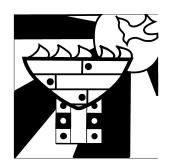
A Reading from Peter's first letter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Thanks be to God.





Jesus assures his followers that his death will not leave them orphaned because of his promise of an indwelling presence to this who keep his commandments. The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon



Prayers of the People

Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of God's praise to be heard, saying, "We call out to you with our mouths; your praise is on our tongues."

Savior Christ, you have not left us orphaned, but have given your Church an Advocate. May that same Holy Spirit teach us to keep your commandments and comfort us with divine love.

Silence

We call out to you with our mouths;

Your praise is on our tongues.

Loving God, bless the suffering. May those who suffer for doing good find a friend in Christ Jesus. May those who suffer from disasters beyond their control find you attentive to the voice of their prayers.

Silence

We call out to you with our mouths;

Your praise is on our tongues.

Loving God of heaven and earth, you made the world and everything in it. You give to all mortals life and breath and all things. May we be faithful stewards of all you have created.

The people add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

We call out to you with our mouths;

Your praise is on our tongues.

Merciful Savior, bless the people of this city with a spirit of gentleness and reverence. May we be set free from fear to live, instead, in hope.

Silence

We call out to you with our mouths;

Your praise is on our tongues.

God, you are not far from each one of us. You love us as your children. Reveal your love, especially this day, to the sick and sorrowful.

The people add their petitions & intercessions, followed by silence.

We call out to you with our mouths;

Your praise is on our tongues.

Holy One, you hold our souls in life. You have saved us in baptism. Because your Son Jesus lives so do we rejoice in the hope of unending life in you.

Silence

We call out to you with our mouths;

Your praise is on our tongues.

God of life, we commend the dying and the dead into your hands. We rejoice in Jesus' promise that he has prepared for us a place in your eternal home.

The people add their remembrances, followed by silence.

We call out to you with our mouths;

Your praise is on our tongues.

In the name of Jesus we pray: We call out to you with our mouths;

Your praise is on our tongues.

During the Great Fifty Days of Easter, St. Mary's follows the early Church practice of omitting the Confession of Sin.

We are not deceiving ourselves that we are less sinful during the Easter Season; however, our desire is to joyfully celebrate the power and grace of God in the new life of the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

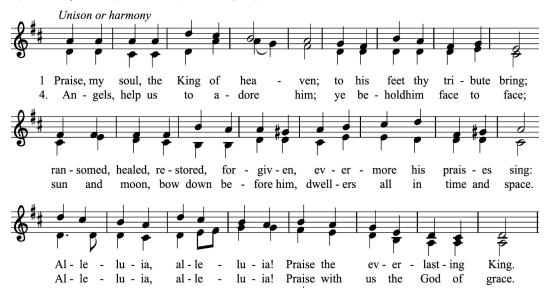
HOLY COMMUNION | PLEASE SHARE COMMUNION WITH US

Following Jesus' prophetic example to welcome everyone to His table, St. Mary's welcomes everyone to take communion with us. So, as Jesus the Christ commands his Church to "Do this for the remembrance of me.", St Mary's gathers in person or remotely to follow this command believing that by the power of the Holy Spirit the Word of God is proclaimed and the bread and wine at the church table and at your home become for us the holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Offering | An Invitation to Joy & Gratitude

Ways to give: Please drop your offering in the basket Or click the "Giving" tab to make a secure online offering Or Secure mail to St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church PO Box 90811 San Diego, CA 92169-2811. FYI, St Mary's has earned a CANDID GOLD STAR OF TRANSPARENCY on Guidestar, the premiere donor/organization vetting & clearing site in the US.

Hymn 410 | *Praise my soul the king of heaven* | Sing vs. 1 & 4





The Great Thanksgiving

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power;

because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

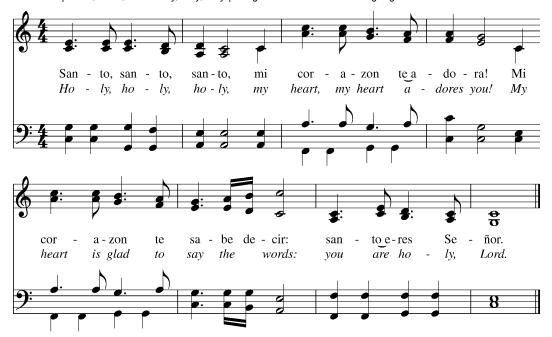
We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

In your Son you suffered with us and for us, offering us the healing riches of salvation and calling us to freedom and holiness. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended, a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more. Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks as we sing:

WLP 785 | Santo, santo, santo Holy, holy, holy | Sung twice. Your choice of language.



All glory and honor to you, God of grace, for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ once for all on the cross to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. The night before he died, he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God; how unsearchable are your judgments and untraceable your ways.

From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray in our chosen language and voice.

The contemporary version below is optional; however, please pray boldly the version of choice and language of choice.

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 forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread & Communion

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

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.

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. Amen. | The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. Amen.

We come forward take the Bread and, for those who choose, the Wine. St. Mary's upholds the Doctrine of Concomitance that the fullness of communion is available by receiving either the holy bread or wine or both.

Sending Prayer

Let us pray together.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Easter Blessing Over the People

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Savior Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and may God's Blessing be with us, Christ's peace be with us, the Spirit's outpouring be with us, now and always. *Amen*.

TITHES, OFFERINGS & GIVING



Hymn | Pues si vivimos



Dismissal

Let us bless the our Savior. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



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An Easter Season Prayer

od, Thank You for entrusting us with the people in our churches. And thank You for calling us to go and make Christ-followers. You know exactly what the people we serve need, and we have watched You move in amazing ways to draw people close to You. You have loved all of us with an everlasting love. We cannot serve people without You guiding us. God, we need You—and we want You. So with the Season of Easter, please make us aware of how our people are struggling. Show us how to help communities that desperately need hope. Renew our passion, remind us of our purpose, and make us ready for what You are going to do. We want Easter Day and the Season of Easter to be filled with miracles that remind us that You are not done working. So please change lives and resurrect hearts. Let revival start with us—but please don't let it stop with us. God, we expect You to do great things—and we want to be a part of it.

So here we are, Lord. Use us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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