



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

39TH AVENUE & MARYLAND
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
28 DECEMBER 2025, 10:30 A.M.
Sung Mass

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.

MUSIC OF THE MASS

The setting of the Ordinary of the Mass is the *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* by Healey Willan (1880–1968).

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

VOLUNTARY

The Word of God

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

INTROIT: *Deus in loco sancto*

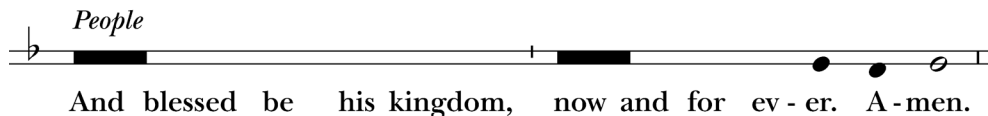
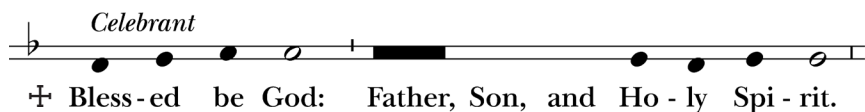
Tone VII

✠ God in his holy habitation; it is he that maketh brethren to be of one mind in an house: He will give the dominion and preeminence unto his people. *Ps.* Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. Glory be. God in his holy habitation.

IN PROCESSION: **HYMN 93**

Regent Square

OPENING ACCLAMATION



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.

KYRIE ELEISON

Healey Willan (1880–1968)



on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Willan

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,

good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,

we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give

thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly

King, God the Fa-ther Al - might y.



4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;



5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that



ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -



on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the



world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the



right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.



8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou



on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most



high in the † glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated for the Readings and the Psalm.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147:13-21

sung by Schola Cantorum

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *

praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *

he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders; *

he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, *
 and his word runs very swiftly.
 He gives snow like wool; *
 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
 who can stand against his cold?
 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
 He declares his word to Jacob, *
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
 He has not done so to any other nation; *
 to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then an heir.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the Gradual Hymn and the Gospel.

FOR THE GRADUAL, **HYMN 112**

Cranham

ALLELUIA *Gaudete iusti*

Tone VI

Alleluia. Alleluia. V. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

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 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The People are seated for the Sermon.

THE SERMON

Mtr. Christopher

All stand to sing the Nicene Creed.

THE NICENE CREED

Credo III



We be - lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the Al-might-y, mak-er of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be-lieve
in one Lord, Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, e - ter - nal - ly
be - got - ten of the Fa - ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, be - got - ten, not made, of one Be - ing with the Fa - ther.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion
he came down from hea - ven: by the power of the Ho - ly Spi - rit
he be - came in - car - nate from the Vir - gin Ma - ry, and was made man.
For our sake he was cru - ci - fied un - der Pon - tius Pi - late;

he suf-fered death and was bur - ied. On the third day he rose a - gain

in ac-cord-ance with the Scrip-tures; he a - scend-ed in - to hea - ven

and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther. He will come a -

gain in glo - ry to judge the liv - ing and the dead, and his king-dom

will have no end. We be-lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord,

the giv - er of life, who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther and the Son.

With the Fa - ther and the Son he is wor - shiped and glo - ri - fied.

He has spo - ken through the Pro - phets. We be - lieve in one ho - ly

cath - o - lic and a - po - sto - lic Church. We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism

for the for-give-ness of sins. ✠ We look for the re-sur-rec-tion of the dead,



and the life of the world to come. A - - - men.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.”

After each petition, the People respond,



Lord, have mer - cy.

Intercessor In the communion of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and of 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 Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

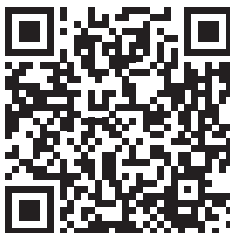
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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 *In te speravi*

Tone II

My hope hath been in thee, O Lord: I have said, Thou art my God, my time is in thy hand.

The People stand.

AT THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 89

Carol

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

The musical notation for the Sursum Corda section consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' labels above the corresponding parts. The first staff has two parts: 'Celebrant' (The Lord be with you.) and 'People' (And al - so with you.). The second staff has two parts: 'Celebrant' (Lift up your hearts.) and 'People' (We lift them to the Lord.). The third staff is for the 'Celebrant' (Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.). The fourth staff is for the 'People' (It is right to give him thanks and praise.). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and accidentals (sharps and naturals) indicating specific pitches.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

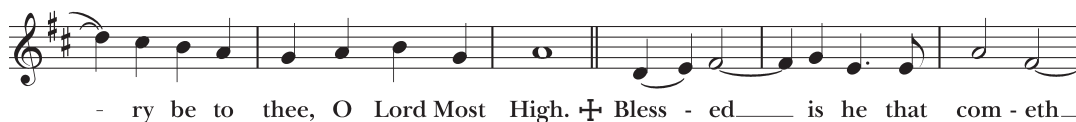
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues with the appointed preface. The People sing the Sanctus & Benedictus.

Celebrant ...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Willan



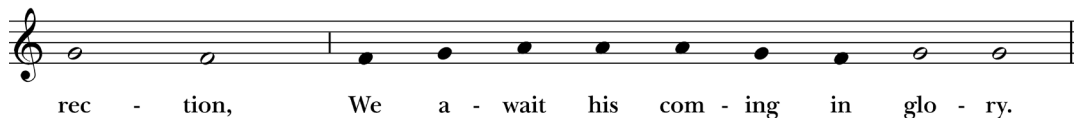
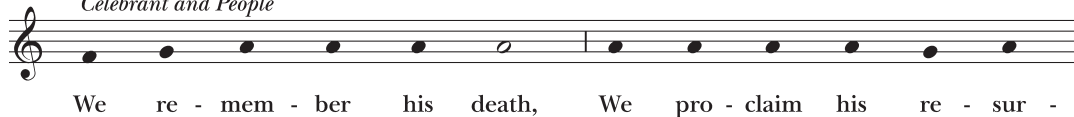
The People kneel as able.

THE CANON OF THE MASS

The Celebrant continues with Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP 367-369). At the appropriate time following the words of institution, the people sing the Memorial Acclamation.

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People



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.

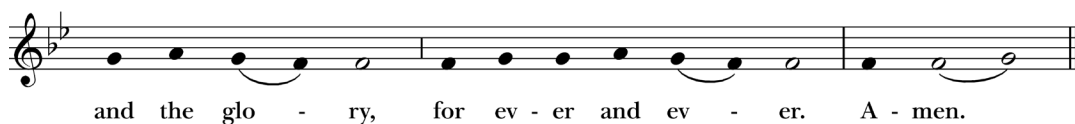


Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

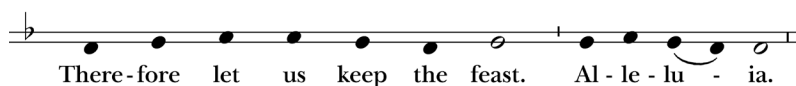
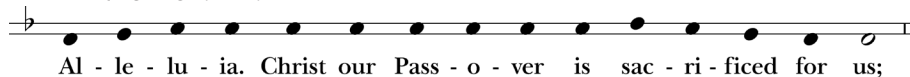
Musical notation for The Lord's Prayer. It consists of eight staves of music in G major (one sharp) with a treble clef. The melody is a simple, flowing line of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The text is: "Our 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,"

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

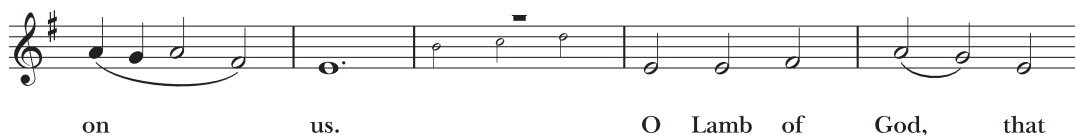
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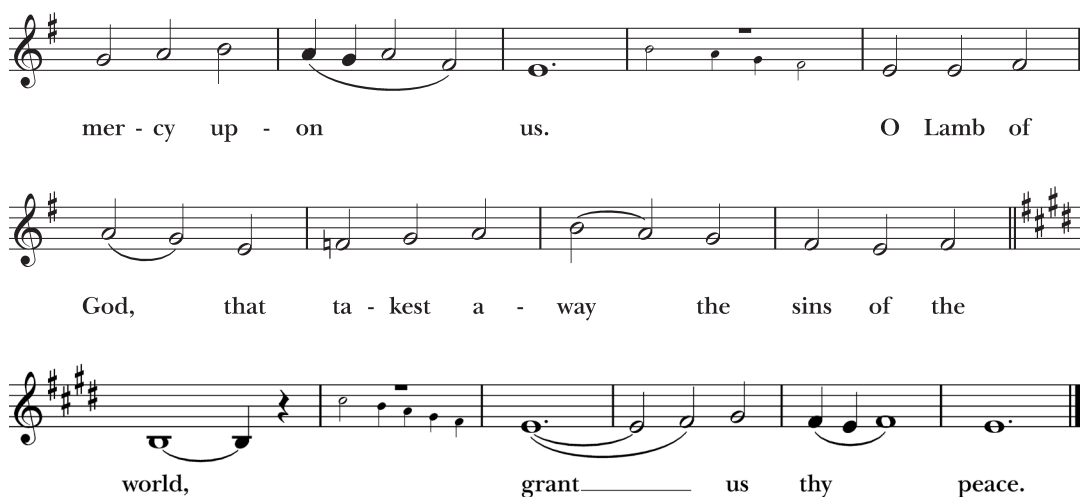


As the second Chalice is prepared, the Priest and People sing

AGNUS DEI

Willan





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 offer a blessing. To receive the Bread, please place one hand on the other and raise them so that the Priest may place a Host in your open palm. To receive the Wine, please gently guide the chalice to your lips. Please do not intinct (dip) the Host in the Chalice. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your hands over your chest as the minister with the Wine approaches. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please notify one of the ushers so that the Priest may bring the Sacrament to you. Healing prayer is available in the Chapel.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Tolle puerum*

Mode I

Take the young Child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young Child's life.

AT THE ABLUTIONS, **HYMN 82**

Divinum mysterium

After the hymn, the People kneel and pray together.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Following the blessing, all stand for the dismissal.

Deacon *People*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE LAST GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

Celebrant Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.’” Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, (*here genuflect*) and they fell down and worshiped him. (*here rise*) Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense

and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

People **Thanks be to God.**

AT THE PROCESSION, **HYMN 99**

Go Tell it on the Mountain

AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY, THE ANGELUS

Front cover of Hymnal 1982

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
Annual Meeting	Sunday, January 25, at 12:00 p.m.
UBE	Saturday, January 3 at 10 a.m., online.
	<i>Email ubeaz.exec@gmail.com for the meeting link.</i>

Twelve-Step Meetings

NA	Nightly at 10:00 p.m.
AA	Mon-Sat at Midnight
CMA	Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
MA	Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: WEEK OF DECEMBER 28, 2025

Monday, December 29–The Holy Innocents (tr.)

The Diocese of Sebei: The Church in the Province of Uganda

Parish office closed this day

Low Mass, Rite I at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 30–Thomas Becket, Archbishop and Martyr, 1170 (tr.)

The Diocese of Sekondi: The Church of the Province of West Africa

Parish office closed this day

Low Mass, Rite I at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 31–Francis Joseph–Gaudet, Educator and Reformer, 1934

The Diocese of Seoul: The Anglican Church of Korea
Parish office closed this day, no services

Thursday, January 1, 2026–Circumcision of Our Lord

The Diocese of Seychelles: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
Parish office closed this day
Low Mass, Rite I at 6 p.m.

Friday, January 2–Feria

The Diocese of Sheffield: The Church of England
Parish office closed this day, no services

Saturday, January 3–Feria

The Diocese of Shinyanga: The Anglican Church of Tanzania
Parish office closed this day, no services

PARISH PRAYER LIST

We pray for the Church; for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury–elect; Sean, our Primate; Jennifer, our Bishop; Samantha, our Priest-in-Charge; and for Frank, our Priest Associate. We pray for the Anglican Church of Canada; St. Andrew's Sedona; 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 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 our leaders, for Donald, President; J.D., Vice-President; Katie, Governor of Arizona; Kate, Mayor of Phoenix; and the courts and legislature.

We pray for peace among the peoples of the earth.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Susan, Michelle, Franklin, Amber, Darren, Hugh, Maggie, Anna May, Joe, Phyllis, Pat, Cheak, Carol, Lynn, Mary, Junie, Lorraine, Jacqueline, Markia, Phillip, Betty, Liz, Erfel, Harrison, Bruce, Jacob, Eric, Rachel, Scott, Nana Lupe, Kaymalin, Patricia, Kalli, and members of the recovery groups which meet at St. Mary's.

We pray for those facing the end of life, especially Kim; those on death row; and for an end to the death penalty.

We pray for all who have died.

If you would like to add or remove a name to the Parish Prayer List, please tell a member of the clergy or contact the parish office.

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