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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, March 7, 2021 at 10 am

Third 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. Dawn Allen-Herron](#)

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

Reader: Molly Buttars

The Voice of the People: Jann and Bob Sherrill

Prayers: Kris Green

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

Media Support: George Hyde

AGAIN AND AGAIN, WE ARE SHOWN THE WAY¹

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

PRELUDE

Various Hymns

Molly Buttars

WELCOME

OPENING HYMNⁱⁱ

The Spacious Firmament on High, verses 1 & 3

Hymnal #409

Verse 1 The spacious firmament on high,
with all the blue eternal sky,
and spangled heavens, a shining frame,
their great Original proclaim.
The unwearied sun from day to day
does his Creator's power display;
and publishes to every land
the work of an almighty hand.

Verse 3 What though in solemn silence all
move round the dark terrestrial ball?
What though no real voice nor sound
amid their radiant orbs be found?
In reason's ear they all rejoice,
and utter forth a glorious voice;
for ever singing as they shine,
'The hand that made us is divine.'

OPENING SENTENCESⁱⁱⁱ

Words for Worship p. 4

Presider Again and again,
People ***We come to this space.***

Presider Again and again,
People ***We gather as a community.***

Presider Again and again,
People ***We move closer to God.***

Presider And again and again,
People ***God is here.***

Presider We are met.
People ***We are heard.***

Presider We are shown the way.
People ***So again and again,
let us worship holy God.***

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

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)

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^v

*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

COLLECT

BCP, p. 218

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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

I Corinthians 1:18-25

Reader A Reading from First Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM

Psalm 25:1-9

The heavens declare your glory, O God,
and the firmament shows your handiwork.

***One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.***

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

***Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.***

In the deep you have set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

***It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.***

Your law, O God, is perfect and revives the soul;
your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

***Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart;
your commandment is clear and gives light to the eyes.***

The fear of you is clean and endures for ever;
your judgments are true and righteous altogether.

***More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold;
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.***

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

***Who can tell how often one offends?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.***

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
 then shall I be whole and sound,
 and innocent of a great offense.

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
 O God, my strength and my redeemer.*

GOSPEL HYMN^{vi}

Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel, verses 1 & 4

Hymnal #574

Verse 1: Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:
 give us a conscience quick to feel,
 a ready mind to understand
 the meaning of thy chastening hand;
 whate'er the pain and shame may be,
 bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

Verse 4: Let the fierce fires which burn and try,
 our inmost spirits purify:
 consume the ill; purge out the shame;
 O God, be with us in the flame;
 a new-born people may we rise,
 more pure, more true, more nobly wise.

THE GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

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

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

The Feast of the Passover was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Judeans then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Then they said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dawn Allen-Herron

TRANSITIONAL MUSIC^{vii}

Rock of Ages, verses 1-2

Hymnal #685

Verse 1: Rock of ages, cleft for me,
 let me hide myself in thee;
 let the water and the blood
 from thy wounded side that flowed,
 be of sin the double cure,
 cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Verse 2: Should my tears for ever flow,
 should my zeal no languor know,
 all for sin could not atone:
 thou must save, and thou alone;
 in my hand no price I bring,
 simply to thy cross I cling.

THE NICENE CREED

Kenyan Liturgy

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


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

Hea - ven and earth are full,____ full____ of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

Bless'd is the One who comes____ in the name of the Lord,____ Ho -

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

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^m

In Times Like These, You Need a Savior, verses 1 & 3

LEVAS 71

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

Verse 1 In times like these, you need a Savior,
 In times like these, you need an anchor;
 Be very sure, be very sure.
 Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!
 This Rock is Jesus, yes, He's the One;
 This Rock is Jesus, the only One!
 Be very sure, be very sure
 Your anchor grips and holds the Solid Rock!

Verse 3 In times like these, I have a Savior,
 In times like these, I have an anchor;
 I'm very sure, I'm very sure.

My anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!
 This Rock is Jesus, yes, He's the One;
 This Rock is Jesus, the only One!
 I'm very sure, I'm very sure
 My anchor grips and holds the Solid Rock!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Kenyan Liturgy

The People are invited to join in the prayer.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*Almighty, ever living, 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

Kenyan Liturgy

*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.*

Priest All our problems

People ***We send to the cross of Christ.***

Priest All our difficulties

People ***We send to the cross of Christ.***

Priest All the devil's works

People ***We send to the cross of Christ.***

Priest All our hopes

People ***We set on the risen Christ.***

Priest 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, live in peace.

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

CLOSING HYMN^{xlii}

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, verses 1 & 2

Hymnal #690

Verse 1: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Verse 2: Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

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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ⁱⁱ Joseph Addison (1672-1719); para. of Psalm 19:1-6

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^{iv} From Kenyan liturgy

^v From Kenyan liturgy

^{vi} William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt.

^{vii} Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt.

^{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.

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^{xiii} William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt.



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Community Prayer Wall

God comes to us again and again!
This Lenten season, we bring our prayers and intentions to God. You are invited to express this tangibly by adding them to a community prayer wall which is located at the front entrance to St. Mary's. You may [send your prayers to Jess Sulley](#) to be written down and added to our prayer wall; if you would rather add your prayers to the wall yourself, everything you need is available at the church!

Women's Book Club

Join the St. Mary's women's book club and meet once a month for stimulating conversation about a shared read.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 pm on March 24; the book for this month is [The Woman Who Married a Bear](#) by Sitka author John Straley.

This Week at St Mary's

Sunday, March 7 – Third Sunday in Lent

10 am [Sunday Worship](#)

meeting ID: 940 3189 1877

Monday, March 8

5:30 pm Worship committee

6:30 pm [Vestry Meeting](#)

meeting ID: 945 8664 7527

Tuesday, March 9

12 pm [Noonday Prayer](#)

meeting ID: 572 636 075

6 pm [Children's Christian Formation](#)

meeting ID: 928 4554 3048

Wednesday, March 10

7 am [Worship](#)

meeting ID: 584 949 088

6:30 pm [St. Mary's Choir Rehearsal](#)

meeting ID: 895 1220 9447

Thursday, March 11

12 pm [Noonday Prayer](#)

meeting ID: 572 636 075

5:30 pm [Adult Christian Formation](#)

Meeting ID: 236 511 2736

7 pm [Bible Workbench](#)

meeting ID: 383 910 814

Friday, March 12

12 pm [Noonday Prayer](#)

meeting ID: [572 636 075](#)

Saturday, March 13

11 pm [Bazaar Workshop](#)

meeting ID: 825 1329 8069

12 pm [Noonday Prayer](#)

meeting ID: 572 636 075