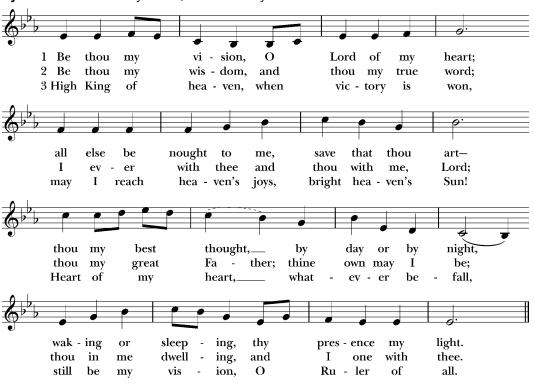
PROPER 27 | HOLY EUCHARIST

The hope of a Christ-follower is centered in Christ: "We will be with the Lord forever".

About this Gathering

Baptized Christ-followers have the power of the Holy Spirit God with us in all moments. So we live out our ministry to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ to those whom Christ shall send us. Please lift your voice in hymns, worship and prayer!

Hymn 488 | Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart







THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Universal Prayer of Peace | Iona Community

Let us pray together.

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our lives, our world, our universe. Peace, peace, peace. Amen.

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, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Amos 5:18-24

Amos questions the smug expectation that on the Day of the Lord the Lord will vindicate Israel against its enemies.

A Reading from the book of prophet Amos.

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light, as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70

The psalmist pleads for the Lord's speedy assistance in deliverance from one's enemies.

Let us read Psalm 70 responsively.

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *

O LORD, make haste to help me.

²Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; *

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *

because they are ashamed.

⁴Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *

let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the LORD!"

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; *

come to me speedily, O God.

6You are my helper and my deliverer; *

O LORD, do not tarry.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Paul claims that all Christ-followers have been united with Christ in his death and resurrection.

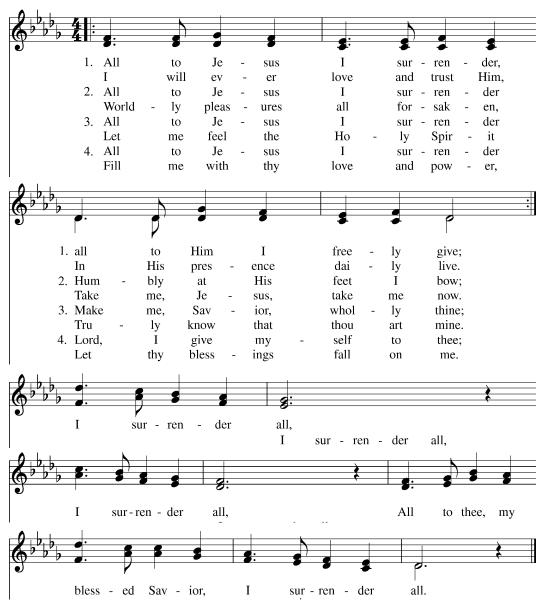
A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn LEVAS 133 | I Surrender All



Matthew 25:1-13

A parable that provides guidelines for Christ-follower behavior until Jesus returns in glory.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and

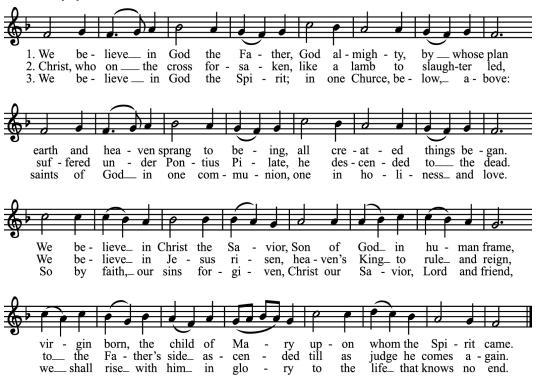
those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'mKeep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Creed | Hyfrydol



Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Prayers of the People

Alleluia! Let us join the countless throngs who sing God's praises, praying, "We bless, O Savior; your praise is ever in our mouths."

God of the pilgrim Church, you love us and call us your children: give your Church a hunger and a thirst for righteousness. Continue to nurture us by the example and fellowship of those saints who have journeyed before us.

Silence

We bless, O Savior;

Your praise is ever in our mouths.

God of all people, you love us and call us your children: In a world of violence and war, you bless the peacemakers. Make us instruments of healing and peace.

Silence

We bless, O Savior;

Your praise is ever in our mouths.

God of creation, you love us and call us your children: you have given this earth to the meek. May our steps be gentle and leave a small footprint on our earth. As it has been handed on to us, may we carefully preserve this creation for future generations.

Silence

We bless, O Savior;

Your praise is ever in our mouths.

God of the city, you love us and call us your children: bless the poor with good things. Visit our impoverished neighborhoods with hope, mercy, and relief. Give us hearts for the poor in our region.

Silence

We bless, O Savior;

Your praise is ever in our mouths.

God of the mournful and suffering, you love us and call us your children: comfort and heal those in need. Hear them in their affliction and save them from their troubles.

The people add their petitions and intercessions followed by silence.

We bless, O Savior;

Your praise is ever in our mouths.

God of the Church at rest, you love us and call us your children: we praise you for the faith and witness of all the saints. May their prayers and presence continue to strengthen us. It is with their triumphant voices that we join our own prayers and praises. Alleluia!

The people add their thanksgivings and remembrances followed by silence.

We bless, O Savior;

Your praise is ever in our mouths.

In the name of Jesus we pray, We bless, O Savior;

Your praise is ever in our mouths.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

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. 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.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our 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

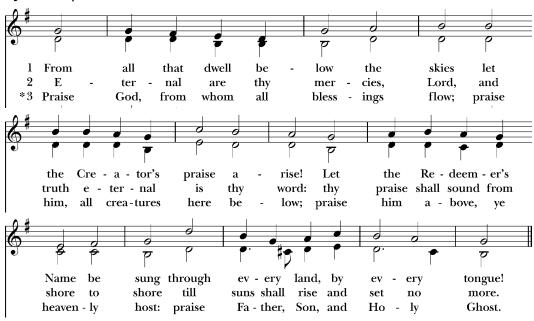
Following Jesus' prophetic example to welcome everyone to His table, St. Mary's welcomes everyone to take communion with us. So, as Jesus the Christ commands his Church to "Do this for the remembrance of me.", St Mary's gathers in person or remotely to follow this command believing that by the power 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: Offering Basket; marymagdaleneanglican.net; Click Donate Now; Mail a check; Zelle.



Hymn 380 | From all that dwell below the skies



The Great Thanksgiving

Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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 indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us. When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and life giving Spirit.

We give you thanks for the example and encouragement of your saints for their witness to the truth of your gospel, and for the hope of glory which we share with them in Jesus Christ. Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

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



All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; 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; 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.

Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom. United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, 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 version below is optional.

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.

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. I 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.

Holy God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your word and sacraments and encouraging us in our gathering together. Take us and use us to love and serve you and all people in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.

Blessing Over the People

May God give you grace to follow the saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*



Hymn | Pues si vivimos



Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior. Thanks be to God.

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