

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM



OCTOBER 27, 2024

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF THE HARBOR
PROVINCETOWN



Where the Land, the Sea, and the Sacred Meet

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Rorate Caeli

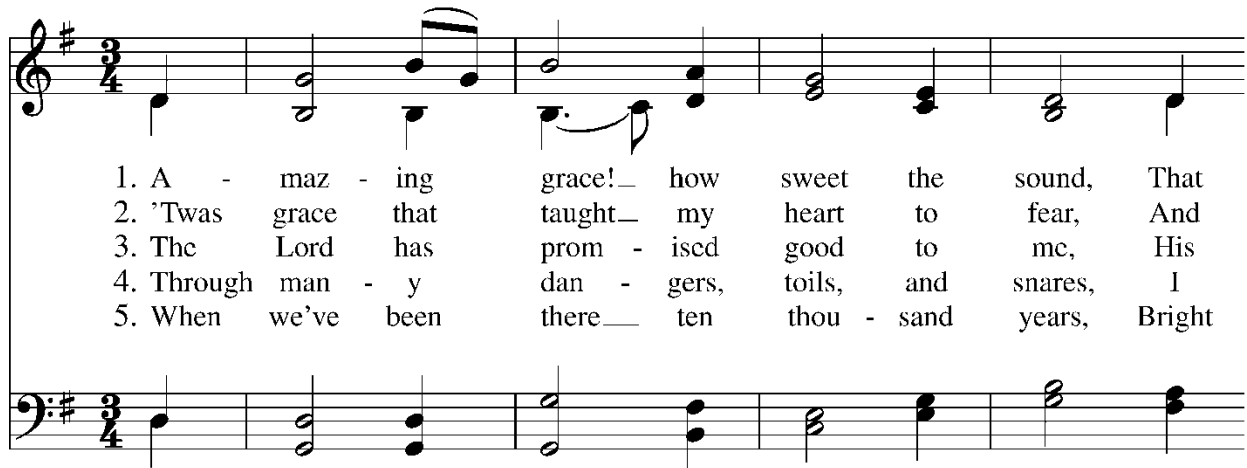
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Welcome

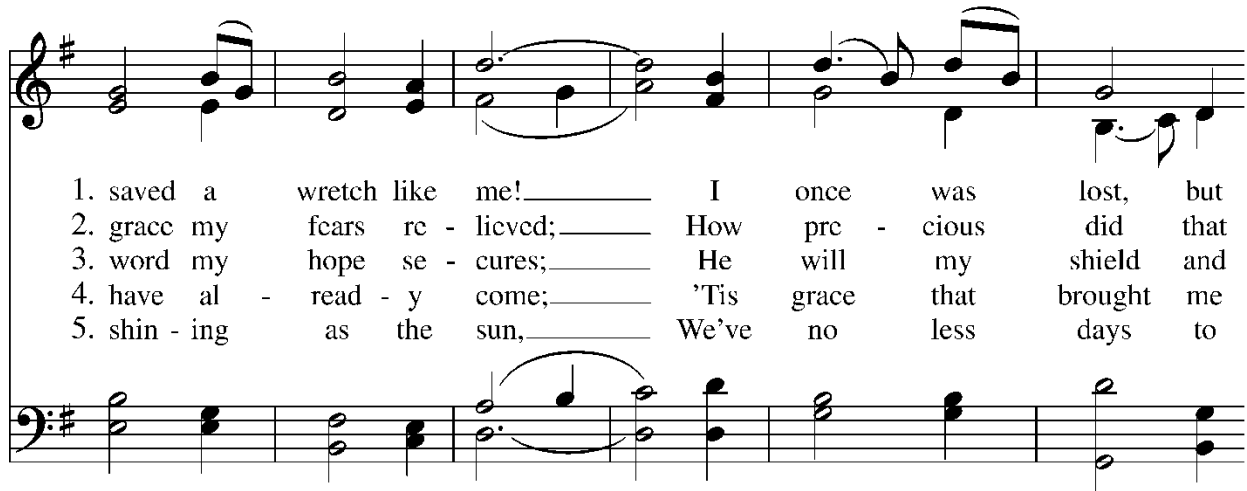
Gathering Hymn

Amazing Grace

Hymnal #671



1. A - maz - ing grace!_ how sweet the sound, That
2. 'Twas grace that taught_ my heart to fear, And
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
5. When we've been there_ ten thou - sand years, Bright



1. saved a wretch like me!_ I once was lost, but
2. grace my fears re - lieved;_ How pre - cious did that
3. word my hope se - cures;_ He will my shield and
4. have al - read - y come;_ 'Tis grace that brought me
5. shin - ing as the sun,_ We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind, but now_ I see._
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first_ be - lieved!_
3. por - tion be As long as life_ en - dures._
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead_ me home._
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first_ be - gun._

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Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

People: 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.

Kyrie

Presider: Lord have mercy.

People: **Chris, have mercy.**

Presider: Lord, have mercy

Collect of the day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *Jeremiah 31: 7-9*

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah:

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

Thanks be to God

Psalm 91: 9-16

Read responsively by full verse

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

**The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.**

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 7: 23-28*

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____

Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Brian Raiche

The Creed

I Believe In God Almighty

WLP #769

Presider: Lord, you sent your Son to live among us so that we might know you better. Hear us now as we pray.

Reader: In your mercy, grant your church a true heart for the good news you give us in the words of scripture and in the Word made flesh, Jesus. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In your mercy grant our nation a strong sense of service and an urgency to provide for all people. Especially bless our President, Vice-President, all those who serve the White House, the Congress, and Supreme Court with hearts that serve every citizen of this great country. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In your mercy grant to all communities the things we need for true life – shelter, food, education, safety, and opportunity. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In your mercy grant to our families and friends a sense of wonder at the world you have created for us and that same sense of gratitude for all the people who you created to serve this world. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, grant health and healing for our relationships with you, with our families and friends. Mend broken hearts and give us pathways to reconciliation. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, bless the sick and suffering with healing. We especially pray for: Stella Mae Bird, Mark Ward, Richard Keeling, Joan Boudreau, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Priscilla McChesney, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Chelsea Diaz, Steve Moore, Nick Craciun, William Goodbody, John Kelly, and those who are known to us in our hearts, those known only to you, and those whose names are spoken on our lips: (*You are invited to offer your own intentions aloud or silently*). Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In your mercy receive the dying into your loving arms and grant them a new life in your kingdom. Comfort those who mourn and bring them into deeper relationship with you. We remember Rabbi Howard Berman who died this week. We remember Mollie Steele and the Rev. Richard Mayberry, in whose memory the sanctuary lamp is lit, and those we name aloud. (*You are invited to offer your own intentions either out loud or silently.*) Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Closing Collect:

We ask this in the name of the One God in three persons, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. We praise you and bless you, this day and always. **Amen.**

The prayers are concluded with hymn # 608, verse 1

**Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

The Confession and Absolution

Enriching Our Worship 1

All: **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.**

Presider: 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.**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you
People: **And also with you**

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

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LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Invitation

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Preparation of the Table

Improvisation No. 8

Traditional Irish

Presentation of the Gifts

O For a Thousand Tongues

Hymnal #493

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heayen.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and ever where to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Traditional Form

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

People **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem

Presider: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

People: **Have mercy on us.**

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Presider: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

People: **Grant us peace.**

Taste and See

WLP #764

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. **Fine**

1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me. To -
3 Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips; my
geth - er let us all praise God's name. I
You'll want for noth - ing if you ask

soul shall glo - ry in the Lord for
called the Lord who an - swered me; from
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in

God has been so good to me.
all my trou - bles I was set free.
God we need put all our trust. **D.C.**

Post Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship

Presider: Let us pray:

Please Stand

People: 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.

The Blessing:

Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So... be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Recessional

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

WLP #752

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.*

Join us for Coffee Hour in Nicholson Hall immediately following this Eucharist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints Sunday, November 3rd

We will commemorate our beloved deceased at the 10:00 AM Eucharist. We share the pain of loss, but the promise of eternal life gives us hope. We celebrate our faith in the power of Jesus' resurrection from the dead and our hope that all who have died with him will rise to eternal life.



We will remember in a special way all those who have gone forth since last All Saints Sunday 2023. Please contact Julia at the office to add names of family members or friends that have died this year.

Parish Prayer List

In addition to the names listed in the Prayers of the People, we pray for healing and comfort for:

Family and Friends: Joan Russell, Jim Neely and Ann English, Kent Taylor, Margo Kent, Michael Mason, Donna Pickener, Marcia McClure, Marsha Davies, Carol Studley, Marge and Donna, Patty Davenport, Scotty Townsend, Barbara Crawford, Christian Hagerty, Steven Moore, Barbara Hammond

Prayer Shawls are available for individuals facing serious illness, grief, or spiritual upheaval, offering solace and support in their time of need. Each stitch represents a heartfelt intention for the recipient, making the act of making the shawls a form of prayer and love. Shawls are available at the garden entrance to the church. Feel free to take one to someone in need.

A.A. Support Groups

Nicholson Hall: Monday 7:00 P.M.; Tuesday 6:00 P.M.; Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

UU Food Pantry

On the first Sunday of each month, we collect donations for the "Little Free Pantry" hosted by our friends at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House. That pantry provides non-perishable grocery and toiletry items for anyone in need. Items may be left in the basket by the baptismal font at any time. We could use additional volunteers to deliver the food. We are extending the usual first Sun of each month's ingathering of food for the UU's food bank. for an additional 2nd Sunday. Thanks for your continuing support.

Sanctuary Lamp

Memorial opportunities are available to honor a deceased love one with the sanctuary lamp. Their name will be published in the bulletin. Suggested donation: \$20. Contact the parish office to reserve the date.

Stay in touch with St. Mary's

Many of our most active members do not live here full-time. There are several ways to participate and keep in touch throughout the year:

- **Sign our guest book.** Located at the entry to the church.
- **YouTube:** We livestream our service each week. Subscribe to our YouTube channel. You can find the link on our website: www.stmaryoftheharbor.org
- **Weekly e-newsletter:** We have a weekly e-newsletter that has information about upcoming events. Sign up on our website or leave your e-mail in our guest book.

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- Crucifer: Brendan O'Neill
- First Reader (First Reading and Psalms): Jody O'Neil
- Second Reader (Second Reading): Brian Talbot
- Healer: Maghi Geary
- Ushers: Scott Yagel and Tim Brown
- Altar Guild: Priscilla Jackett
- Livestream: John Carroll-Yagel

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Welcome to St. Mary of the Harbor

Here at St. Mary's, we welcome you with open arms and open hearts, to share with you the love with which Christ has welcomed us. Whoever you are, wherever you may be in life, there is a place for you here. In this beautiful place, you will find sojourners like yourself who are searching for truth, meaning, and purpose. And we invite you to explore and experience the gift of God's love in this place where the land, the sea, and the sacred meet.

Everything you need to guide you through today's service will be found in this bulletin, or in the hymnals in the chair just in front of you.

Land Acknowledgement

At St. Mary's, we remember the Nauset and Wampanoag people on whose unceded land we now gather. We acknowledge the injustice done to them. We give thanks for their witness to living honorably and in balance with the sacred order. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all relatives in life. Help us to be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, particularly the original Indigenous inhabitants.

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