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As We Gather:

Tech Notes and Other Stuff

We are glad that you are here! We hope that you feel right at home here--whether you are new to St. Mary's, new to Zoom, or a regular to both. Relax; you are among friends. Lift your heart and voice to the God who loves you.

If you are new to worshipping via Zoom, here are a few notes that may make it easier for you to relax during the service, so that it can be as meaningful as possible. None is essential.

- *You will be muted, and unable to unmute yourself, so sing joyfully without any fear of broadcasting your voice.*
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A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARISTⁱ

Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 10 am

First Sunday in Lent

By Zoom at <https://godsviv.zoom.us/j/94031891877>

Meeting ID: 940 3189 1877; Telephone call-in: (301) 715-8592

Accompanying Coloring Pages may be found [HERE](#).

*If you'd like more information about our congregation,
or would like a call from our clergy, please let us know [HERE](#).*

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Preacher: [The Rev. Michael Burke](#)

Celebrant: [The Rev. Catherine Amy Kropp](#)

Gospel Reader: [The Rev. Dawn Allen-Herron](#)

Reader: Kathie Tallant

The Voice of the People: Michael Wilson & Mateo Banggiacan

Prayers: Kris Green

Musicians: Molly Buttars, Andrea Gardner, Kyle Gantz,
and the St. Mary's Choir, directed by Luke Honeck

Media Support: George Hyde

AGAIN AND AGAIN, GOD MEETS US¹

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

PRELUDE
WELCOME

Various Hymns

Molly Buttars

OPENING HYMNⁱⁱ

Now Let Us All with One Accord, verses 1 & 5

Hymnal #147

Verse 1 Now let us all with one accord,
in company with ages past,
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord
in his temptation and his fast.

Verse 5 Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive;
so when our wanderings here shall cease,
we may with you for ever live,
in love and unity and peace.

OPENING SENTENCESⁱⁱⁱ

Words for Worship p. 4

Priest: God meets us in the night—

People: ***Before the sun rises,
Before the wound heals,
Before there are answers,
Before there is closure.***

God meets us in the light—
***Where joy is effervescent,
Where laughter is contagious,
Where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk,
And where people gather around the table.***

God meets us at the threshold—
***At the edge of the water,
At the beginning of the wilderness,
At the start of something new,
On the edge of faith.***

And if God meets us in all those places,
Then surely God meets us in between—
Staying with us through the wilderness.

We are not alone. God is all around.
Let us worship the God of the here and now.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kenyan Liturgy

A Priest says

Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him.

Come unto me, all who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest.

(Matthew 11:28)

¹ Much of today's liturgy is adapted from two sources, [A Kenyan Eucharistic Rite \(1989\)](#) and resources from [A Sanctified Art](#).

So, all of you who repent of your sin,
 who love your neighbors,
 and intend to live a new life following the way of Jesus,
 come with faith and find nourishment to strengthen you.
 Let us reverently confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION^{IV}

*Almighty God, creator of all,
 you marvelously made us in your image;
 but we have corrupted ourselves
 and damaged your likeness
 by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbors.
 We have done wrong and neglected to do right.
 We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sin.
 Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son;
 remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

KYRIE

Hymnal #S-92

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON^V

A Priest says
 Almighty God, whose steadfast love
 is as great as the heavens are high above the earth,
 remove your sin from you,
 as far as the east is from the west,
 strengthen your life in his kingdom
 and keep you upright to the last day,
 through Jesus Christ, our merciful Savior. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT

Kenyan liturgy & BCP

Presider The Spirit is here.
People ***The promise of God.***
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

Reader A Reading from Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 25:1-9

Let me know your ways, Lead me in your truth, in
 you have I trusted all the day long.

ANTIPHON: Let me know your ways, lead me in your truth; in you have I trusted all the day long.

To you, O God, I set my hope in you;
 my God, I put my trust in you;
 let me not be humiliated,
 nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O God,
 and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
 for you are the God of my salvation;
 in you have I trusted all the day long.

ANTIPHON

Remember, O God, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O God.

Gracious and upright is God;
who teaches sinners the way.

Who guides the humble in doing right
and teaches the way to the lowly.

All the paths of God are love and faithfulness
to those who keep the covenant and the testimonies.

ANTIPHON: Let me know your ways, lead me in your truth; in you have I trusted all the day long.

GOSPEL HYMN^m

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized, verses 1, 2 & 4

Hymnal #121

Verse 1: Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove and yet
as urgent as a flame.

Verse 2: God called you his beloved Son,
called you his servant true,
sent you his kingdom to proclaim,
his holy will to do.

Verse 4: Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,
your cross on us be signed,
that, likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

Gospel Reader: We listen to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to Mark.

People ***Glory to Christ our Savior.***

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

This is the Gospel of Christ.

People ***Praise to Christ our Savior.***

SERMON

The Rev. Michael Burke

TRANSITIONAL MUSIC^{vi}*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Baptist Hymnal 2008

Verse 1: O Love that will not let me go,
 I rest my weary soul in Thee;
 I give Thee back the life I owe,
 That in Thine ocean depths its flow
 May richer, fuller be.

Verse 3: O Joy that seekest me through pain,
 I cannot close my heart to Thee;
 I trace the rainbow through the rain,
 And feel the promise is not vain
 That morn shall tearless be.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p.358

A priest says We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries,
 and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*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 he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sin.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

*We respond to the things God is doing as we bring our gifts, praising God and giving God glory.
Offerings toward the work and ministry of St. Mary's may be made
by texting **StMarysAK** to **73256**, or at godsview.org.*

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Kenyan liturgy

Celebrant Is Almighty God with us?

*People **God is with us.***

Celebrant Is Christ among us?

*People **Christ is among us.***

Celebrant Is the Spirit here?

*People **The Spirit is here.***

Celebrant This is our God.

*People **Our God is with us, among us, and is here now.***

Celebrant We are God's people.

*People **We are redeemed.***

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 our thanks and praise.***

The Celebrant continues

It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise,
great and living God, supreme over the world,
Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver.

From a wandering nomad you created your family;
for a burdened people you raised up a leader;
for a confused nation you chose a king;
for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets.

In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image,
bringing your kingdom, revealing your will,
dying, rising, reigning, and remaking your people for yourself.

Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit,
filling us with light and life.

Therefore with angels, archangels,
faithful ancestors, and all in heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,
forever praising you and singing:

SANCTUS^{viii}

Hymnal #S-130

All, together, sing or say

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, owner of all things,
We thank you for giving up your only Son
to die on the cross for us who owe you everything.
Pour your refreshing Spirit on us
as we remember him in the way he commanded,
through these gifts of your creation.

On the same night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying,
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me." 🕊️🕊️🕊️

Amen. His body was broken for us.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup
and gave thanks;
he gave it to them, saying,
"Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 🕊️🕊️🕊️

Together, all say

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant says

We are made brothers, sisters, siblings through Christ's blood.^{ix}

Together, all respond

***We have died together,
we will rise together,
we will live together.***

The Celebrant continues

Therefore, heavenly Father,
hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy,
and await the coming of our brother, Jesus Christ.

Hear, also, our prayers for the Church, the world, and for all of creation.

May the bishops and leaders of our churches have wisdom and speak with one voice.

Amen. God, have mercy.

May the leaders of our country rule with righteousness.

Amen. God, have mercy.

May justice be our shield and defender.

Amen. God, have mercy.

May the country have peace and the people be blessed.

Amen. God, have mercy.

May the flocks and the herds prosper and the fish abound in our lakes.

Amen. God, have mercy.

May the fields be fertile and the harvest plentiful.

Amen. God, have mercy.

May we and our enemies turn towards peace.

Amen. God, have mercy.

Hear, too, our prayers for these that we name:

(Here people may type their prayers in the Zoom chatbox, to be read aloud.)

May the love of God touch the lonely, the bereaved, and the suffering.

Amen. God, have mercy.

May those who have died find rest in the place of eternal joy and light.

Amen. God, have mercy.

May the path of the world be swept of all dangers.

Amen. God, have mercy.

The Celebrant continues

Most of all, we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus,

who died in our place,

making a full atonement for the sin of the whole world,

the perfect sacrifice, once and for all.

You accepted his offering by raising him from death,

and granting him great honor at your right hand on high.

Together, all say

AMEN. JESUS IS LORD.

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

Together, all say

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Do not bring us to the test,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory

are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ is alive forever.

We are because he is.^x

We are one body.

We share one bread.

Draw near with faith.

Christ is the host and we are his guests.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of God be always with you.

And also with you.

PEACE HYMN^d

Lord Jesus, Think on Me , verses 2 & 4

WLP 798

The people are invited to switch their screen to Gallery View and to greet one another.

*Verse 2: Lord Jesus, think on me,
with care and woe oppressed;
let me thy loving servant be,
and taste thy promised rest.*

*Verse 4: Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Kenyan Liturgy

The People are invited to join in the prayer.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*Almighty, everliving, and loving God,
we have sat at your feet,
learned from your word,
and eaten from your table.*

*We give you thanks and praise
for accepting us into your family.
Send us out with your blessing,
to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit,
through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead.*

Amen.

BLESSING

*The people accompany the first three responses with a sweep of the arm towards the cross behind the Holy Table,
and their final response with a sweep towards heaven.*

All our problems

We send to the cross of Christ.

All our difficulties

We send to the cross of Christ.

All the devil's works

We send to the cross of Christ.

All our hopes

We set on the risen Christ.

Christ the Sun of Righteousness

shine upon you

and scatter the darkness from before your path:

and the blessing of the Triune God

be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL^{xii}

Words for Worship, p. 1

A priest says

As you leave this space,

May your mouth speak of God's goodness.

May your arms hold those in need.

May your feet walk toward justice.

May your heart trust its worth.

May your soul dance in God's grace.

And may this be your rhythm—

Again and again and again,

Until God's promised day.

Go with courage, go with heart, go in peace.

People ***Thanks be to God!***

CLOSING HYMN^{xiii}

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High, verses 2 & 6

Hymnal #449

Verse 2: For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

Verse 6: All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
for ever and for evermore.

Please join us for Coffee Hour following the service.

BLESSINGS

Birthdays

Watch over your *child*, O Lord, as *her* days increase; bless and guide *her* wherever *she* may be. Strengthen *her* when she stand(s); comfort *her* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *her* up if *she* fall(s); and in *her* heart(s) may your peace which passes understanding, abide all the days of *her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*BCP*, page 381)

Anniversaries

Send, O God, your blessing upon these your servants. Sustain them in their love and commitment to each other, that their home may be a place of peace and hospitality now and always. Amen.

Sobriety

Bless, O God, your servant in *her* work of recovery; defend *her* in *her* sobriety; and bless *her* with strength and wisdom now and always. Amen.

Work transitions or retirement

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant(s) who *have/has* enriched this community and brought gladness to friends (and family); now bless and preserve *him* at this time of transition. Guide *him* in the continued use of your gifts; provide sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends to cheer the way, and a clear vision of the ministry to which you are now calling *him*. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

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^{iv} From Kenyan liturgy

^v From Kenyan liturgy

^{vi} F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.

^{vii} Author: George Matheson (1882) Tune: ST. MARGARET (Peace)

^{viii} From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proule (b. 1937)

^{ix ix} "With the phrase 'We are brothers and sisters through his blood' we come to the hidden heart of the prayer. In many African ethnic groups there is a traditional concept of 'blood brotherhood,' whereby friends bind themselves together, in a sort of covenant, through rubbing blood together from slight cuts in the arm. This concept here resonates with the new covenant through the blood of Christ and includes women. The phrase has a double meaning: through the blood of Christ, we are brothers and sisters with him and also with each other. This is underlined with the following responsive echoes of Romans 6:4-11: 'We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.' The repeated word 'together' has a powerfully binding effect on the congregation." (Graham Kings, *Offerings*, p. 22.)

^x "I am because we are. **We are because he is.**' This reflected John Mbiti's distinction between western individualism and African corporate identity. Mbiti, a Kenyan Anglican, who at that time was working in Switzerland, is a father of African Christian theology. He contrasted Descartes' 'I think therefore I am' with the African concept of 'I am because we are, and since we are therefore I am.' The draft took this further and extended it to refer to our dependence on Christ's life: we exist because Christ is alive. In the revision process this was rightly considered too esoteric and it was changed to pick up the last phrase of the previous Lord's prayer '... now and forever.' 'Christ is alive for ever. **We are because he is.**'" —Graham Kings, *Offerings*, p. 23.

^{xi} Synesius of Cyrene (375?-414?); tr. Allen William Chatfield (1808-1896), alt.

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^{xiii} Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.