

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
The Second Sunday in Lent
10:00 AM



MARCH 16, 2025

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF THE HARBOR
PROVINCETOWN

Where the Land, the Sea, and the Sacred Meet

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude
Welcome

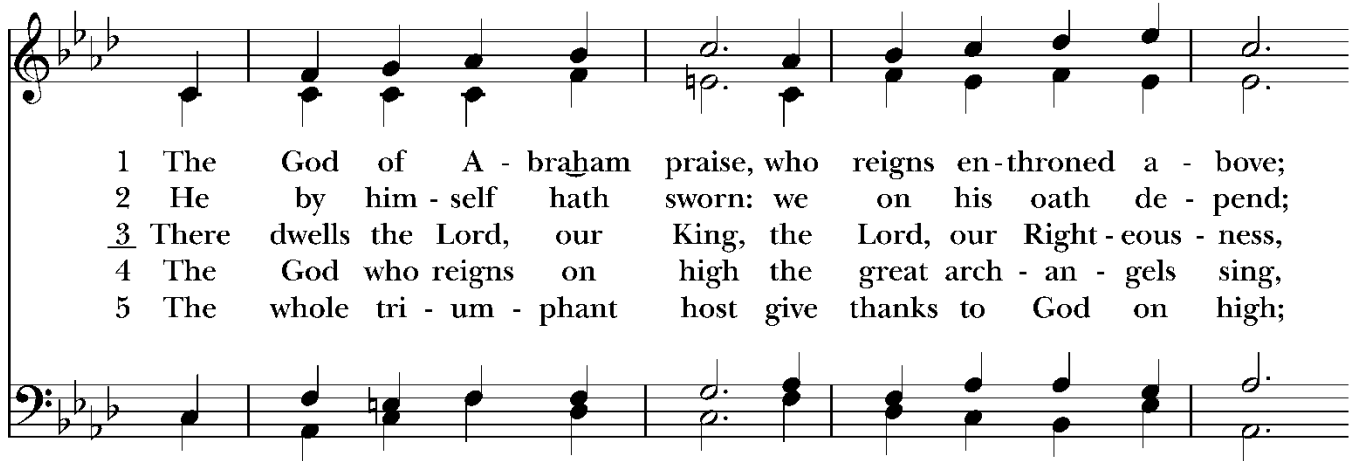
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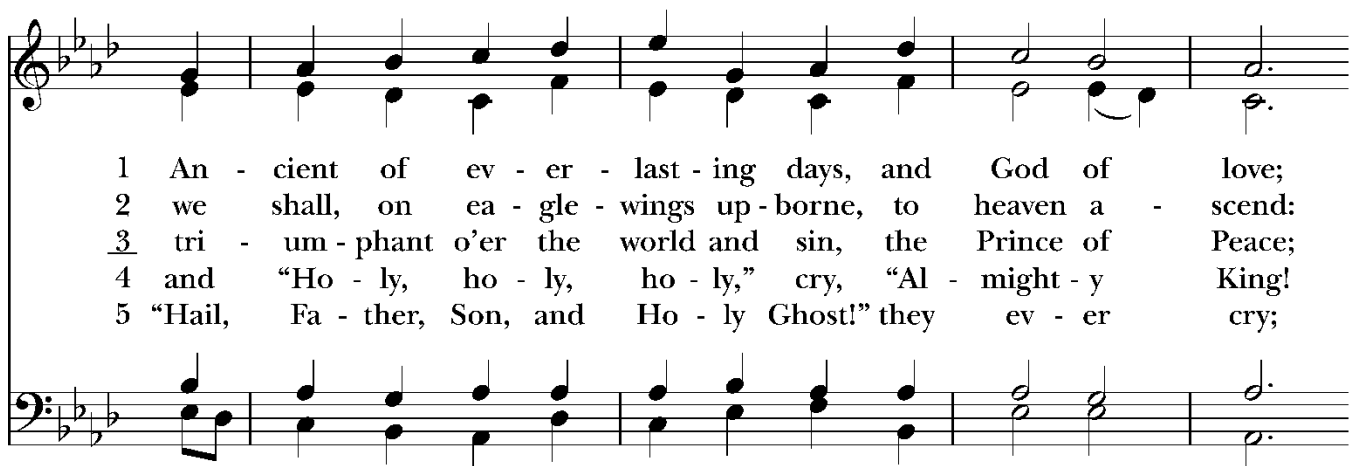
Gathering Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

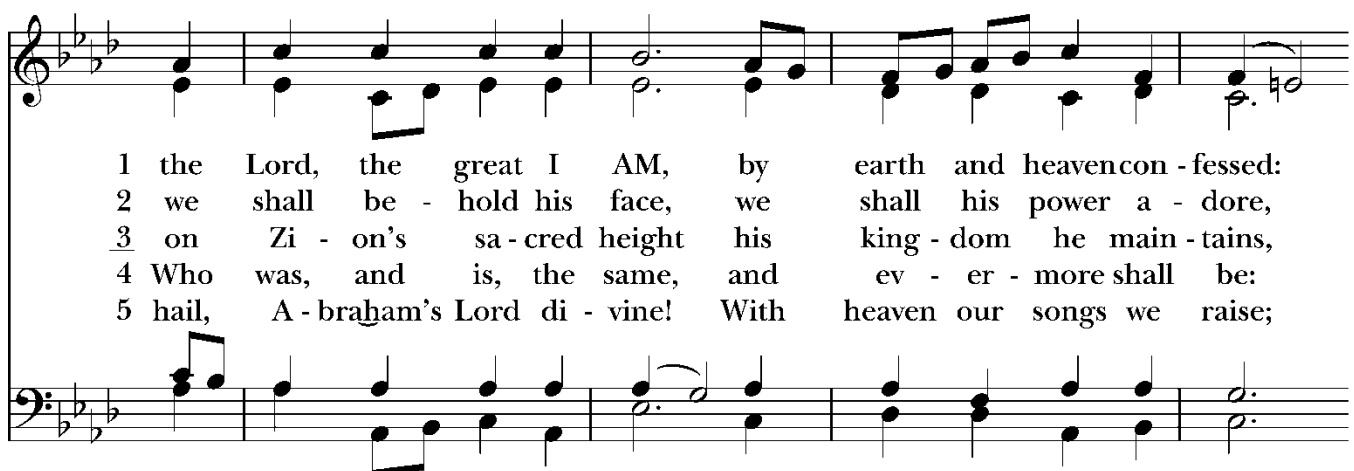
Hymnal #401



1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

A Penitential Order

BCP p.351

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: **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 your Son 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.**

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.**

Trisagion

Sung 3X

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Collect of the day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

First Reading: *Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27

Read responsively by half verse alternating between women (high voices) and men (low voices)

Women: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

Men: the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

Women: When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,

Men: it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Women: Though an army should encamp against me,

Men: yet my heart shall not be afraid;

Women: And though war should rise up against me,

Men: yet will I put my trust in him.

Women: One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;

Men: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

Women: To behold the fair beauty of the Lord

Men: and to seek him in his temple.

Women: For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;

Men: he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Women: Even now he lifts up my head

Men: above my enemies round about me.

Women: Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation

Men: with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Women: Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;

Men: have mercy on me and answer me.

Women: You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."

Men: Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Women: Hide not your face from me,

Men: nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

Women: You have been my helper; cast me not away;

Men: do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Women: Though my father and my mother forsake me,

Men: the Lord will sustain me.

Women: Show me your way, O Lord;

Men: lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Women: Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,

Men: for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

Women: What if I had not believed

Men: that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

Women: O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;

Men: be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord.

Second Reading: *Philippians 3:17-4:1*

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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Thanks be to God.

Praise and hon - or to you, O Lord, O Lord.

Praise and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

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Gospel: *Luke 13:31-35*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you Lord Christ

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Brian Raiche

Presider: You, O God, are supreme and holy.
People: **You create our world and give us life.**
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People

Church Publishing

Presider: Lord God, you gather us to you as your children and bid us this Lent to repent and turn to you. Hear our cries for mercy and turn our hearts of stone toward you.

Reader: Give us a heart for your church, give us ears that hear your call to worship and open our minds to the power of our parish community. Make your church a place of welcome, refuge, and relentless love.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Shed your grace on those who govern and lead in every nation, state, city, and community. Turn those who have authority away from self-interest and toward the imperative of service and mercy.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Strengthen the persecuted, comfort the oppressed, inspire those who chafe against injustice and cruelty that we might bring your kingdom goals of justice and mercy into the here and now.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Restore those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Uphold the ill with your healing grace. Especially we pray for: Deacon Pete Jeffrey, Lisa Pate, Mark Ward, Joan Boudreau, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Priscilla McChesney, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Chelsea Diaz, Steve Moore, Nick Craciun, William Goodbody, John Kelly, and for those who are known to us in our hearts, those known only to you, and for 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.**

Give to the departed eternal rest and the joy of your kingdom's light and life. Secure the grieving in the knowledge of your unending love, and unite us at last when we dwell with you in eternal life. We remember especially those lost to Covid and in whose memory the sanctuary lamp is lit.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Presider: Holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we offer our prayers and petitions to you, secure in the knowledge of our willingness to hear us and your delight when we do so. Grant our prayers to our benefit and always to your glory. **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 Peace

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

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Hymnal #370

Presentation of the Gifts

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Hymnal #620

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
4 Our La - dy sings Our Mag - ni - fi - cat with
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.
3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Hymnal #S130

SATB harmony can be found in the hymnal

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
 might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the'. The second staff contains 'high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The third staff contains 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the'. The fourth staff contains 'high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

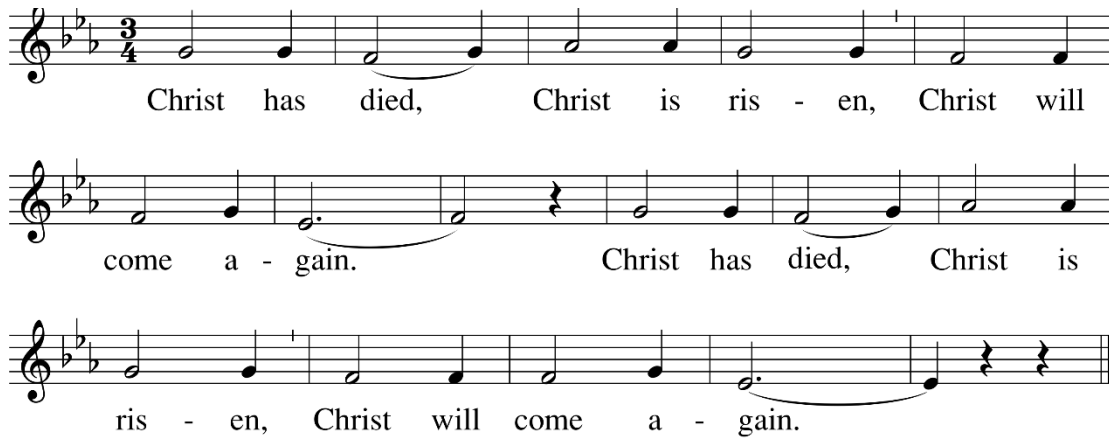
Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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 friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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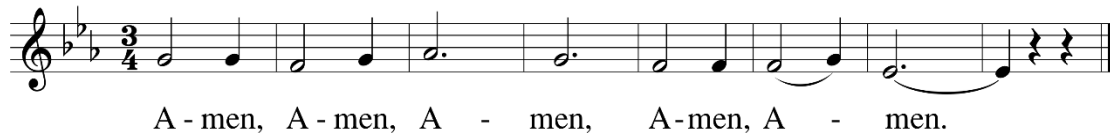


Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will
come a - gain. Christ has died, Christ is
ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Mary, all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.

GC2 #308



A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

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: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal #S164

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, Give us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It has been made ready for those who love God and for those who hope to love God more. So, come, if you have been here often, and come if you have not been here long. Come if you have followed, and come if you have stumbled. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who seek him will meet him here at his table. For in this house which bears the name Mary, all are welcome to share the one she bore, Jesus the Bread of Life.

Communion Hymns:

Day By Day

Hymnal #654

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

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Take Up Your Cross

GC2#690



1. Take up your cross, the Sav-ior said, If you would
2. Take up your cross, let not its weight Fill your weak
3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, And let your
4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, And calm - ly
5. Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, Nor think till



my dis - ci - ple be; Take up your cross with will - ing
 spir - it with a - larm; His strength shall bear your spir - it
 fool - ish heart be still; The Lord for you ac - cept - ed
 ev - 'ry dan - ger brave: It guides you to a bet - ter
 death to lay it down; For on - ly those who bear the



heart, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 up, And brace your heart and nerve your arm.
 death Up - on a cross, on Cal - v'ry's hill.
 home And leads to vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 cross May hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Post Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship

Presider: Let us pray

People: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and with 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

Irish

Blessing

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. And may almighty God bless you, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. **Amen**



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Kyrie, God in All Eternity

J.S. Bach

Please join us in Nicholson Hall for Coffee Hour

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Choir

Would you like to sing on Easter Sunday? The choir rehearses on Sundays at 9 am. See Richard after church for the rehearsal schedule and music. All are welcome!!

Wednesdays in Lent: 7PM Compline

We will celebrate Compline each Wednesday Evening at 7:00 PM via zoom. Compline descended from the night prayers said before bed at the end of the monastic round of daily prayer. Compline is a simple office including a confession of sins, one or more psalms, a short reading from scripture, versicles and responses, the Lord's Prayer, collects which ask for God's protection during the night to come, and the canticle Nunc dimittis.

The 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

As a diocesan community, we have been asked to support the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. In this year's Appeal, Bishop Julia Whitworth highlights three areas of our life together: Strategic Curacies, Collaborative Ministries, and Equipping Churches for Growth.

The appeal newsletter and donation envelope are available at church or by contacting the parish office. Please place your gift in the Offering on "Ingathering Sunday," March 30. You may also mail it back directly to the diocesan office. Together, we are able to accomplish that which we cannot do alone!

Provincetown Community Movie Night at St. Mary'

March 21st at 6:00 PM

Join us for a showing of "Conclave." Curated "potluck" and discussion.

ALL are welcome!

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:* Roger Ashe, 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, Elizabeth Mason

Strength for the Journey

As a strong outreach for St. Mary of the Harbor, Our Strength for the Journey service is emailed through the country or we meet in person during the summer season. For further information, please contact Carolyn Smith at carjans@charter.net or Gerri Spinella at gerri.spinella@gmail.com.

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 with your contact information; Watch our weekly livestream on YouTube; Sign up for our Weekly e-newsletter.

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This Sunday's Leadership

- Music Minister: Richard Bunbury
- Crucifer: Scott Yagel
- First Reader (First Reading and Psalms): Sharon Inger
- Second Reader (Second Reading): Mary-Jo Avellar
- Healer: Kathy Bachman
- Ushers: Tim Brown and Brendan O'Neill
- Altar Guild: Lee Ann Fanning
- Livestream: John Carroll-Yagel

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts



Beloved of God!

I write to ask your support for this year's **Bishop's Annual Appeal**. In the time since I was ordained as your bishop on October 19th, I have been inspired both by your passion for the ministries in your congregations and your commitment to our common life in the Diocese of Massachusetts. We are blessed as a diocese to benefit from the generosity of our forebears whose legacy continues to support our witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Each of us, in this generation, is called to give to the witness of the Church in our own time, both locally in our worshipping communities and collectively in our diocese to strengthen and expand the work to which God calls us.

I want to highlight three areas of our life together which this year will be strengthened by your gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.



Strategic Curacies

One of our great strengths as a diocese is that we raise up for ordained ministry a number of talented people each year. However, fewer and fewer of our churches are able to support curacies for the newly ordained where they can benefit from good mentoring in the early years of their ministry. At present, we are able to fund two full-time-equivalent curacies in our annual diocesan budget. I would love to see us double that number so we can not only ordain but retain more talented new clergy who will be serving the Church in decades to come.

Collaborative Ministries

Many of our congregations are challenged to maintain full-time clergy positions. Moreover, eastern Massachusetts has one of the highest costs of living in the country. While we are fortunate to have some bi-vocational clergy who serve in our churches on a part-time basis, the recruitment and retention of gifted clergy to serve our congregations often depends on our ability to create full-time positions and/or provide clergy housing. In several parts of our diocese, neighboring churches are collaborating with one another to create full-time clergy positions, sometimes with diocesan financial support.

Equipping Churches for Growth

Our call as Christians is to share the Good News in our communities, making new disciples and serving our neighbors. Christian witness can never be content with managing decline. Instead, we are called to equip our congregations for growth, developing strategies for vital local congregations and bringing resources where they are needed. In the coming months, we will be announcing opportunities for congregational growth and evangelism, sustainable use of our church properties, and deeper commitment to ministries that serve our neighbors and transform our communities.

We are engaged in so much good work already... and there is so much more we can do together. Won't you join me in giving generously to the Bishop's Annual Appeal?

Blessings and love,

The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth
Bishop Diocesan

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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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