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“He saved others;  
let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”



St. Mary of the Harbor

November 20, 2022

The Last Sunday after Pentecost – Reign of Christ Sunday

Where the land, the sea and the sacred meet

## Welcome to the Church of 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 at this Table. Though the Diocese of Massachusetts has lifted many of its COVID-related restrictions, we at St. Mary's are continuing to receive Communion in one kind only, eager to do all we can to protect one another's well-being. Masks continue to be preferred throughout our worship services.

### **Hospitality Following Today's 10 am Service**

Immediately following our 10 am service, coffee and delicious refreshments will be served in Nicholson Hall. Nicholson Hall may be easily reached by turning right at the back of the church and proceeding through our beautiful garden. Please join us!

### **Hospitality Hosts Needed**

Over many months, we have been blessed with hospitality hosting by Carol Pesiri, Gerri Spinella, Martha Wilson, and others. As we move towards the winter months, we need new hosts. A sign-up sheet is posted on the pass-through counter in the kitchen. Please sign up. If no hosts step forward, coffee hour will go on hiatus.

### **Stewardship Update**

We are grateful to all of you who have already sent in your pledge for 2023. As of Wednesday, we have received 49 pledges. This means we are 65% of the way towards our goal of 75 pledges. If you are still reflecting about your pledge for the coming year, we would welcome your pledge as soon as possible.

### **In Case of Need**

If pastoral needs should arise, please contact the Reverend William W. Rich, Interim Rector, at 774-383-1236 or [WWRich53@protonmail.com](mailto:WWRich53@protonmail.com). Please make us aware of any needs for a pastoral conversation or visit.

### **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, the Vestry has voted to devote half of the Thanksgiving Appeal as outreach, and to give that money to SKIP: the Soup Kitchen in Provincetown. The other half of the Appeal will be dedicated to needed capital repairs to the Rectory, in grateful anticipation of the arrival of the Parish's new Rector in 2023. 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](http://www.stmaryoftheharbor.org). If you are donating by check, please enter "Thanksgiving Offering" in the memo section.

## **Supporting Our Neighbors – First Sunday Focus**

As a visual reminder of the needs of our neighbors, on the first Sunday of each month, we will be carrying to the altar the basket of donations that you make to 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. Please consider picking up an extra item or two when you shop. Items may be left in the basket by the baptismal font at any time. Please, no perishables, no glass containers and *please check expiration dates*. The Pantry cannot use expired items.

## **Advent Wednesday Evening Eucharist and Christian Formation – 5:30-6:30 pm**

For the first three Wednesdays of Advent (Nov. 30, and Dec, 7 and 14), the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated from 5:30-6, and Christian Formation will be offered from 6-6:30. In honor of the parish’s patron saint, the Advent Christian Formation series will focus on “Three Ways of Seeing St. Mary: Justice-Seeker, Mother, and Companion in Faith.”

## **S-4 Memorial Service – Saturday, December 3 – 11 am**

On Saturday, December 3 at 11 am, St. Mary’s will host the annual memorial service to remember those who died in the sinking of the S-4 submarine off St. Mary’s Beach on December 17, 1927. The Marblehead Base of United States Submarine Veterans will be in attendance, and all are welcome.

## **This Week at St. Mary’s**

### **Wednesday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist – 5:30 pm**

At the heart of Christian worship is the act of giving thanks to God. (The word *Eucharist* comes from the Greek word that means *thanksgiving*.) In anticipation of Thanksgiving Day, we will give thanks to God on Thanksgiving Eve with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 5:30 pm.

### **Saturday, November 26 – 8:30 am**

#### **Strength for the Journey**

An online lay-led service of contemplation and healing. Contact Gerri Spinella ([gerri.spinella@gmail.com](mailto:gerri.spinella@gmail.com)) if you’d like to be included in the email invitation to each week’s service.

### **Sunday, November 27 – Holy Eucharist – 10 am**

#### **First Sunday of Advent**

## **The Church of St. Mary of the Harbor**

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## **Sunday Leadership Today**

Interim Rector, Celebrant, and Preacher – *The Reverend William W. Rich*

Deacon for the Gospel and Intercessions - *The Reverend Bruce Mason*

Organist – *Bill Carlson*

Crucifer – *Andrea Sawyer*

Lector – *Tim Brown*

Healer – *Khristina Hopkins*

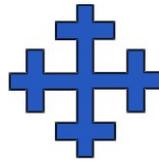
Ushers – *David Griffiths, Tim Brown*

Altar Guild – *Priscilla Jackett*

Hospitality – *Carol Pesiri*

Livestream – *John Carroll-Yagel*

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### **Vestry Officers**

Pat Penza, Senior Warden

Tim Brown, Junior Warden

John Loftin, Treasurer

Gerri Spinella, Clerk

### **Vestry Members**

John Carroll-Yagel

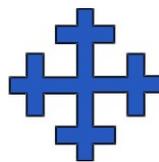
Harry Ellsworth

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# The Holy Eucharist

**Prelude**

**Arioso**

*L. Krebs*

**Hymnal 435**

**At the Name of Jesus (omit verses 5&6)**

*King's Weston*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be Christ's coming kingdom. Amen.**

## **The Collect for Purity**

**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.**

**Hymnal 711**

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God**

*Seek Ye First*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you: Allelu, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The First Reading**

**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 16 - The Song of Zechariah** *Benedictus Dominus Deus - Luke 1: 68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

**he has come to his people and set them free.**

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*

**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, \*

**from the hands of all who hate us.**

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

Free to worship him without fear, \*

**holy and righteous in his sight**

**all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*

**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God \*

**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*

**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The Second Reading**

**Colossians 1:11-20**

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 22:33-43

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

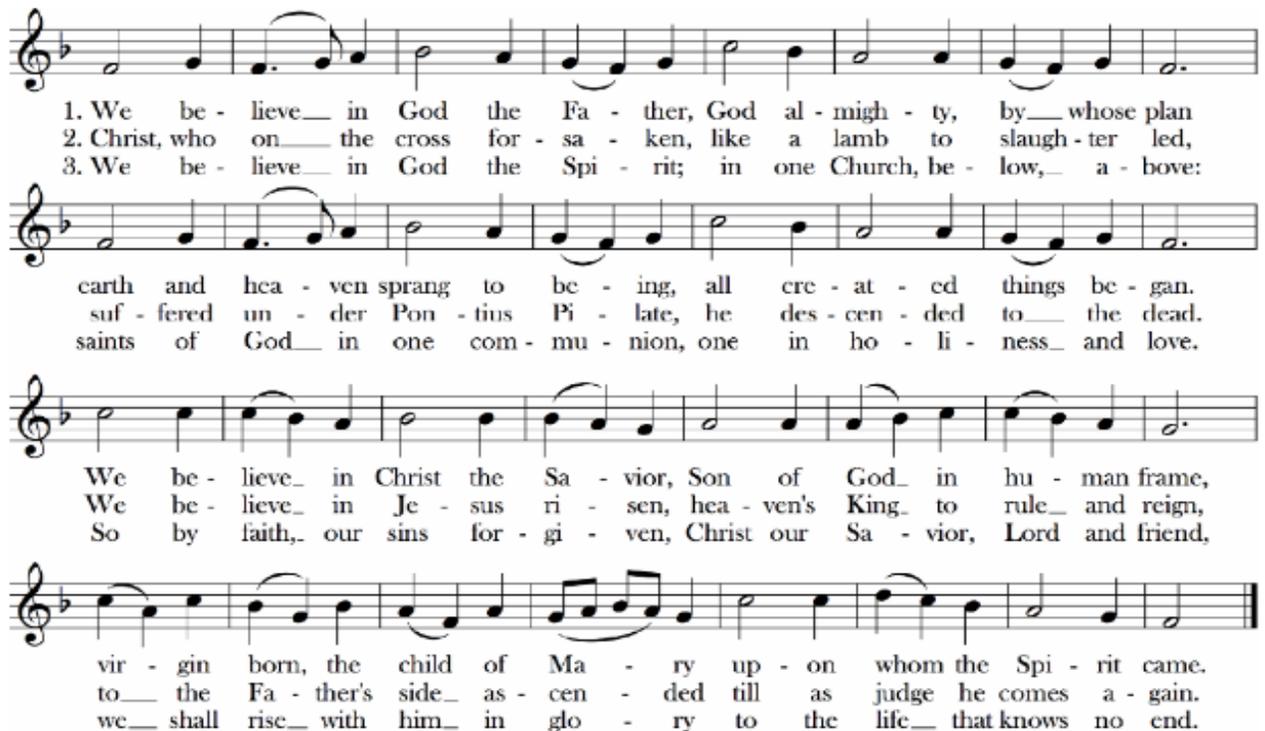
*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Reverend William W. Rich

### The Creed

*Please stand as you are able.*



1. We be - lieve\_\_ in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty, by\_\_ whose plan  
2. Christ, who on\_\_ the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,  
3. We be - lieve\_\_ in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:  
earth and hea - ven sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan.  
suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cen - ded to\_\_ the dead.  
saints of God\_\_ in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness\_\_ and love.  
We be - lieve\_\_ in Christ the Sa - vior, Son of God\_\_ in hu - man frame,  
We be - lieve\_\_ in Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's King\_\_ to rule\_\_ and reign,  
So by faith, our sins for - gi - ven, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,  
vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.  
to\_\_ the Fa - ther's side\_\_ as - cen - ded till as judge he comes a - gain.  
we\_\_ shall rise\_\_ with him\_\_ in glo - ry to the life\_\_ that knows no end.

## The Prayers of the People

*Leader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

*Leader* For all people in their daily life and work;  
*People* ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

*Leader* For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*People* ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*People* ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

*Leader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*People* ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*People* ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

*Leader* For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers.  
*People* ***For all who serve God in the Church.***

*Leader* For the children, teachers, and caretakers at Baobab Children's Home and the Stephen Tito School in Tanzania, that they may continue to know your love and grow in grace;  
*People* ***For the compassionate mission of the worldwide Church.***

*Leader* For our brothers and sisters who have pledged their lives in service to our nation and the world, especially those who serve in the military, those who protect our communities, and those who work to ensure the health and wellbeing of all of God's people.  
*People* ***For all who serve our communities, nation, and world.***

*Leader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity: the people of Ukraine, the people of Russia, Elizabeth, Monique, Mike Sutilla, Joan Boudreau, Joyce, Sandra Powell, Julie, Cameron Sager, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Bobby Taylor, Kent Taylor, Carol Studley, Ron Kershaw, Cecelia Hall, Diana Hardy, Scott Ashley, Sam Adams, Frank Milby, Priscilla McChesney, Maureen Cronin, Michael Mason, Terry Monaghan, Donna Pickener, Deidre Malloy, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Phebe McPherson, and those whose names are spoken on our lips, those who are known to us in our hearts, or those known only to you  
*[pause for names to be added].*

*Leader* Hear us, Lord;  
*People* ***For your mercy is great.***

*Leader* We pray for all who have died, including Laurie Brown, and Barbara Stoughton, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*[pause for names to be added]*

*Leader* Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;  
*People* ***Who put their trust in you.***



*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven 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. \_\_\_\_\_

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O God,

*Celebrant & People*

**We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

*Celebrant* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ ] and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

*People* **Amen.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer** *traditional form*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* This is the Living Bread, given for all Creation..

*People* **All who eat this Bread share in Christ's Body.**

## **Communion Hymn**

**Hymnal 382** **King of glory, King of peace**

*General Seminary*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Holy God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Announcements**

## **The Blessing**

**Hymnal 544** **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun**

*Duke Street*

## **The Dismissal**

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** **Prelude and Fugue in D major**

*G.F. Handel*