ORDINARY TIME: PROPER 11 | HOLY EUCHARIST

Why does evil exist? In Martin Luther's language, we are always both saint and sinner.

About this Gathering

Ordinary Time, or the "green, great, growing season", stretches from the end of May to November. The season's steady, week-by-week pattern echoes the life of Christ-followers as we strive to live out our baptism vows and grow into the likeness of Jesus the Christ. Please lift your voice in hymns, worship and prayer!

Prelude

Hymn LEVAS 69 | In the Garden





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.



THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

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



Collect

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Isaiah 44:6-8

An encouragement to the Jews returning from exile and their task of rebuilding their nation and their spirits.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:11-17

A lament by one of God's devoted servants who calls upon God's help in time of distress.

Let us read Psalm 86 responsively.

 $^{11}\mbox{Teach}$ me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; *

knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

 ^{12}I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, *

and glorify your Name for evermore.

¹³For great is your love toward me; *

you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

¹⁴The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; * they have not set you before their eyes.

¹⁵But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, *

slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *

give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; * because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Romans 8:12-25

Paul continues his discussion of the contrast between life in the flesh and life in the Spirit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh– for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn LEVAS 72 | Just a closer walk with thee



Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The parable of the weeds and its interpretation compares the reign of heaven to the harvest of a field of wheat mixed with weeds.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

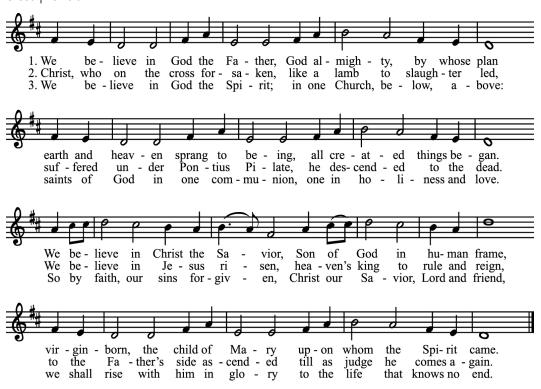
Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Creed | Nettleton



Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); Music: Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers, surely the Lord is in this place! So let us cry out to God, saying, "Abba! Father! *Hear our prayer.*"

O Great Parent, you have adopted us as your own children. You have made us joint heirs with Christ. You love us. Lead us by your Spirit and strengthen our hope.

The people add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Abba! Father!

Hear our prayer.

God our King, you have planted us in a complex and often confusing world. Give us patience to live with each other, not judging our neighbors but trusting in your wisdom.

Silence.

Abba! Father!

Hear our prayer.

Present God, even creation groans as it waits on you for freedom. Forgive us for the times in which we have subjected it to futility. Give us eyes to see your presence in the heavens, on the earth, and in the seas.

Silence.

Abba! Father!

Hear our prayer.

God of Light, darkness is not dark to you. Brighten the places in our city where darkness serves as a cover for crime and violence. Redeem all who are lost.

Silence.

Abba! Father!

Hear our prayer.

God of Glory, we wait in hope for the day when we will be set free from the bondage of decay. Even now, free the suffering from pain and the sorrowful from heartache.

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

Abba! Father!

Hear our prayer.

Eternal God, may the righteous shine like the sun in your reign of heaven. We trust that, even in the grave, you are with us. In hope, save the dying and the dead.

The people add their remembrances, followed by silence.

Abba! Father!

Hear our prayer.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Abba! Father!

Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

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 our Savior 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.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen*.

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 679 | Surely it is God who saves me



The Great Thanksgiving

O Lord our God, yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty.

For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only begotten. 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:

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



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 Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 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 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 Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory; And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Mary Magdalene and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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

Please pray boldly the Lord's Prayer version of your choice and language. The contemporary version below is optional.

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are.

May we become what we receive.

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.

Blessing Over the People

Beloved, you are God's and you are loved. May God the Creator, who made you in God's multi-faceted image, uphold you. May God the Christ, who crossed boundaries for the sake of love, liberate you. May God the Holy Spirit, who draws all of us together, inspire you. And the blessing of God-creator, liberator, and sanctifier-be with you this day and always.

Hymn 411 | O bless the Lord, my soul



6 Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole, whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

Dismissal

God be in my head,

God be in my heart.

God be in my left hand, God be in my right hand, God be in my whole life.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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