



# ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

39TH AVENUE & MARYLAND  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
1 MARCH 2026, 10:30 A.M.  
Sung Mass

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## Welcome to St. Mary's!

We are very glad you are with us today. No matter who you are, where you have come from, or where you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here. If you are new to Episcopal liturgy, we hope this leaflet will be helpful in your participation, and that over time this liturgy and our service to God will become more familiar to you. Please participate as you feel comfortable. If you have any questions about our liturgy, the Episcopal Church, or St. Mary's, please speak with Mother Samantha.

## Preparing for Worship

Please silence all cellular devices as we prepare to enter this time of communal prayer. The complete Order of Mass is found in this leaflet including readings from Holy Scripture. Portions spoken by the people are in bold print.

If you are a visitor today, we invite you to fill out a welcome card and introduce yourself to one of the clergy following Mass today. You are always welcome at St. Mary's. If you are looking for a parish home, we hope you will find one here.

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## MUSIC OF THE MASS

The setting of the Ordinary of the Mass is the *Missa Marialis* (Mass IX) adapted by Charles Winifred Douglas (1867-1944).

*We invite all to keep a prayerful atmosphere in the Church before Mass.*

## The Word of God

*At the sound of the bell, all rise as the choir sings the*

INTROIT: *Tibi dixit cor meum*

Tone VII

✠ My heart hath talked of thee, seek ye my face; thy face, Lord, will I seek: O hide not thy face from me. *Ps.* The Lord is my light and salvation: whom then shall I fear? Glory be. My heart hath. (*Ps.* 27)

AT THE CENSING, **LEVAS 108**

*Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

∞ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

℞ **God's mercy endures for ever.**

THE COLLECT OF PURITY

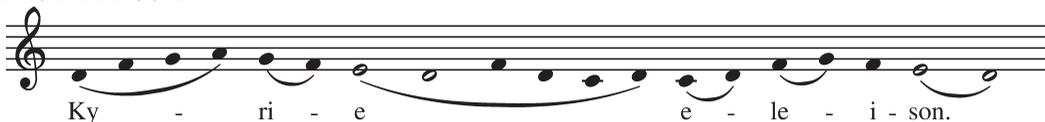
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

KYRIE ELEISON

Mass IX



Musical score for Kyrie eleison, consisting of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri-ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri-ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* 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.  
**Amen.**

*The People are seated for the Readings and the Psalm.*

THE FIRST READING

*Genesis 12:1-4*

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 121



I lift up my | eyes • to the | hills; \*  
from | where • is my | help to | come?  
My help | comes • from the | Lord, \*  
the | maker • of | heaven • and | earth.

He will not let your | foot be | moved \*  
 and he who watches over you | will not | fall a- | sleep.  
 Behold, he who keeps | watch • over | Israel \*  
 shall | neither | slumber • nor | sleep;  
 The Lord himself | watches | over you; \*  
 the Lord is your | shade at | your right | hand,  
 So that the sun shall not | strike you • by | day,  
 — | nor the | moon by | night.  
 The Lord shall preserve you from | äll | evil; \*  
 it is | he • who shall | keep you | safe.  
 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your | coming | in, \*  
 from this time | forth for | ever | more.

THE EPISTLE

*Romans 4:1–5, 13–17*

What then shall we say about Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, his wages are not reckoned as a gift but as his due. And to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness. The promise to Abraham and his descendants, that they should inherit the world, did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants—not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*The People remain seated for the*

TRACT *Commovisti*

Tone VIII

Thou hast moved the land, O Lord: and divided it. Heal the sores thereof: for it shaketh. That they may triumph because of the truth: that they beloved may be delivered. (*Ps. 60*)

*The People stand for the hymn and the Gospel.*

FOR THE GRADUAL, **HYMN 440**

*Liebster Jesu*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 3:1-17*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* ††† The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

*Celebrant* Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew.’ The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can this be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that

whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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

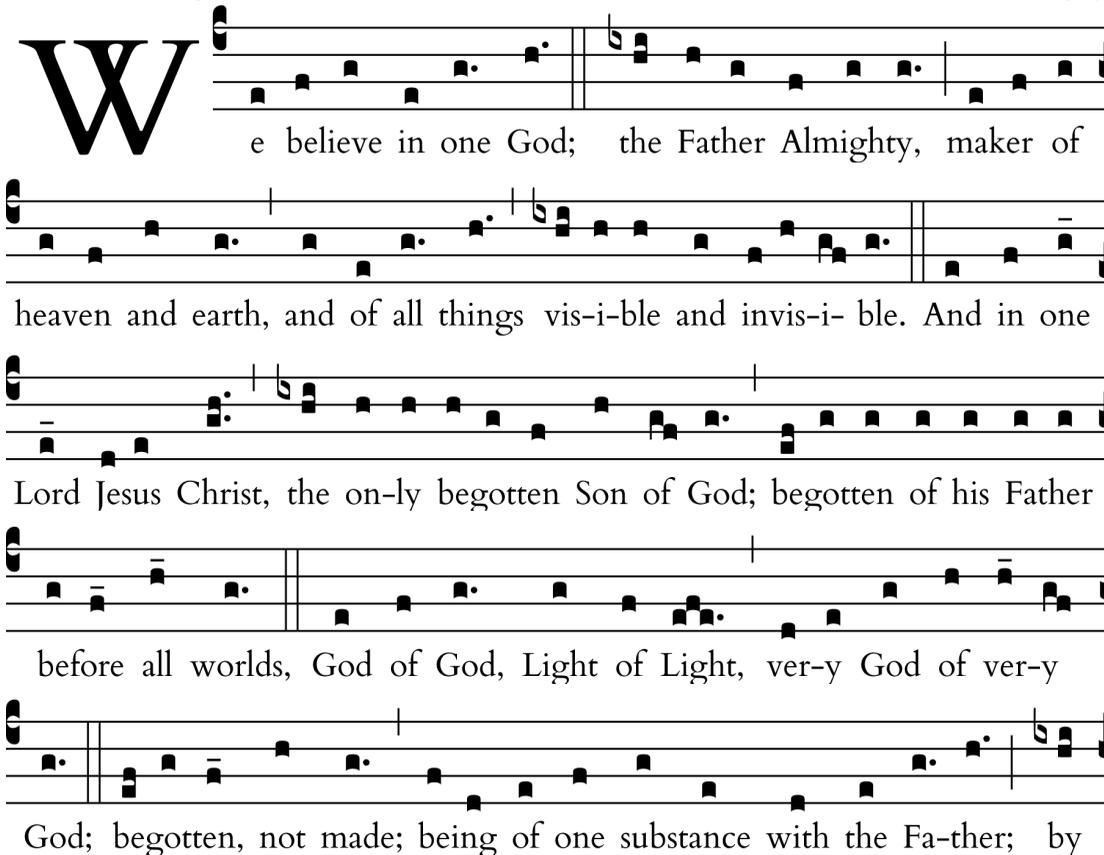
*The People are seated for the Sermon.*

THE SERMON

Mtr. Christopher

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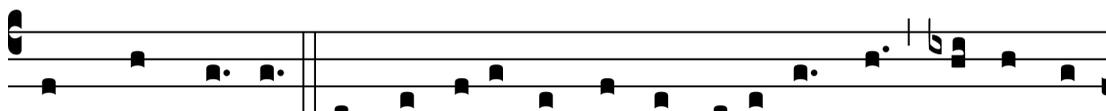
Credo I



**W** e believe in one God; the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things vis-i-ble and invis-i- ble. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the on-ly begotten Son of God; begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, ver-y God of ver-y God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Fa-ther; by



whom all things were made: who for us and for our sal-va-tion came



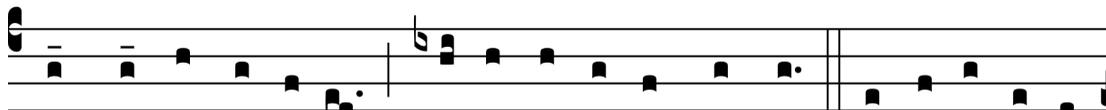
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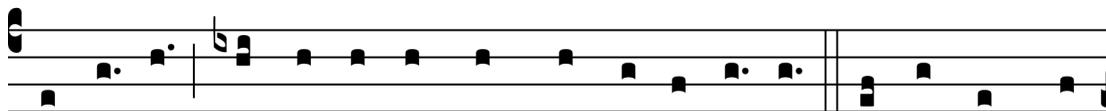
gin Mary, and was made man: And was cru-ci-fi-ed al-so for us



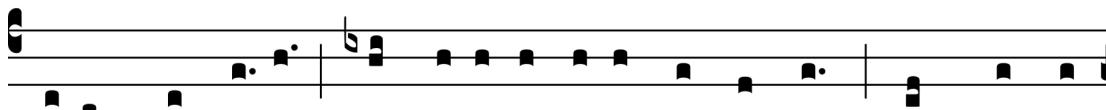
under Pontius Pi-late; he suf-fer-ed and was bu-ri-ed: and the



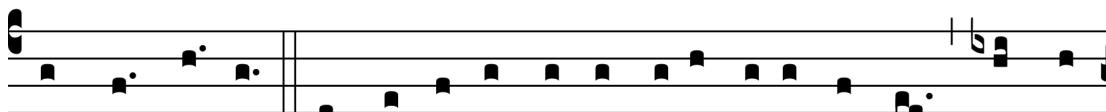
third day he rose a-gain according to the Scrip-tures: and ascended in-



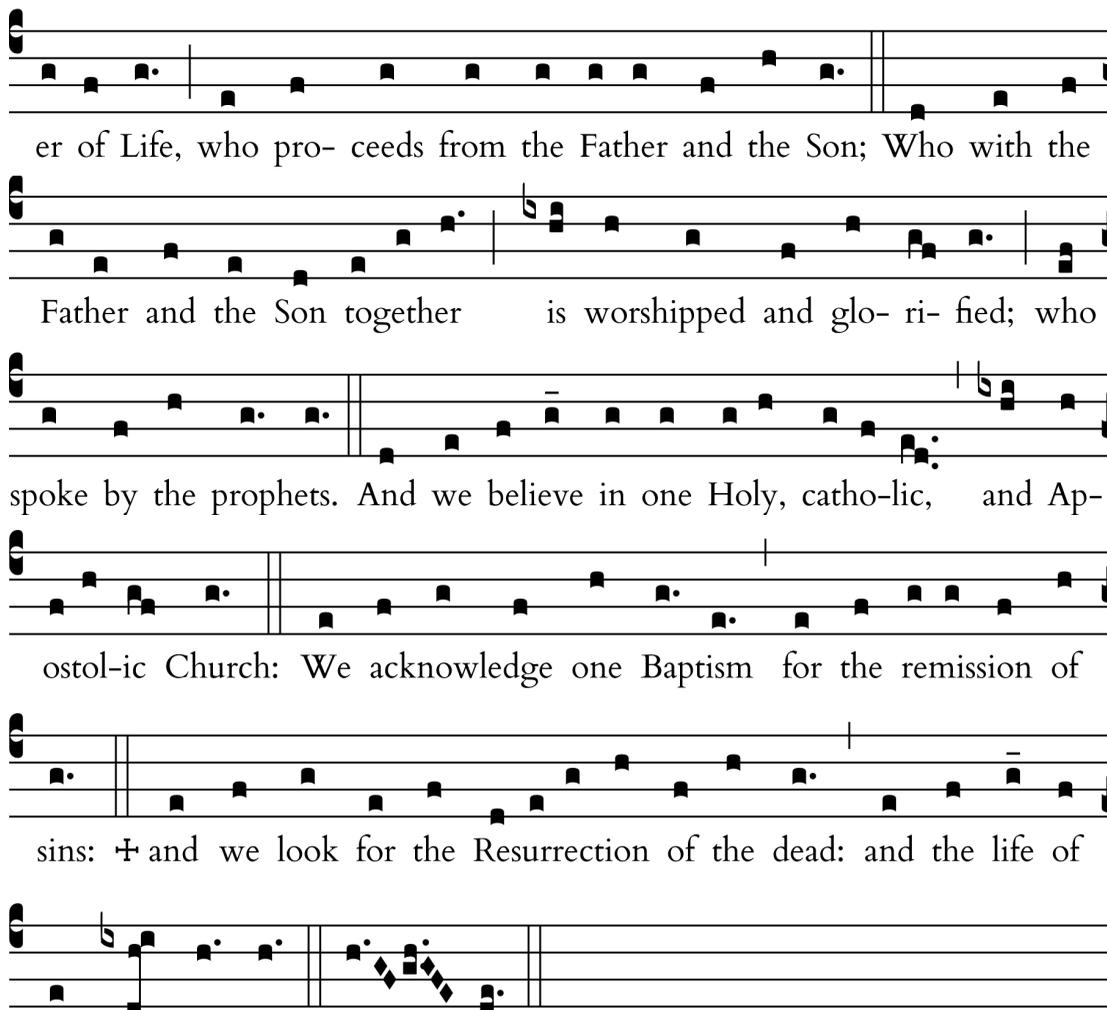
to heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Fa-ther: and he shall come



again, with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose king-dom



shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giv-



er of Life, who pro- ceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the  
 Father and the Son together is worshipped and glo- ri- fied; who  
 spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one Holy, catho-lic, and Ap-  
 ostol-ic Church: We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of  
 sins: † and we look for the Resurrection of the dead: and the life of  
 the world to come. A- men.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor* In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord have mercy."

*After every petition, the People respond*

*Intercessor* ...we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*People* **To you, O Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

#### THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* You who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from this day forward in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

*All kneel, as able.*

*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.**

*Celebrant* 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 People stand to exchange the peace.*

#### THE PEACE

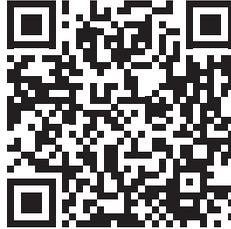
*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*All may greet each other in the name of the Lord. All are seated for the welcome and notices.*

# The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant says an offertory sentence. As the Altar is prepared, a collection is taken to support the work and ministry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. An offering may be made via PayPal via the QR code below. Thank you for supporting God's mission in this parish.*



OFFERTORY *Meditabor*

Tone II

My delight shall be in thy commandments, which I have loved: my hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved. (*Ps. 119*)

*The People stand.*

AT THE OFFERTORY, **HYMN 448**

*Deus tuorum militum*

*The People remain standing*

ORATE, FRATRES

*Celebrant* Pray siblings, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to the Lord our God.

*People* **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his Name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church.**

SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant*                      *People*



The Lord be with you.      And al - so with you.



THE CANON OF THE MASS

The Celebrant continues with Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP 361–363). At the appropriate time following the words of institution, the people sing the Memorial Acclamation.

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father...  
Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding with:

*Celebrant* ...by him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

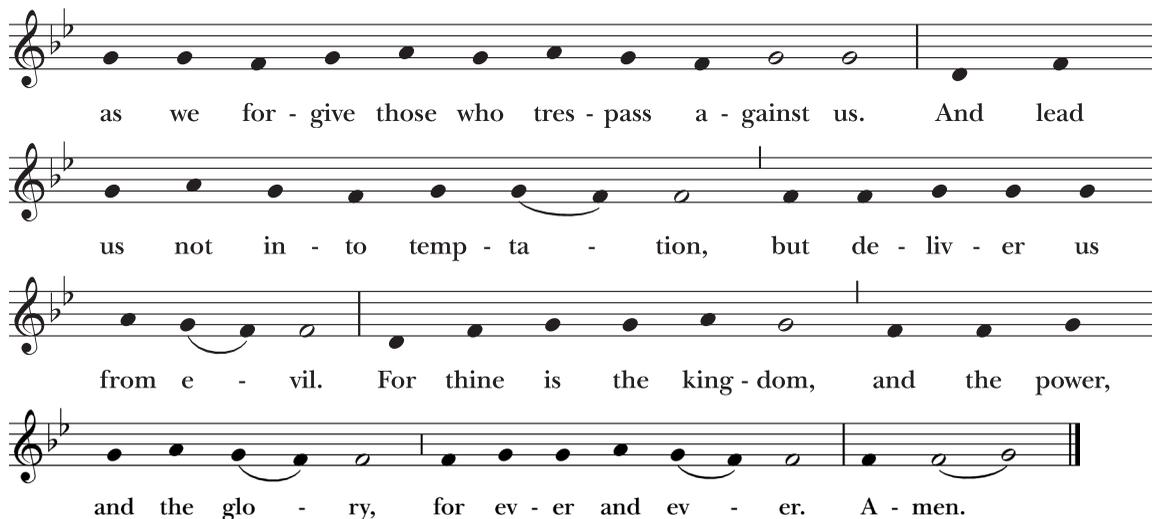
*People*

A - men.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

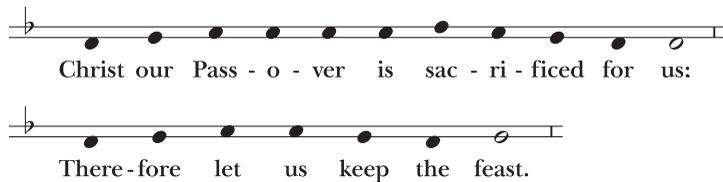
Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,



as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

*The consecrated Bread is broken, and a moment of silence is kept. Then, the Priest and People sing responsively*

### THE FRACTION ANTHEM

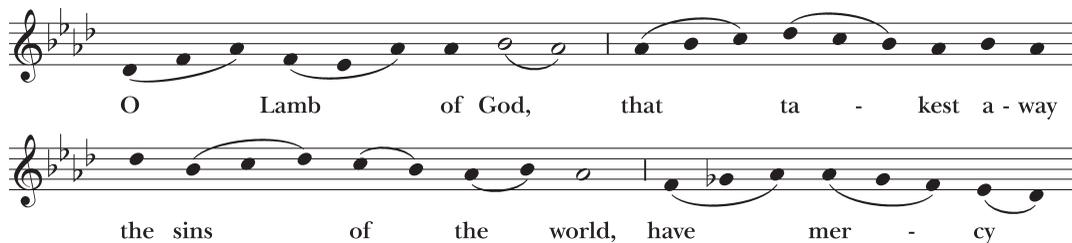


Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us:  
 There - fore let us keep the feast.

*As the second Chalice is prepared, the Priest and People sing*

### AGNUS DEI

Mass IX



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way  
 the sins of the world, have mer - cy

up - on us. O Lamb of God,  
 that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of  
 the world, grant us thy peace.

*Then is said, the Priest and People kneeling, the*

#### PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*The Celebrant then invites the people to communion with the following.*

*Celebrant*   ✠ Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are we who are called to his supper.

*People*       **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you; but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive Holy Communion. If you are not receiving the Sacrament, cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will*



*We invite all to join us for light refreshments in the Parish Hall following Mass.*

PARISH CALENDAR

Meetings

Bible Study            Tuesday at 6 p.m., online  
Vestry                    Sunday, March 8 at 12:00 p.m., in the Parish House.  
UBE                        Saturday, March 7 at 10 a.m., online.  
                                  *Email [ubeaz.exec@gmail.com](mailto:ubeaz.exec@gmail.com) for the meeting link.*

Twelve-Step Meetings

NA                        Nightly at 10:00 p.m.  
AA                        Mon-Sat at Midnight  
MA                        Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2026

**Monday, March 2—Chad of Lichfield, Bishop, 672**

*The Diocese of Toamasina—The Church of the Province of the Indian Church*

Morning Prayer at 9 A.M.

Evening Prayer at 5 P.M.

**Tuesday, March 3—John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788**

*The Diocese of Tohoku: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai*

Morning Prayer at 9 A.M.

Holy Hour at 11 A.M.

Angelus at 12 NOON

Low Mass, Rite II at 12:05 P.M.

Evening Prayer at 5 P.M.

**Wednesday, March 4—Lenten Feria**

*The Diocese of Tokyo: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai*

Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.

Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.

### **Thursday, March 5–Lenten Feria**

*The Diocese of Toliara: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean*

Morning Prayer at 9 A.M.

Evening Prayer at 5 P.M.

### **Friday, March 6–Lenten Feria**

*The Diocese of Tonj: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

Morning Prayer at 9 A.M.

Evening Prayer at 5 P.M.

Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 6:30 P.M., *soup supper following*

### **Saturday, March 7–Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs, 202**

*The Diocese of Torit: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

Low Mass, Rite I at 9:30 A.M.

Confession at 10:30 A.M.

## NOTICES

### **Episcopal 101, Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.**

What's the deal with Bishops? Do we pray to Mary? How do I use the Book of Common Prayer? Join Mtr. Samantha at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the Library as we explore the theological and historical foundations of the Episcopal Church. Bring your curiosity and all the questions you've wanted to ask, but have been too afraid to. This course is designed for newcomers to the Episcopal Church, but is open to all. Offered weekly until March 26.

### **Lenten Soup Supper**

Following Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday evenings, we will be holding a simple supper of soup and bread in the parish hall. If you would like to bring soup or bread, please sign up on the sheet located in the parish hall.

### **Parish Service Day**

The Buildings and Grounds Committee invites you to the next Parish Service Day, March 28, 2026, from 8:00 am to Noon. Projects to be worked on include weeding the lawn on the southside of the church building, moving items between the church,

office, and storage container, and cleaning and decorating the church for Palm Sunday. Other tasks may be attempted as time allows. Please join us for this time of fellowship and service. Speak with Gerica for more information.

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

We pray for the Church; for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Primate; Jennifer, our Bishop; Samantha, our Priest-in-Charge; and for Frank, our Priest Associate. We pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; St. Augustine's, Tempe; the Diocese of Navajoland, and for our companion dioceses, the Diocese of Western Mexico and the Diocese of Upper Southern Nyanza-Kisii.

We pray for the people of St. Mary's; for the Congregation of Santa Maria and their vicar, Susana; for the members of the Society of Catholic Priests and their parishes; For those discerning Holy Orders, especially Hyacinth; for monastics and their communities, especially Jeffrey and the Community of Solitude, Lee and the Anglican Order of Preachers, the Community of Francis and Claire, and the Oblates of the Servants of Christ; and for all discerning a vocation to religious life, especially Robin.

We pray for peace among the peoples of the earth.

We pray for all who are impacted by recent immigration actions, and for an end to the terrorization of our neighbors by ICE.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Hugh, Larry, Thomas, Kathleen, Lynn, Dylan, Susan, Patricia, Carol, Alvie, Jacquelyn, Philip, Bobby, Spencer, Jacob, Diane, and members of the recovery groups which meet at St. Mary's.

We pray for those facing the end of life; those on death row, especially Billy; and for an end to the death penalty. We pray for all who have died, especially Valerie Vega, Melvin Trotter, and Erin Cummings.

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