## ORDINARY TIME: PROPER 14 | HOLY EUCHARIST

Peter walking on the water tells us that we have a little faith, and we sink. And the little faith we have frees us to say, "Save me!"

#### **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



6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

# 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.





God be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.



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.



Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

# Genesis 37:2-4, 12-28

Joseph's brothers sell him in to slavery because they resent the special love that Jacob has for him.

A reading from Genesis.

Now Jacob loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Jacob said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.' " So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life. Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"– that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 85:8-13

The psalmist celebrates and prays for the Lord's gracious favor, forgiveness, deliverance and justice. Let us read Psalm 85 responsively.

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*

for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

<sup>9</sup>Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*

that his glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup>Mercy and truth have met together; \*

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*

and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before him, \*

and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

### Romans 10:5-15

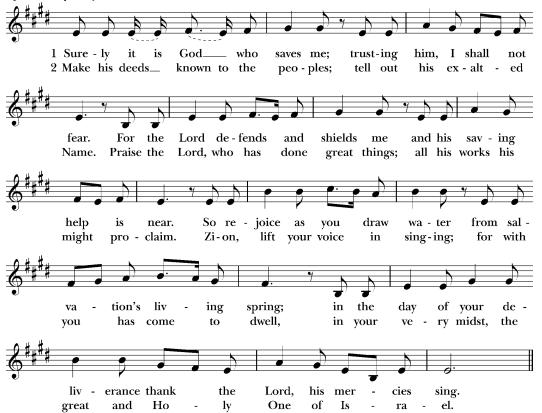
God in Jesus' incarnation and resurrection accomplished the righteousness that comes by faith.

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

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 679 | Surely it is God who saves me



#### Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus rescues the disciples who desperately need saving by demonstrating his mastery over wind and sea – symbols of chaos and death. The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

### Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for

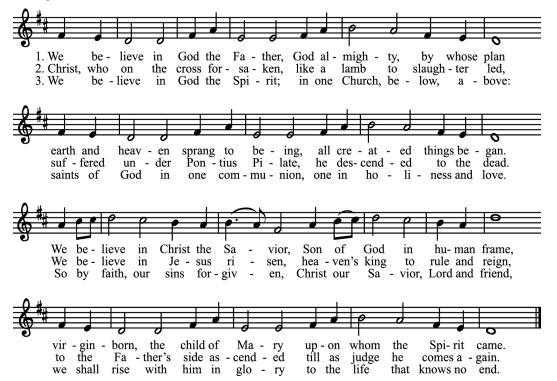
the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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, the word of faith that we proclaim is near you, on your lips and in your heart! So let us pray to God, saying, "Be generous to all who call on you; *Lord, save us.*"

Lord God, capture our hearts. May your Holy Spirit prepare a way upon which the beautiful feet of your servants can bring good news to all those who are wearied by too much bad news.

### Silence

Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord, save us.

Lord of all, your love makes no distinction between peoples or nations. We pray that wars and violence cease. May your reign of peace and justice come quickly.

Silence

Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord, save us.

Holy God, your Son walked on the water even as your Spirit moved over the face of the waters in creation. May we learn to respect the beauty and mystery, the power and goodness, of all you have made.

Silence

Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord, save us.

Strong God, give us wisdom like your servant Joseph that this congregation may be a symbol of hope and integrity to the leaders of our city.

Silence

Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord, save us.

Lord Christ, you bid your people be not afraid. You have promised that all who call on your name shall be saved. And so make your deeds known among the people–especially those in trouble, sickness, and pain.

The people add their petitions, intercessions and thanksgivings followed by silence.

Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord, save us.

God of our ancestors, by your strength you rescue life even from the depths of the pit. You raised your Son from the grips of death and through him have promised to give new life to all who have died. May the dead rest in peace, even as they await the day of resurrection.

The people add their remembrances followed by silence.

Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord, save us.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord, save us.

# **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

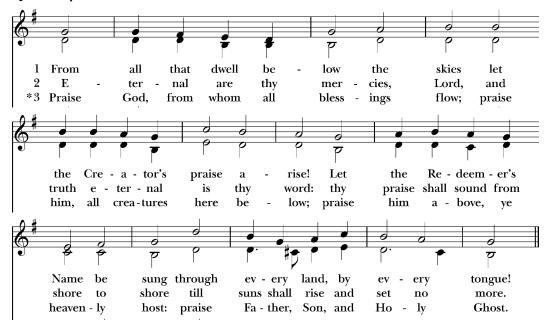
Following Jesus' prophetic example to welcome everyone to His table, St. Mary's welcomes everyone to take communion with us. So, as Jesus the Christ commands his Church to "Do this for the remembrance of me.", St Mary's gathers in person or remotely to follow this command believing that by the power 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 380 | From all that dwell below the skies



## **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.

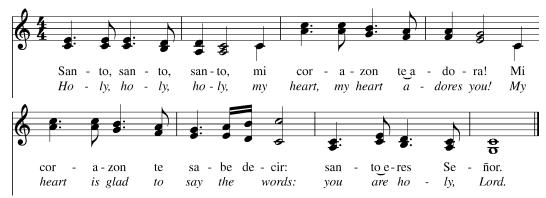
We lift them to God.

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 LEVAS 60 | How Great Thou Art | Sing vs. 1, 3 & 4



#### 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.