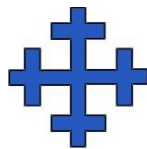


THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost



November 19, 2023



St. Mary of the Harbor
Where the Land, the Sea, and the Sacred Meet

Welcome to St. Mary of the Harbor

A warm welcome to you! 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.

Worship Guidance

Everything you need to guide you through today's service will be found in this leaflet, or in the hymnals in the chair just in front of you. You are invited to join in prayers and responses when the words are in **bold-faced** print in the leaflet. Most hymns may be found in *The Hymnal 1982*, the large blue hymnal. Occasionally hymns may be drawn from the green hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (abbreviated WLP in your leaflet), or from *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (abbreviated LEVAS).

Holy Communion

Our worship is centered in the sharing of Communion, and no matter what your background, you are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine at this Table. For health reasons you may wish to receive only the Bread. Please be assured that you have made your full communion whether you receive the Bread only, or if you receive both the Bread and the Wine. Eager to do all we can to protect one another's well-being, we entrust you to take whatever health precautions seem best to you.

Hospitality after Sunday Service

Right after this service, a time of hospitality will be offered in Nicholson Hall. All are welcome!

Vestry Officers

Pat Penza, Senior Warden
John Carroll-Yagel, Junior Warden
John Loftin, Treasurer
Judy Dozois, Clerk

Vestry Members

Tim Brown	Harry Ellsworth
Phil Franchini	Alex Glowacki
Anita McGahan	Janet Whelan

This Sunday's Leadership

Presider: *The Rev. Brian Raiche*

Deacon: *The Rev. Bruce Mason*

Organist: *Bill Carlson*; Crucifer: *Scott Yagel*; Lector: *Shawn Fiedler*; Healer: *Andi Sawyer*; Ushers: *Mary Jo Avellar and Tim Brown*; Altar Guild: *Joan Gibbons*; Hospitality: *Phil and Pat Penza*; Livestream: *Loren Lee*.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude Passacaglia Andre Raison

Welcome

Gathering Hymn **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!** **Hymnal #290**

Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be Christ's coming kingdom. 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 **Hymnal #S280**

Collect of the day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

Pause for silent prayer

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: *Zephaniah 1:7,12-18*

A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their

blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-12

Read responsively by full verse

Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.**

You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.**

You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

**In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

**For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.**

Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

**When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.**

The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

**Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?**

So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

My Heart Sings Out #20

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

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

Gospel: *Matthew 25:14-30*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless servant, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Brian Raiche

The Creed

I Believe In God Almighty

WLP #769

Prayers of the People

Form IV

Presider: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

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

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and an end to violence.

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

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

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

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

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

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit. We remember those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially: Joan Boudreau, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Diana Hardy, Priscilla McChesney, Maureen Cronin, Deidre Malloy, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Joan Marshall, David Griffiths, Peggy Cassano, Phil Franchini, Richard Cuciniello, Bruce Mason and all those listed on our Parish Prayer List. 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 may name aloud those for whom you wish to pray.*

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

We commend to your mercy all who have died, including Russell Razziano and Joey Guerrero. We pray especially those who have died as a result of transphobia and other acts of hatred. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Presider:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your people, the Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **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.

**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.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Birthdays:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anniversaries:

Almighty and everliving God: look tenderly upon your servants, who stand before you in the company of your Church. Lift them up in joy in their life together. Grant them so to love selflessly and live humbly, that they may be to one another and to the world a witness and sign of your never-failing care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**

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

Blessed are the Pure in Heart

Anthony Baldwin

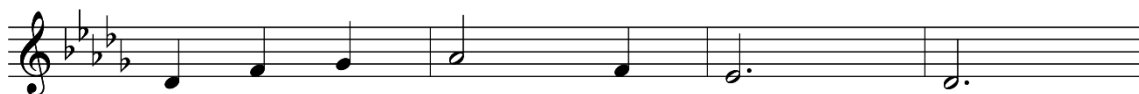
Presentation of the Gifts

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Hymnal #490



1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness shine on my path, And
When we have run with pa - tience the race, We



star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



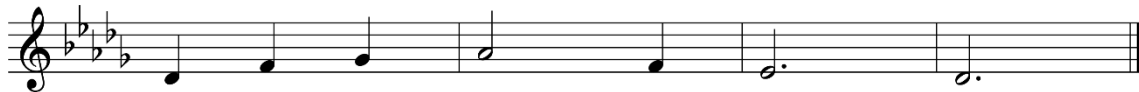
In him there is no dark - ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. 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

Hymnal #S125



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.



Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



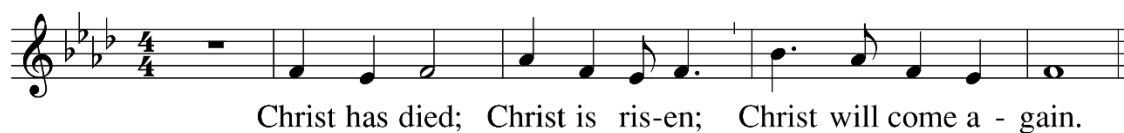
san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

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 Father 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

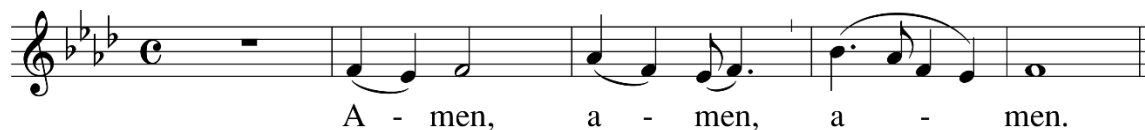


We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever.

People:



The Lord's Prayer

Traditional Form

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

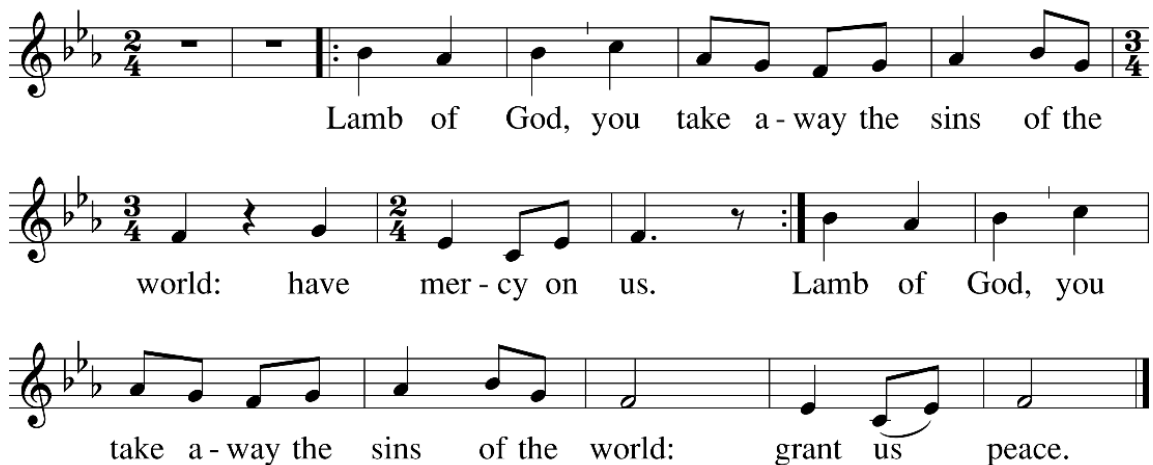
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is 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:



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world: grant us 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.

1. With awe ap - proach the mys - ter - ies and
 2. With wis - dom teach, with cou - rage preach; like
 3. Reach out to those dis - eased, a - lone, to
 4. Fill tire - less - ly your call's de - mands, then

wres - tle with the Word like Ja - cob, bruised yet
 Deb - orah, lead your flock in - side the cul - ture's
 those con - fused op - posed; and like a mo - ther,
 rest, like Christ, a - part, re - freshed by God's re -

1. 2. 3. 4.
 strange - ly blest. Ser - vant - hood is pain.
 dan - ger zone. Ser - vant - hood is faith.
 heal, for - give. Ser - vant - hood is grace.
 new - ing strength. Ser - vant - hood is love.

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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

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

Give Thanks for Life

WLP #775

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

Two Parts on a Rownd Time

Thomas Tallis

Join us for Coffee Hour in Nicholson Hall immediately following the service.

All are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Today at 2:00 PM at the Provincetown United Methodist Church: 20 Shank Painter Road. Our local churches will gather for prayer and song. Parishioners from St. Mary's are encouraged to join Rev. Brian at the service! All are welcome.

A Commitment to Outreach – Thanksgiving Appeal

Each year at this time, it is the tradition for St. Mary's parishioners to express their gratitude for God's many blessings through a Thanksgiving Appeal. This year, 100% of the offering will be donated to SKIP: the Soup Kitchen in Provincetown. Donations can be placed in the collection plate on Sundays, mailed to the church, or through the PayPal link on the church's website at: www.stmaryoftheharbor.org.

If you are donating by check, please enter "Thanksgiving Offering" in the memo section.

The Outer Cape Chorale: Glorious!

Rev. Brian and a group from St. Mary's will be attending the Outer Cape Chorale concert on Saturday, December 9th at 5:00 PM at the Provincetown Town Hall. The concerts are free - tickets are not needed. We are considering having a "Spaghetti Supper" back in the Parish Hall following the concert. Suggested donation will be \$10 for the dinner. Please sign-up in the Parish Hall by the bulletin board if interested.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for healing and comfort for:

Parishioners: Joan Boudreau, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Diana Hardy, Priscilla McChesney, Maureen Cronin, Deidre Malloy, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Joan Marshall, David Griffiths, Peggy Cassano, Phil Franchini, Richard Cuciniello, Bruce Mason, and Tom Peters.

Family and Friends: Jim Neely and Ann English, Bobby and Kent Taylor, Hyacinth Rance, Margo Kent, Michael Mason, Terry Monaghan, Donna Pickener, Marcia McClure, Marsha Davies, Carol Studley, Marge and Donna, Patty Davenport, Peter Swanson, Scotty Townsend.

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.

UU Food Pantry

Volunteers needed to bring food from St. Mary's to the U.U. Church

There continues to be significant food insecurity on the Cape, and that is being felt at the UU Self Service Panty on Commercial Street. St Mary's does the 1st Sunday regularly. Here are some of the most needed items: rice, canned beans, canned vegetables, Ramen noodles, instant oatmeal, cereal, canned chicken/tuna, Vienna sausages, mac/cheese, beef stew, Chef Boyardee products - - plus whatever you view as appropriate.

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