



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

39TH AVENUE & MARYLAND
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
14 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 welcome at St. Mary's every day. If you are looking for a parish home, we hope you will find one here.

The rose vestments worn at today's Mass are a gift to the parish by Br. Jeffrey Shy CoS, to the glory of God and in memory of his mother, Eileen Marie Henderson Shy.

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.

VOLUNTARY

The Word of God

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

INTROIT: *Gaudete in Domino*

Tone VII


✠ Rejoice ye in the Lord, and again I say, rejoice ye; let your moderation be known unto all men, the Lord is at hand: be careful for nothing, nor troubled; but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving; let your requests be known unto God. *Ps.* Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Glory be. Rejoice ye in the Lord.

IN PROCESSION: **HYMN 640**

Aberystwyth

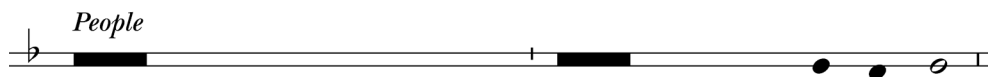
OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant



✠ Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People



And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.


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

Mass IX



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated for the Readings and the Psalm.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not pass over it, and fools shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146:4-9

sung by Schola Cantorum

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
 and food to those who hunger.
 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
 the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
 The Lord loves the righteous;
 the Lord cares for the stranger; *
 he sustains the orphan and widow,
 but frustrates the way of the wicked.
 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
 Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it until it receives the early and the late rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble, brethren, against one another, that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the doors. As an example of suffering and patience, brethren, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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 76**

Winchester New

ALLELUIA *Excita, Domine*

Tone VI

Alleluia. Alleluia. *W*. Stir up thy strength, O Lord: and come and help us. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Celebrant Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you he who is to come, or

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

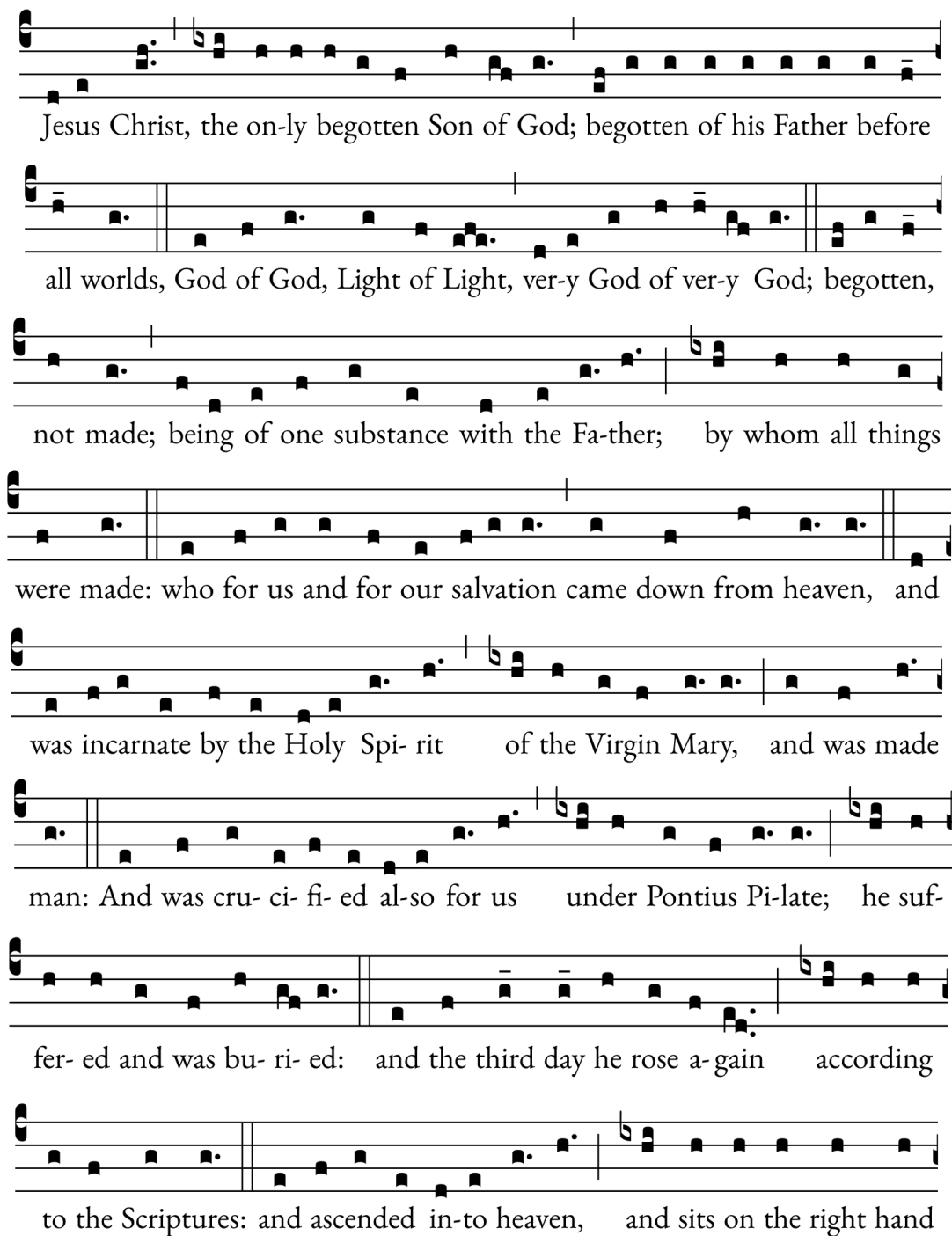
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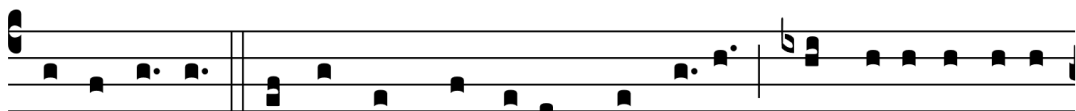
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Credo I

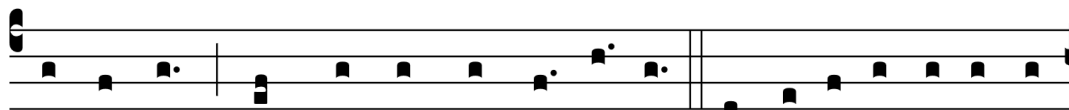
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The image displays a musical score for a Credo, consisting of eight staves of music. Each staff is a grand staff with a soprano and alto clef. The notes are represented by black square symbols on the staves, with some dots indicating specific rhythmic values. The lyrics are written below each staff, aligned with the corresponding musical phrases. The text is a traditional Credo in Latin, starting with 'Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God; begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried: and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: and ascended into 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 kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Ho-



ly Spirit, the Lord, and Giver 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, cath-



o-lic, and Apostol-ic Church: We acknowledge one Baptism for the re-



mission 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 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,



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



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 *Benedixisti, Domine*

Tone II

O Lord thou art become gracious unto thy land; thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob: thou hast forgive the offence of thy people.

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM *Come, Lord Jesus*

- 1** Come Lord, Jesus, great Redeemer, Light of Morning, Prince of Peace. We will be Thy children ever. Dry our tears; may weeping cease. Come in glory; come again. Come to us to rule and reign. Ready us to kneel and greet Thee. Come, Lord Jesus, come!
- 2** Come, Lord Jesus, to the wounded—Broken heart and bended knee. Worthy Lamb, Thy love unbounded, Bid our souls to rest in thee. Grant us mercy, Savior, King; Come with healing in Thy wings. Come, Lord Jesus, to the wounded. Come, Lord Jesus, Come!
- 3** Come, Lord Jesus, to the manger. May we see Thy tender face—Great Creator, here a stranger, Infant in this humble place. Darkness scatter; morning swell. Come, dear Lord Immanuel. Come, Lord Jesus, to the manger. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Text: *Savior of the World: His Birth and Resurrection*, 2000; alt.
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Music: David A. Zabriskie, 2000.

The People stand.

AT THE OFFERTORY, **HYMN 615**

St. Flavian

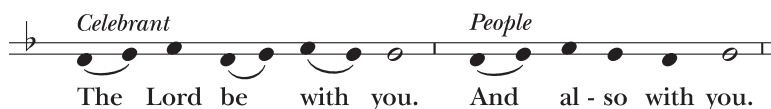
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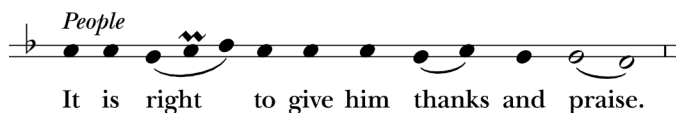
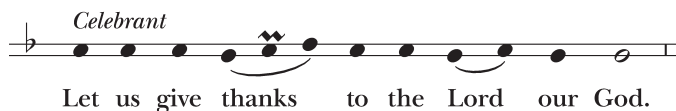
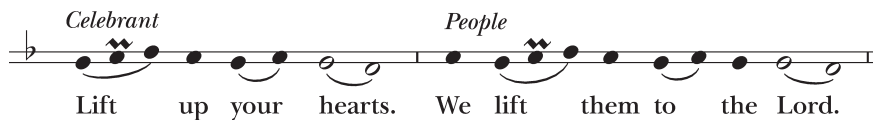
ORATE, FRATRES

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 his Holy Church.**

SURSUM CORDA



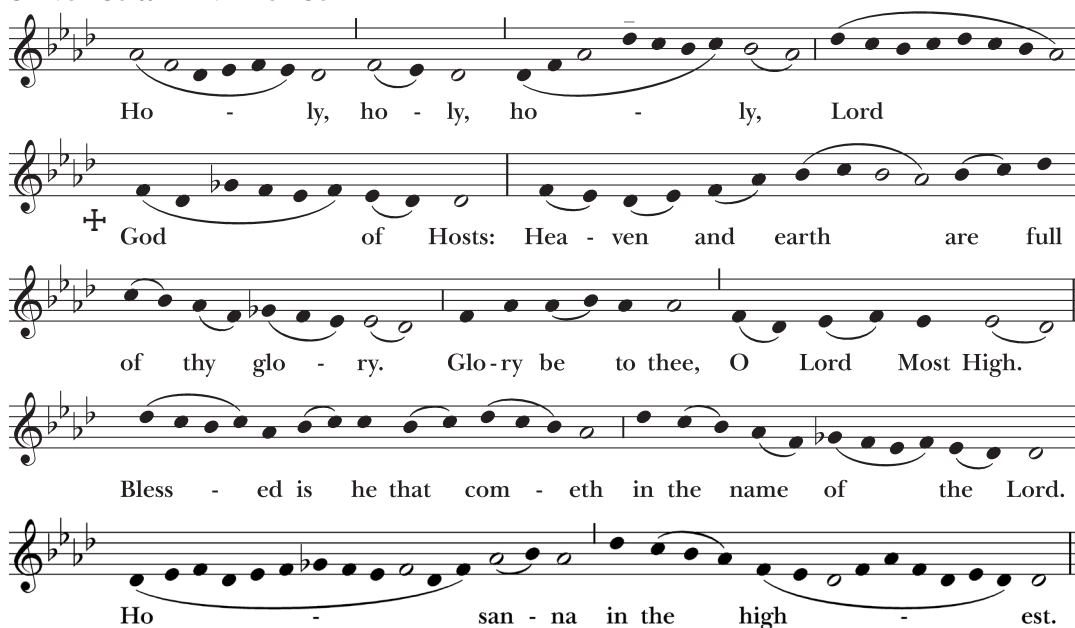


The Celebrant continues with the appointed preface. The People sing the Sanctus & Benedictus.

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

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Mass IX



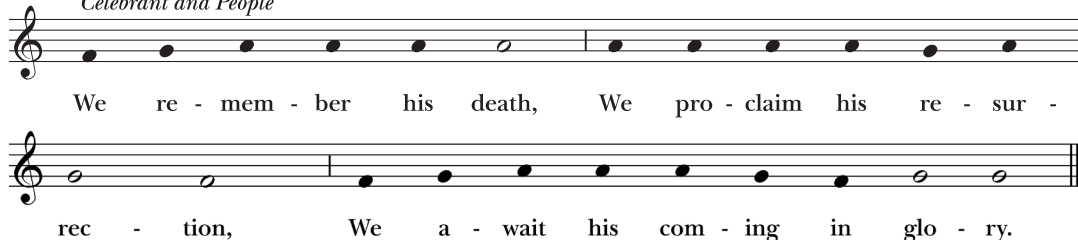
The People kneel as able.

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



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding with:

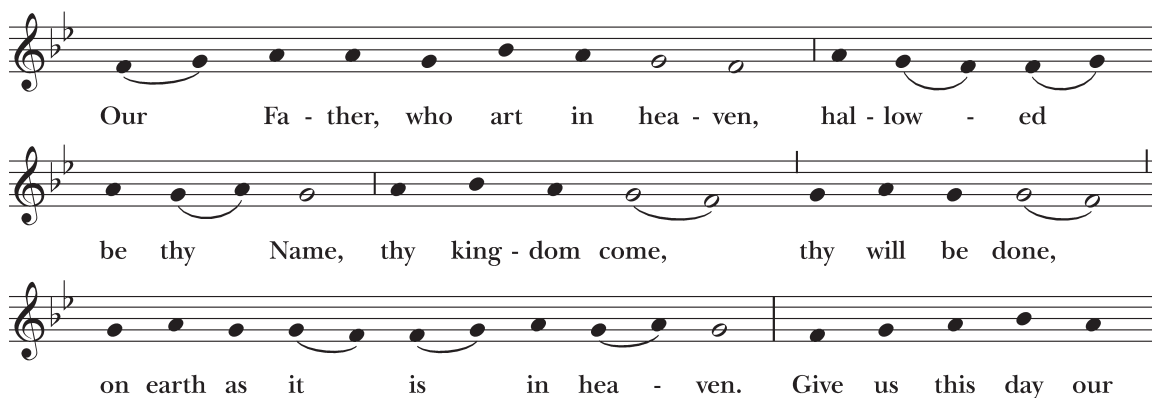
Celebrant ...by him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



Celebrant *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

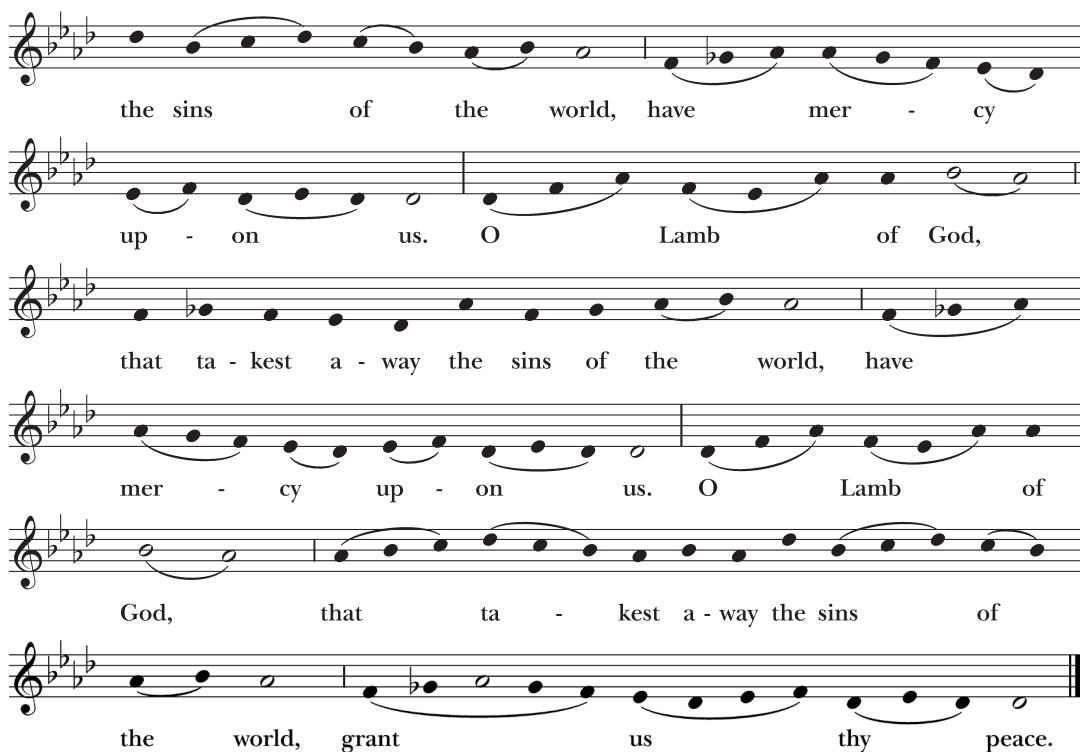
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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 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.

AT THE COMMUNION, ANTIPHON: *Dicite: Pusillanimes*

Mode I

Say to them that are of a fearful heart: be strong, fear not, behold your God will come and save you.

AT THE COMMUNION, PROSE *Rorate, cæli*

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

- 1 Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee. *Drop down.*
- 2 We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumèd us, because of our iniquities. *Drop down.*
- 3 Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that you may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. *Drop down.*
- 4 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. *Drop down.*

AT THE ABLUTIONS, HYMN 437

Birmingham

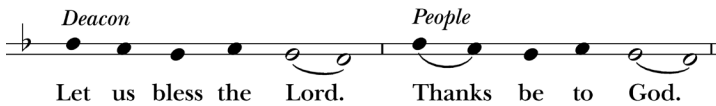
After the hymn, the People kneel and pray together.

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.



AT THE PROCESSION, **HYMN 54**
VOLUNTARY:

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

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	February 8, 2026 at 12:30 p.m.
UBE	Saturday, January 2 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 14, 2025

Monday, December 15–Nino of Georgia, Missionary, c. 332

The Diocese of Saint Helena: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.

Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16–Feria

The Diocese of Saint Mark the Evangelist: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.

Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17–Ember Day

The Diocese of Saldanha Bay: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.

Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.

Thursday, December 18–Feria

The Diocese of Salisbury: The Church of England

Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.

Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.

Friday, December 19–Ember Day

The Diocese of El Salvador: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.

Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 20–Ember Day

The Diocese of Sambalpur: The Church of North India (United)

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

NOTICES

Advent and Christmas at St. Mary's

Advent is here! Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

Sunday, December 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Children's Pageant with Holy Communion

Monday, December 22 at 6 p.m.

Low Mass for St. Thomas, Apostle

Wednesday, December 24

Musical Prelude at 9 p.m.

First Mass of the Nativity of our Lord at 9:30 p.m. (Sermon by Mtr. Christopher)

Thursday, December 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Mass of the Nativity of our Lord (Sermon by Canon Clark)

2025 Donations

If you would like your contribution to be deductible on your 2025 taxes, please ensure it is in the parish office by December 31.

Parish Office Nominations

Nominations for the offices of Junior Warden, Vestry Member, and Delegate to Diocesan Convention are now open. Please see the *Angelus* for more details.

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 Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; Saint Anthony on the Desert, Scottsdale; 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 Emilia, Susan, Michelle, Franklin, Amber, Darren, Hugh, Maggie, Anna May, Joe, Phyllis, Pat, Cheak, Carol, Lynn, Mary, Junie, Lorraine, Jacqueline, 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, especially Stacey and Frank; and for an end to the death penalty. We pray for all who have died, especially Mark and Harold.

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