

“They left their nets...the boat and their father, and followed him.”



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Church of St. Mary of the Harbor
January 22, 2023
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
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 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. Masks continue to be preferred throughout our worship services.

Hospitality after Sunday Services

There will be hospitality immediately after today's service in Nicholson Hall. New hosts for future Sundays are welcome, and may sign up on the kitchen pass-through counter. Hosts are needed for February 5, 19, and 26.

Stewardship Update

We are grateful to all of you who have already sent in your pledge for 2023. As of Wednesday, we have received 63 pledges. This means we are 84% of the way towards our goal of 75 pledges. If you are still reflecting about your pledge for this 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. Please make us aware of any needs for a pastoral conversation or visit.

Winter Lunches

Winter lunches for our hungry neighbors are being offered here at St. Mary's on Saturdays in January and February. Your help is welcome. A sign-up sheet is on the pass-through counter between the kitchen and the parish hall. You may also call the parish office (508-487-2622) to make known your desire to help.

Supporting Our Neighbors – First Sunday Food 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.

Upcoming Weeks at St. Mary's

Saturday, January 28 – 8:30 am

Strength for the Journey

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

Saturday, January 28 – 12 noon

Winter Lunches

Sunday, January 29 – 10 am

Holy Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Church of St. Mary of the Harbor

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This Sunday's Leadership

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

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

Organist – *Bill Carlson*

Crucifer – *Sharon Inger*

Lector – *Scott Yagel*

Healer – *Andrea Sawyer*

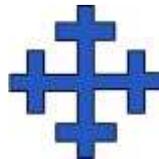
Ushers – *Scott Yagel and David Griffiths*

Altar Guild – *Lee Ann Fanning*

Hospitality – *Pat and Phil Penza*

Livestream – *John Carroll-Yagel*

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Pat Penza, Senior Warden

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John Loftin, Treasurer

Gerri Spinella, Clerk

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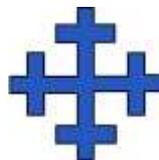
Andrea Sawyer

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The Holy Eucharist

Prelude *O Christ, Thou art the beautiful day*

J.S. Bach

Hymn 381 **Thy strong word did cleave the darkness**

Ton-y-Botel

Celebrant Alleluia. O Christ, you call us to follow you.

People **Give us the grace to follow where you lead. Alleluia.**

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.

Hymn 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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

read responsively by the half verse

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *

**the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**

8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 533

How wondrous and great thy works

Lyons

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

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

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend William W. Rich

I believe in God almighty

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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.

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The Prayers of the People

- Deacon* Let us pray for the church and for the world, that all people may follow where Christ leads, saying: Lead us, O Christ to follow in your Way.
- Deacon* Holy God, we pray for all your people, baptized to follow Christ's life-giving Way. Heal our divisions, and give us one mind in Christ. Lead us, O Christ,
- People* **To follow in your Way.**
- Deacon* Stir up your church to make the power of the cross known to all, that people everywhere may see your great light. Lead us, O Christ,
- People* **To follow in your Way.**
- Deacon* Lift from all peoples the burdens of poverty, war, and injustice. Break every rod of oppression throughout the earth. Lead us, O Christ,
- People* **To follow in your Way.**
- Deacon* Guide those who make and execute our laws, and those who maintain our safety, that all people may know their worth as your creation. Lead us, O Christ,
- People* **To follow in your Way.**
- Deacon* 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. Lead them, O Christ,
- People* **To follow in your Way.**
- Deacon* Open our hands and hearts to care for the poor, the imprisoned, and all who suffer, that our actions may show God's care for them, especially for the people of Ukraine, the people of Russia, Elizabeth, Monique, Mike Sutilla, Joan Boudreau, Joyce, Sandra Powell, Julie, 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, Joan Marshall, Marcia McClure, Duane Steele, Chip Bailey, John Mikorenda, Jim Neely, Ann English, 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]*
- Lead us, O Christ,
- People* **To follow in your Way.**
- Deacon* We remember before you all whom we love but see no longer, especially
- [pause for names to be added]*
- Let your Light shine upon them, O Christ,
- People* **And upon us as we seek to follow in your Way.**
- Celebrant* Eternal God, open our hearts to your grace and love that we may learn more and more how to follow you as we walk in your Way, as did your first disciples, Blessed Peter and Andrew, and Blessed James and John.
- People* **Amen.**
- People* **Spirit of the living God:
Guide us as we journey together in search for a new rector.
Grant us patience to listen and wisdom to understand each other and ourselves.
Equip us with open minds and truthful hearts.
Anchor us in faith, hope, and love during this transition and always. Amen.**

The prayers are concluded with Hymn 608, verse 1

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

The Confession and Absolution *from Enriching Our Worship 1*

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.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory

Andantino

Margo Guryan

The Presentation of the People's Gifts

Hymnal 661 **They cast their nets in Galilee**

Georgetown

In celebration of the coming of Christ among us, we are once again offering the chalice at Communion. Gluten free hosts are available. At the altar rail, please tell the clergy if you would like a gluten free host, or if you would rather receive grape juice than wine.

The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow'r 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.

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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, born of Mary, and given for all Creation.

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

Communion Hymn

WLP 763 **As we gather at your table**

Raquel

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.

Announcement from the Rector Search Committee

Blessing

Celebrant: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God, who creates, redeems, and transforms, be at work amongst us this day and always.

People: **Amen.**

WLP 778 **We all are one in mission**

Nyland

The Dismissal

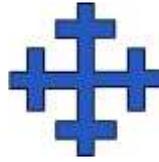
Deacon Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

Postlude

Little Prelude and Fugue in C major

J.S. Bach



Storm Damage Update

The recent storm hit Provincetown hard and many homes and business were impacted, including the building and property of St. Mary of the Harbor. Storm damage to our church property includes the following: missing shingles on the back of Nicholson Hall; sand and other debris washed up into the parking lot; water damage (warped flooring) at the back door to Nicholson Hall; seawall support cracked at the joint; crawl space under church flooded to approximately four feet; vents to crawl space damaged; water rose above the bottom of outside HVAC units. Sadly, the fish pond was flooded with salt water and 13 fish were lost. Five fish survived and have been returned to the pond which has been drained and cleaned. A clean-up crew of volunteers including Reverend Bill Rich, John Carroll-Yagel, Peter Falconer, Adrienne Brewer, and James Vesper gathered to work on the property shortly after the storm. The Vestry will be following up on other necessary repairs.

~ Pat Penza, Senior Warden

Thank You from Deacon Charlie and Christine

Dear Friends of St. Mary's,
Christine and I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the fabulous sendoff and luncheon on our final Sunday, January 8.

When we arrive at our new home in Vermont, Andi Sawyer's amazing wave painting along with the other gifts will provide a lasting reminder of our time in Provincetown. Etched on our hearts forever will be that special place where we experienced first-hand the convergence of land, sea, and spirit.

Thank you one and all for making St. Mary of the Harbor the special place that it is. We know how blessed we are for having spent a portion of our journey in this community of love.

With Love and Blessings,
Charlie and Christine