



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

39TH AVENUE & MARYLAND
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE: CANDLEMAS
8 FEBRUARY 2026, 10:30 A.M.
Blessing of Candles, Procession, and Solemn 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 taken from *Mass for the Hymnal 1982* by Robert Powell (1932–2025), and *A Community Mass* by Richard Proulx (1937–2010).

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: *Suscepimus*

Tone VII

✠ We have waited, O God, for thy lovingkindness in the midst of thy temple; according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end: Thy right hand is full of righteousness. *Ps.* Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill. Glory be. We have waited.

AT THE BLESSING OF CANDLES

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Bless, O Lord Jesus Christ, these candles for us who pray to you; and pour your heavenly blessing upon them by virtue of the Holy Cross, that, as they are used by us, your children to dispel darkness, so too may these candles receive such power and benediction by the sign of your Holy Cross, that wherever they are lit or set up, the Devil and all his hosts may depart in fear and trembling out of our dwellings, and dare no more to disturb those who serve you, Jesus Christ our Lord; who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, world without end. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who on this day presented your only-begotten Son in your holy temple to be received into the arms of Saints Simeon and Anna: we pray that you would bless and sanctify these candles which we your servants receive through the glory of your name. Kindle them with the light of your heavenly blessing so that we, who have been made worthy by offering them to you our Lord and God, being enflamed with the holy fire of your love, may be found worthy to be presented in the holy temple of your glory. **Amen.**

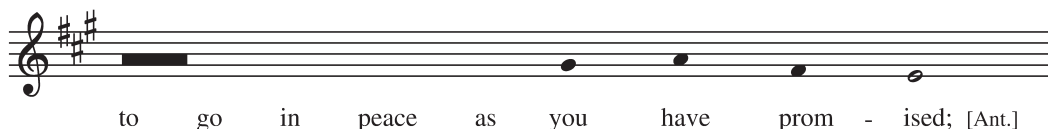
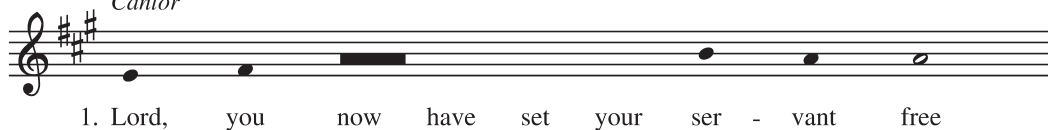
AT THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CANDLES, *Nunc Dimittis*

As the Canticle is sung, the Deacon and Subdeacon will pass through the congregation, distributing blessed candles to the faithful. Torchbearers will pass behind them, lighting the candles of those on the end of each row. Please light your candle by dipping the unlit candle into the lit candle of the person next to you.

Antiphon
Cantor; then All

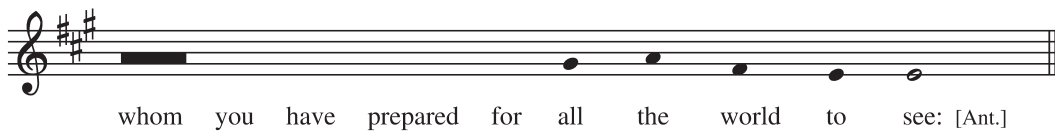


Cantor



Antiphon
Cantor; then All





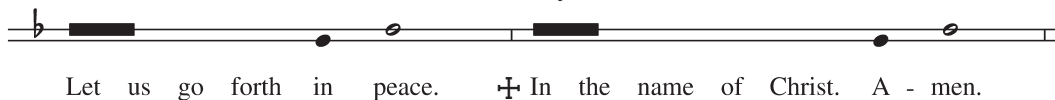
Antiphon
Cantor; then All



AT THE PROCESSION

Deacon

People

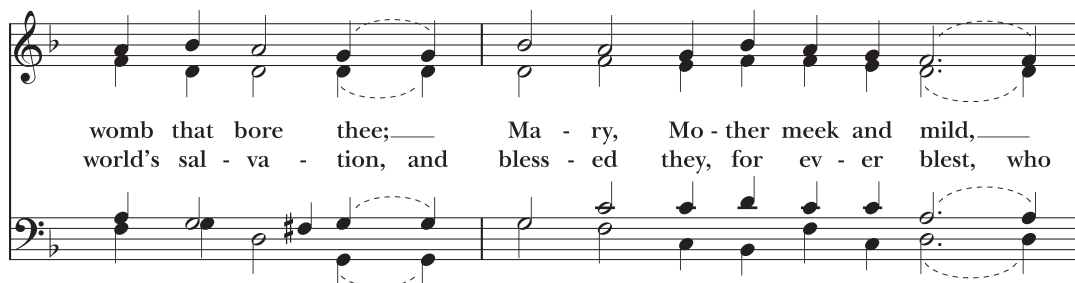


All are welcome to join the procession as it passes.

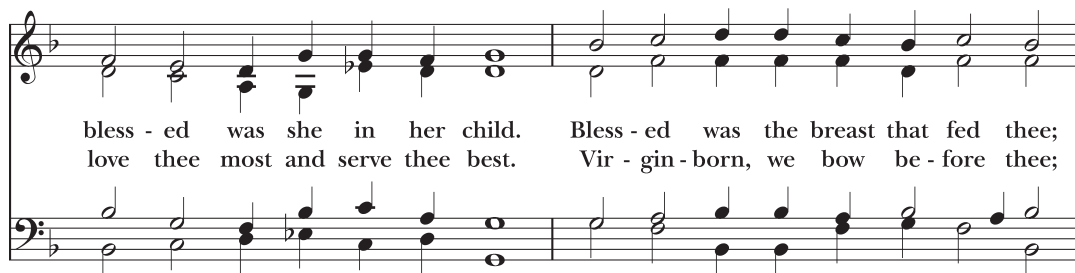
IN PROCESSION, HYMN



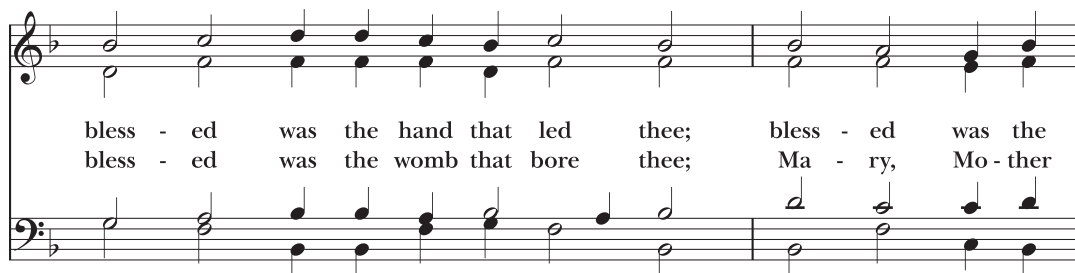
1 Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee: bless - ed was the
2 Bless - ed she by all cre - a - tion, who brought forth the



womb that bore thee; — Ma - ry, Mo - ther meek and mild, —
world's sal - va - tion, and bless - ed they, for ev - er blest, who



bless - ed was she in her child. Bless - ed was the breast that fed thee;
love thee most and serve thee best. Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee;



bless - ed was the hand that led thee; bless - ed was the
bless - ed was the womb that bore thee; Ma - ry, Mo - ther

par - ent's eye that watched thy slum-bering in - fan - cy.
meek and mild, — bless - ed was she in her Child.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Music: *Psalm 86*, Claude Goudimel (1514-1572), alt.

AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY

∞ The old man held the Child.

R But the Child was the old man's King.

Let us pray. O God, you have made this day holy by the presentation of your Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness to be the Birth-giver of the Only-begotten, may rejoice for ever in our adoption as his siblings; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

IN PROCESSION AND AT THE CENSING, HYMN

1 O Zi - on, o - pen wide thy gates, let
2 A - ware of hid - den de - i - ty, the
3 The a - ged Si - meon sees at last his
4 But si - lent knelt the mo - ther blest of
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all

1 sym - bols dis - ap - pear; a priest and vic - tim,
 2 low - ly Vir - gin brings her new - born babe, with
 3 Lord, so long de - sired, and An - na wel - comes
 4 the yet si - lent Word, and pon - dering all things
 5 glo - ry to the Son, all glo - ry, Ho - ly

1 both in one, the Truth him - self, is here.
 2 two young doves, her hum - ble of - fer - ings.
 3 Is - rael's hope, with ho - ly rap - ture fired.
 4 in her heart, with speech - less praise a - dored.
 5 Ghost, to thee, while end - less a - ges run.

KYRIE ELEISON

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

Cantor or Choir *All* *Cantor or Choir*
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

All *Cantor or Choir* *All*
 Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

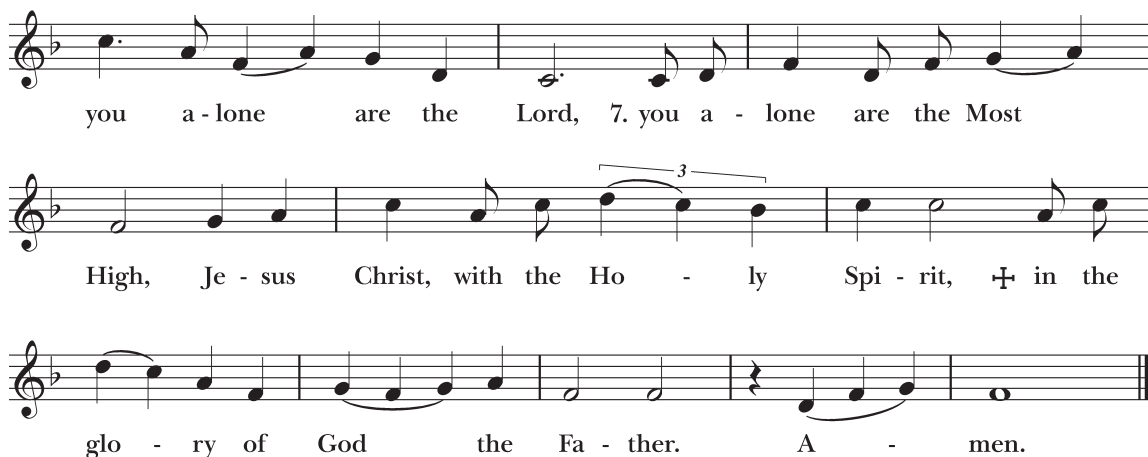
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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Robert Powell (1932–2025)



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated for the Readings and the Psalm. You may extinguish your candle at this time.

THE FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

Behold, I send my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever-| lasting | doors; *
and the King of | glory | shall come | in.

“Who is this | King of | glory?” *

“The Lord, strong and mighty, the | Lörd | mighty • in | battle.”

Lift up your heads O gates, lift them high, O ever-| lasting | doors; *
and the King of | glory | shall come | in.

“Who is he, this | King of | glory?” *

“The Lord of hosts, | he is • the | King of | glory.”

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the Gradual Hymn and the Gospel.

FOR THE GRADUAL, **HYMN 259**Old 120thALLELUIA *Senex puerum*

Tone VI

Alleluia. Alleluia. V. The old man carried the Child: but the Child governed the old man. Alleluia.

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon ††† The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Deacon

And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel.” And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed.” And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The People are seated for the Sermon.

THE SERMON

Mtr. Christopher

THE NICENE CREED (*sung by all on one pitch*)

R. Craig Bustrin (b. 1953), alt.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven.
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son she is worshiped and glorified.
She has spoken through the Prophets.

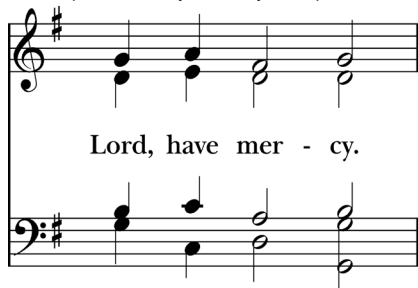
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

✠ We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon 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,



Deacon 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.



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 *Diffusa est gratia*

Tone II

Full of grace are thy lips: because God hath blessed thee for ever.

The People stand.

AT THE OFFERTORY, **HYMN 436**

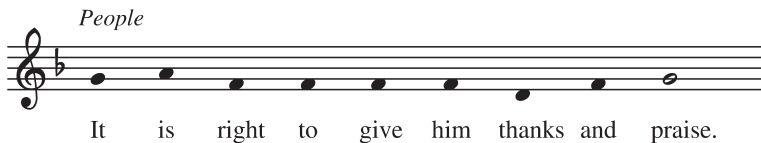
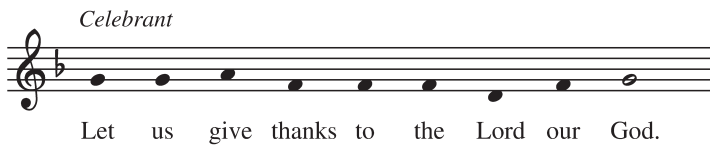
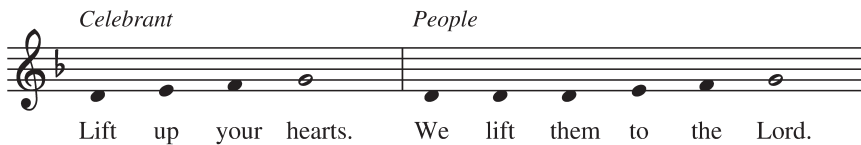
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ORATE, FRATRES

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 Christ's Holy Church.**

SURSUM CORDA



The Celebrant continues with Eucharistic Prayer C. The People sing the appointed responses

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.



Celebrant ...and this fragile earth, our island home.



By your will they were cre - a - ted and have their be - ing.

Celebrant ...and we turned against one another.



Have mer - cy, Lord, for we are sin - ners in your sight.

Celebrant ...to open for us the way of freedom and peace.



By his blood, he re - con - ciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant ...to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Proulx



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



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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



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The People kneel as able.

THE CANON OF THE MASS

The Celebrant continues with Eucharistic Prayer C (BCP 371–372). At the appropriate time following the words of institution, the people sing the following responses:

Celebrant ...and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,



Celebrant ...that we may worthily serve the world in his name.



The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding with:

Celebrant ...your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



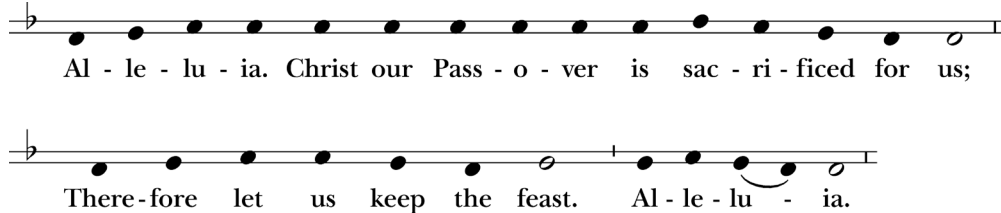
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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



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

AGNUS DEI

Powell

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

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AT THE PROCESSION, **HYMN 381**

Ton-γ-Botel

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. The Traditional Blessing of Throats will be offered at the Altar Rail immediately following Mass.

PARISH CALENDAR

Meetings

Bible Study	Tuesday at 6 p.m., online
Vestry	Sunday, February 8, at 12:00 p.m.
UBE	Saturday, February 7 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
MA	Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Monday, February 9–Feria

The Diocese of South West Tanganyika: The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.

Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10–Scholastica, Monastic, 543

The Diocese of Western Tanganyika: The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.

Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11–Consecration of Barbara C. Harris, 1989

The Diocese of Tarime: The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.

Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.

Thursday, February 12–Theodora, Empress, c. 867

The Diocese of Tasmania: The Anglican Church of Australia

Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.

Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.

Friday, February 13–Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818

The Diocese of Taungoo: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.

Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.

Saturday, February 14–Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries, 869 and 885

The Diocese of Temotu: The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Low Mass, Rite I at 9:30 a.m.

NOTICES

Palms for Ash Wednesday

Did you know that the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are made from the previous year's palms? Please bring any palm leaves or crosses from last year's observance of Palm Sunday that you may have lying around the house to Mass on Sunday, February 15 so they may be burned and turned into the ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday observance.

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 from February 12 to March 26.

Lent at St. Mary's

Lent begins on February 18th. Our Lenten observance begins with Ash Wednesday. Join us at 7 A.M. and 12 NOON for Low Mass and Imposition of Ashes, and at 7:30 P.M. for Sung Mass and Imposition of Ashes. Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be sung on Fridays at 6:30 P.M., soup supper following.

Confession will be available each Saturday in Lent, following the usual 9:30 A.M. Low Mass, and by appointment. In addition, an hour of eucharistic adoration (or Holy Hour) will be offered each Tuesday in Lent, followed by the Angelus and Low Mass at Noon. Please join us!

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 Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; Church of the Epiphany, 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 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 all who are impacted by recent immigration actions.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Hugh, Dylan, Susan, Erin, Patricia, Carol, Alvie, Jacquelyn, Javier, Rosemary, Mary, Bobby, Jacob, Diane, Spencer, 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 Ronald; and for an end to the death penalty.

We pray for all who have died, especially Valerie Vega.

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