

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 AM



FEBRUARY 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

Gathering Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

Hymnal #544

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.**

Gloria
Sung 2X

GC2 #253

1. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 2. in ex - cel - sis De - o!

3. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 4. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Collect of the day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 17:5-10*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse--who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1:1-6

Read responsively by full verse.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

A Reading from the 1st Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

GC2 #261

2X before the Gospel/1X after



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ia! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh ."Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation." Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry." Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Brian Raiche

1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all
 2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and
 3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the

things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens,
 cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied—
 saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly,

Keep - er of the sky and sea. I be - lieve in
 True Life there had tru - ly died. I be - lieve that
 where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's

God's son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it
 on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed
 res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's

and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
 to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
 ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Presider: Let us pray, turning our hearts toward the one who makes our desert hearts bloom with the flowers of hope saying, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader: Engrave our hearts with your living word of love, that we might listen and turn to you.

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

Deepen the life of your church, giving it a will to serve the world in your name, and a spirit of welcome that draws all those who hunger to your table.

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

Give your blessing of courage and truth to those who hold authority in our cities, towns, states, and countries, and to those who hold authority in our churches, workplaces, and lives.

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

The world cries out in despair and desolation. Send your love to heal the brokenness that has become a desert place in our time.

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

Bring your promise of life in fullness to those who struggle, to those who are oppressed and persecuted, and to those in any kind of need.

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

Quench the thirst of those who long for healing, cure, and reconciliation. Be with those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit, and comfort those who anxiously await a word of hope.

Especially we pray for: 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, Courtney Davey, 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.**

Hold in your care those who have died and welcome us into your eternal arms when our time comes, and let us rise together in your new age. We remember especially Richard Cuciniello who passed this time last year and in whose memory the sanctuary lamp is lit.

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

Presider: In the hope of the life to come and in communion with those who have died, we look to the day where, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, we might come to dwell in your verdant kingdom. **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.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Please consider supporting our parish

Would you like to make a gift to support the Church of St. Mary of the Harbor? All you need is your phone! Use the following QR code to make your gift.



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

Presentation of the Gifts

When in Our Music God is Glorified

Hymnal #420

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

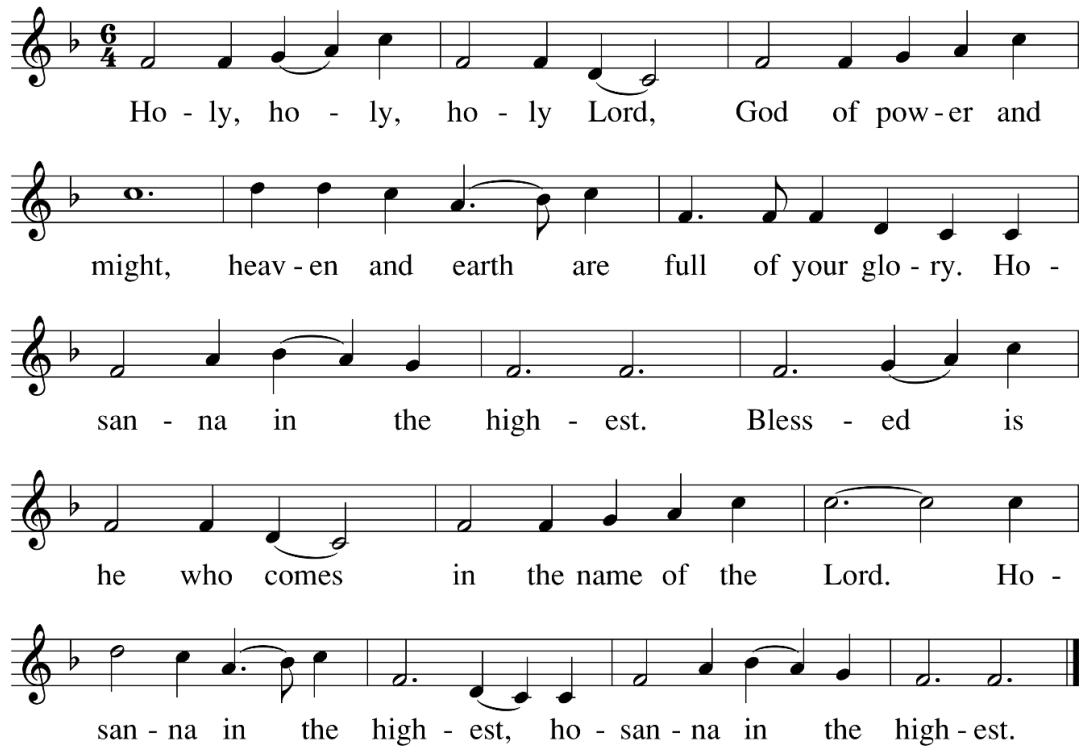
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

And so, God our Creator, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Rachel; God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Breaking of the Bread

1. 2.

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us,
Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Food for a Holy People. In this house which bears the name Mary, all are welcome to share the one she bore, Jesus the Bread of Life.

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 near, when my life is al - most gone;
 near, and the day is past and gone;

— through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
 — hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I
 — at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

light, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on.
 fall, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on.
 hand, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on.

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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

Recessional

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymnal #493

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

Please join us in Nicholson Hall for Coffee Hour

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Singspiraton! Sunday, February 23rd at 2:00 PM

Join our local churches for a hymn sing at the U.U. Church (236 Commercial Street, Provincetown). Each church will lead a hymn and an anthem (vocal or instrumental). St. Mary of the Harbor will be participating! All are welcome.

Mardi Gras Brunch and Potluck: Sunday, March 2nd

On Sunday, March 2nd we will host a "Mardi Gras" Pancake Breakfast and Potluck Brunch after church complete with festive beads and a King Cake.

We provide the pancakes and bacon, you bring fruit, muffins, pastries, quiche, OJ, real maple syrup. Sign up in Nicholson Hall. Come dressed for the party!



Ash Wednesday: Wednesday March 5th at 12:00 Noon.

Lent is fast approaching! We will celebrate a simple Eucharist and Distribution of Ashes on Wednesday, March 5th at 12:00 Noon. Ashes available upon request if you are unable to attend.

Wednesdays in Lent: 7PM Compline: Beginning March 12th

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.

Last Year's Palms

If you have palms from last Palm Sunday, you may drop them off at the church. There is a basket at the entrance way into the church.

Winter Lunches

Winter lunches for our hungry neighbors are being offered on Saturdays in January and February. Our last lunch for the season is next Saturday. Your help is welcome. Come even if you have not signed up – we always need people to help serve the plates and to help clean-up afterward. And you sitting at the table and sharing a hot lunch with our neighbors is also an important part of the gift to the community.

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

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: John Thomas
- Crucifer: Scott Yagel
- First Reader (First Reading and Psalms): Sharon Inger
- Second Reader (Second Reading): Jody O'Neil
- Healer: Maghi Geary
- Ushers: John Loftin and John Carroll
- Altar Guild: John Carroll and John Loftin
- Livestream: John Carroll-Yagel

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF THE HARBOR

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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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