THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF St MARY the VIRGIN

The Last Sunday After Pentecost: Christ the King

8:00 & 11:00 a.m., Sunday, November 22, 2026

Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.
May you leave here with a heart prepared to serve.



St. Mary's Young Professionals Gathering
Sunday, November 8, 2026

If this is your first time here, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and on the Welcome Table in the courtyard.

The Word of God

At the 11:00 a.m. service, our worship time together begins with a musical prelude. Thank you for observing a prayerful silence while we ponder the holy mysteries of the Eucharist and God's presence amongst us.

Voluntary (11:00 a.m.)
Two chorale preludes on "O Gott, du frommer Gott" Dame Ethel Smyth (1858-1944)

Hymn at the Procession (11:00 a.m.) Hymnal, #454
Jesus Came, Adored by Angels
The people stand.

Opening Acclamation
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

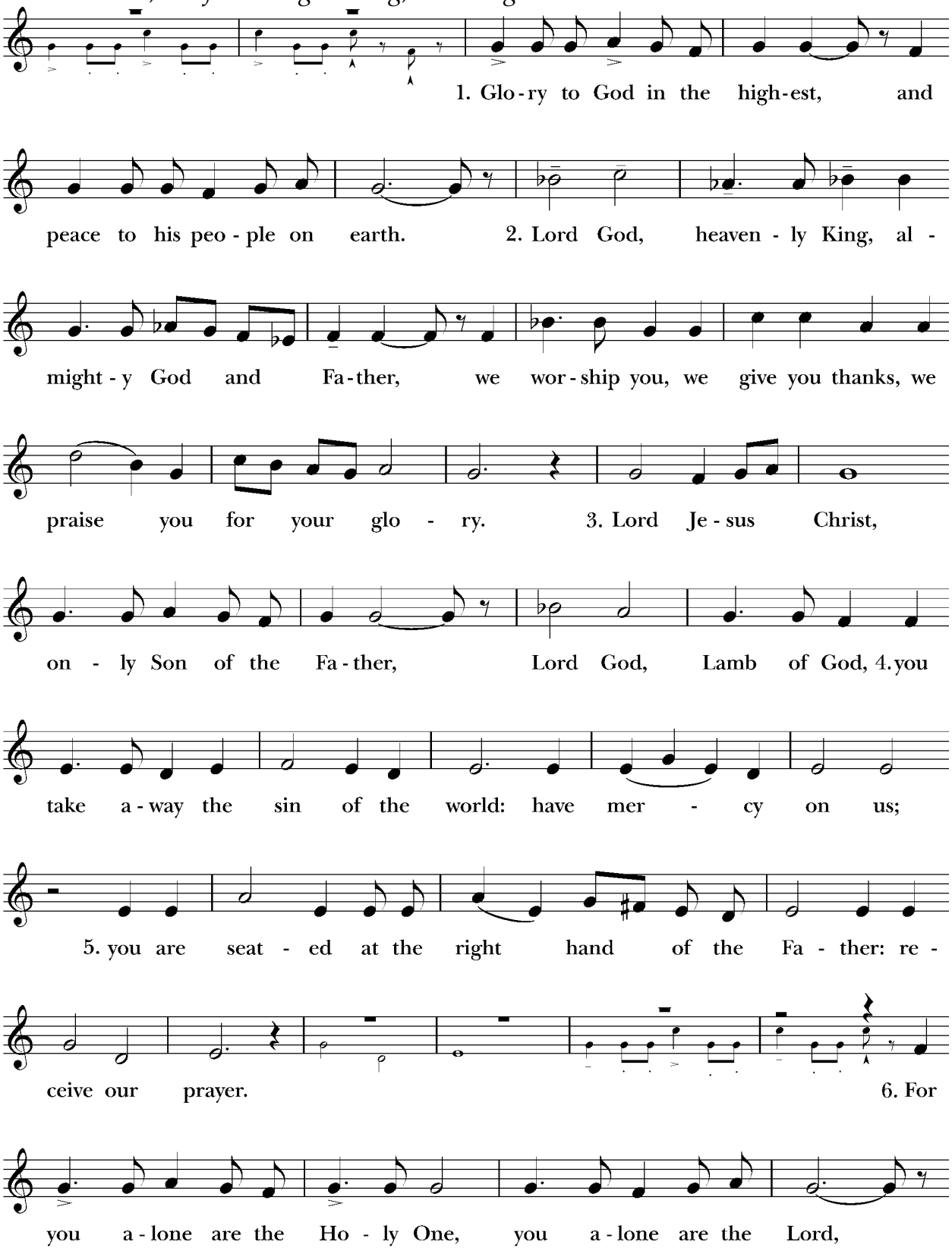
Collect for Purity
The following is said by all.

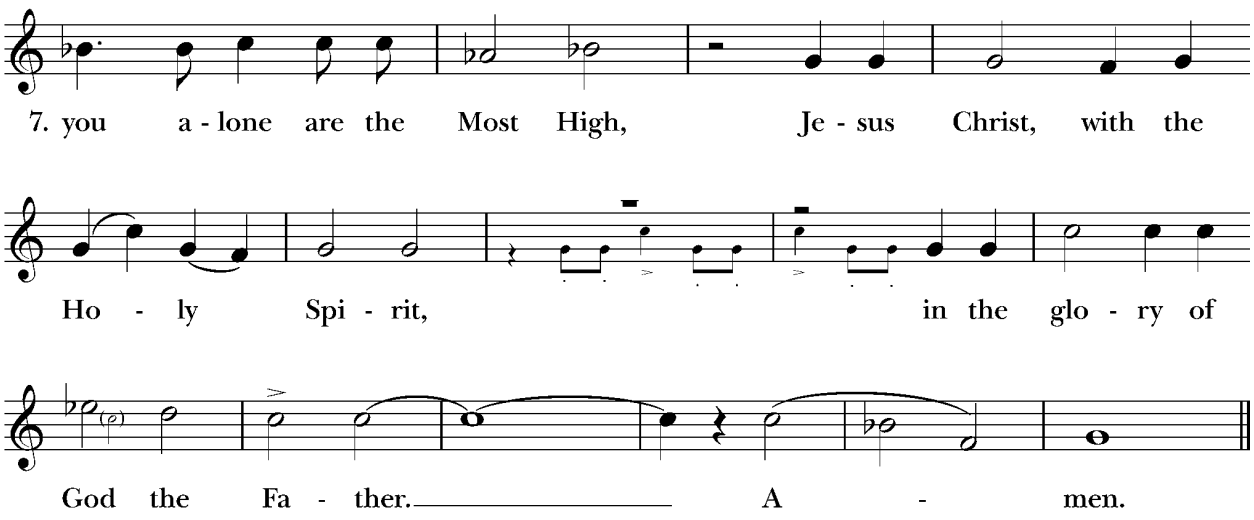
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

at 8:00 a.m., the following is said in unison, standing

at 11:00 a.m., the following is sung, standing





The Collect of the Day
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
The people are seated.
A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

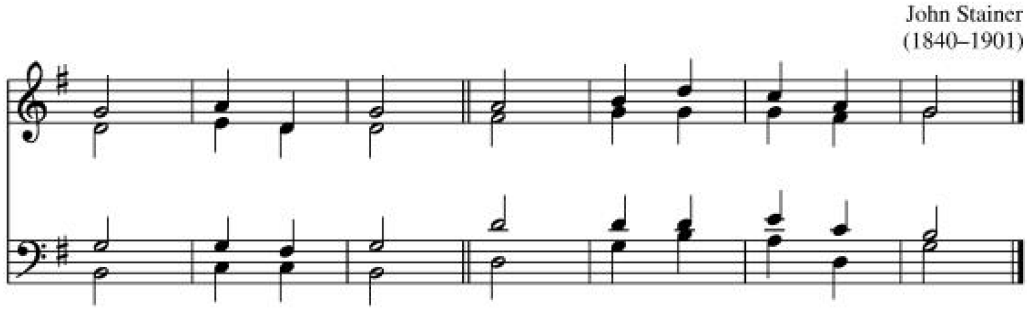
Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm Psalm 95: 1-7a

8:00 a.m. read responsively by half verse
11:00 a.m. chanted by all, seated



1 Come, let us / sing to ' the / LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the / Rock ' of / our ' sal-/vation.

2 Let us come before his presence / with ' thanks-/giving *
and raise a loud / shout ' to / him ' with / psalms.

3 For the LORD is a / *great* / God, *
and a great / King ' a-/bove ' all / gods.

4 In his hand are the / caverns ' of the / earth, *
and the / heights ' of the / hills are ' his / also.

5 The sea is his, / for ' he / made it, *
and his / hands ' have / molded ' the / dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and / bend ' the / knee, *
and kneel be-/fore ' the / LORD ' our / Maker.

7 For / he is ' our / God,
and we are the people of his pasture / and ' the / sheep ' of his / hand.

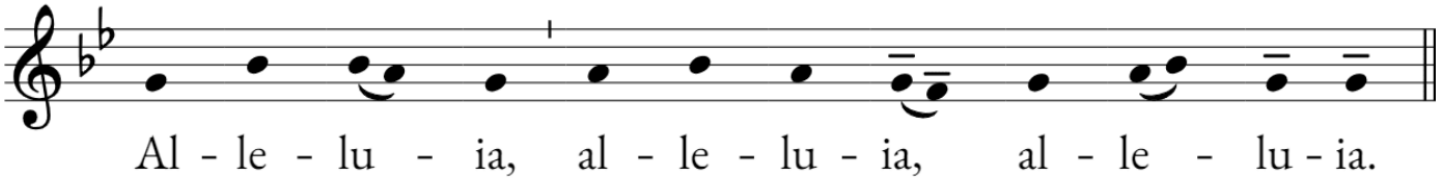
Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (11:00 a.m.)
The people stand.
The cantor sings the alleluia; the congregation repeats;



Cantor
Come, you that are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Repeat Alleluia

The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

8:00 a.m. the people stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

The Sermon The Rev. David Erickson

The people are seated.

The Nicene Creed

The people stand.

Said by all.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Prayers of the People
In peace, let us pray to the Lord;

For the holy Church of God, that we may be unified in truth, fervent in love, and bold in proclaiming the Gospel. We pray for all clergy and lay leaders; and for all who minister in Christ's name. Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

For the earth and for the wisdom to be faithful stewards of your creation. Inspire our city and the nations of the world to honor the beauty of the land, the ocean, and the bay, and to protect the vulnerable from ecological harm. Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

For all in positions of public trust, especially the leaders of this nation, our state, and our city of San Francisco. Guide all people into ways of justice, humility, and peace. Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

For the neighborhoods of our city and the Bay Area. We pray for our unhoused neighbors, those struggling with addiction or mental illness, families seeking stable shelter and livelihoods, and all who serve the common good in our streets, schools, and hospitals. Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

For all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. Comfort those who are lonely, anxious, or grieving. We hold before you those on our parish prayer list including (N.) and others we now name aloud or silently. Bring healing, strength, and renewed hope to all in need. Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed. We remember especially (N.) and for those we now name. May they rest in that place where sorrow and pain are no more, but life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the blessings of this life, for the gift of fellowship, and for the abundant grace you pour out upon our community. Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant closes the prayers with the following

God of grace, you have bound us to one another and to this city in hope. Receive the prayers of your people; kindle in us the courage to work for justice, the gentleness to walk with the vulnerable, and the faith to see your kingdom breaking into our everyday lives; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel, as able.

Minister and 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 our Savior 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.

The Priest stands and says

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 Peace
The people stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Ministers and the People share the peace of Christ with one another.

Greeting and Announcements
The people are seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence
The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Anthem at the Offertory (11:00 a.m.)
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence — Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)
Sung by St. Mary's Parish Choir

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and stand with fear and trembling,
and lift itself above all earthly thought.

For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God,
cometh forth to be our oblation,
and to be given for Food to the faithful.

Before Him come the choirs of angels
with every principality and power;
the Cherubim with many eyes, and wingèd Seraphim,
who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn:
Alleluia!

-Liturgy of St. James

Hymn at the Presentation (11:00 a.m.) Hymnal, #382
King of Glory, King of Peace
The people stand.

The Great Thanksgiving
The people stand.

God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus

At the 8:00 a.m. service, the following is said by all.

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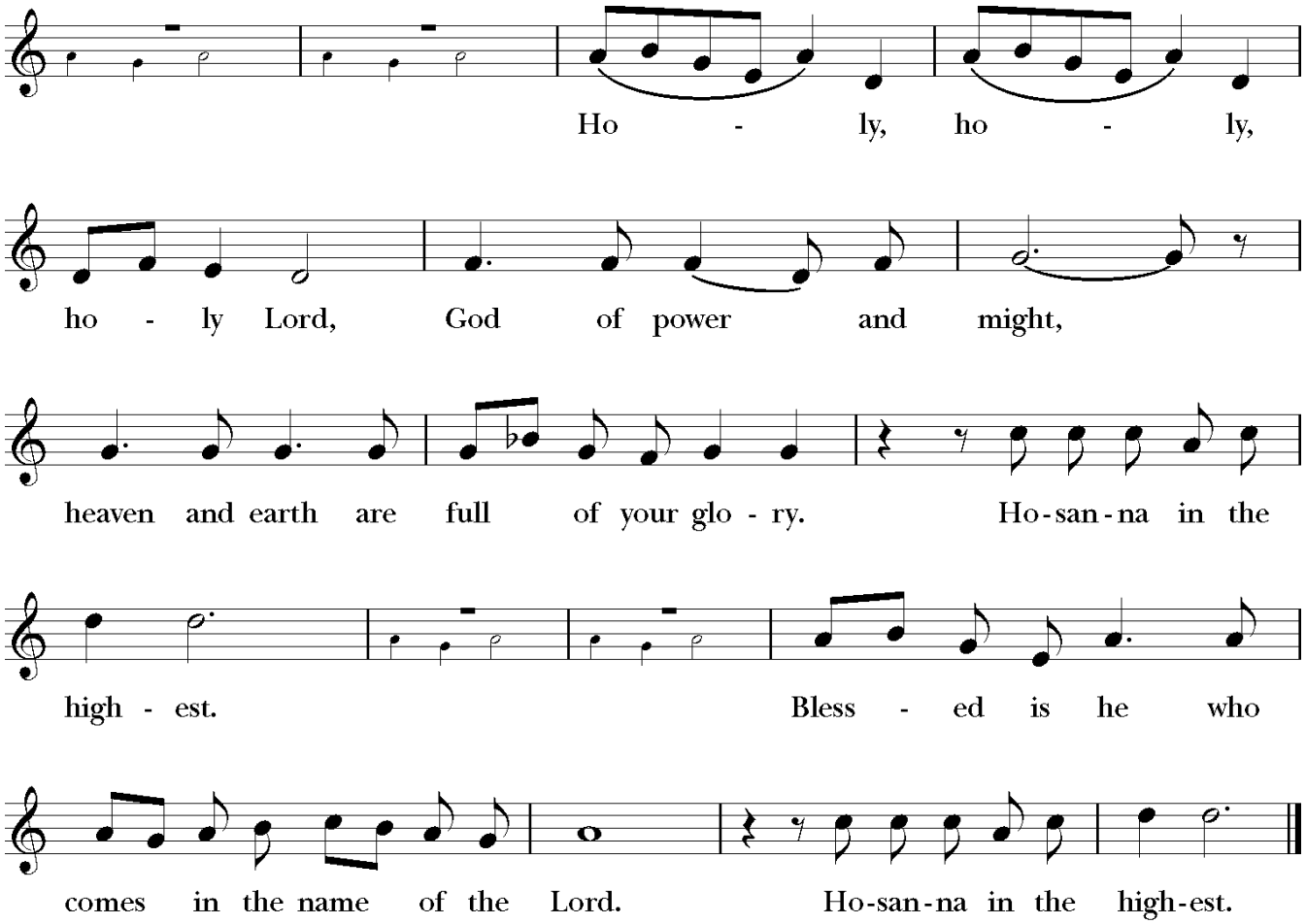


The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

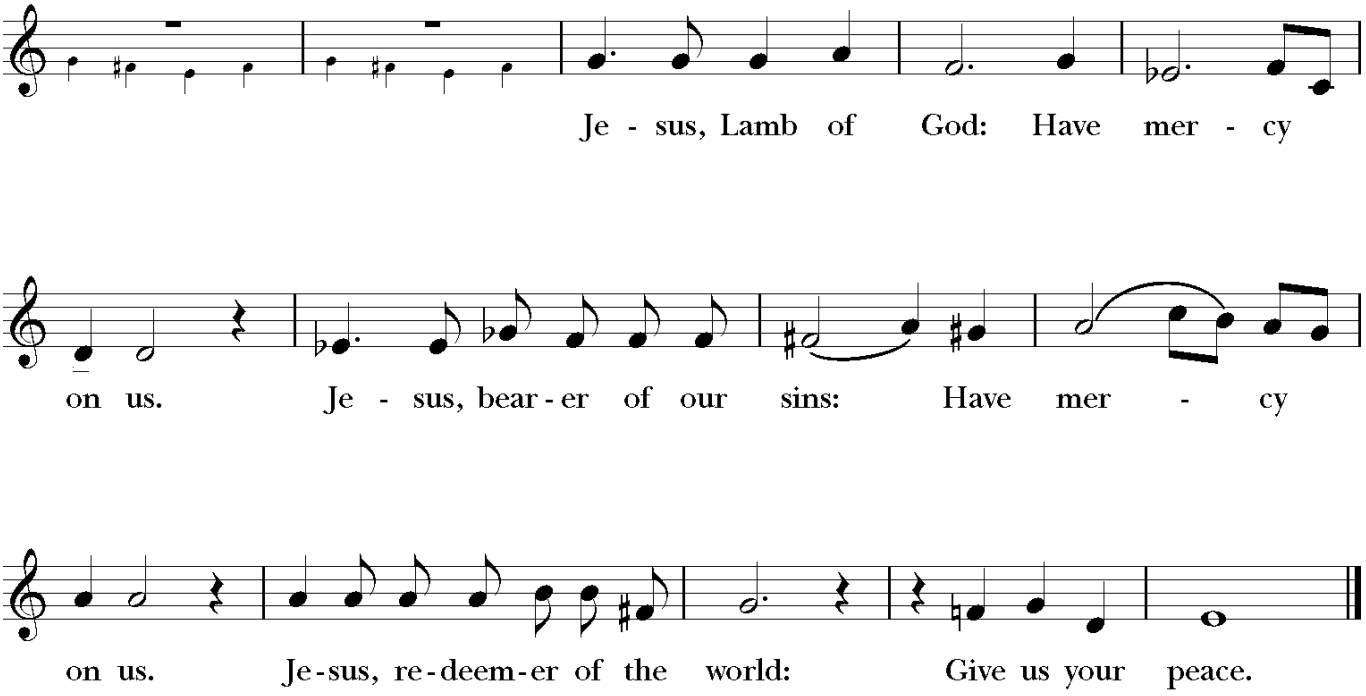
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei (11:00 a.m.)



The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

All who desire to know God are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. You may partake of the Bread and Wine separately drinking from a common chalice, or you may intinct the Bread into the Wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please simply cross your arms over your chest.

The people are seated.

Communion Music (11:00 a.m.)
O How Glorious Healey Willan (1880-1968)
Sung by St. Mary's Parish Choir

O how glorious is the kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice in Christ; clothed in white robes they follow the Lamb withersoever he goeth.

Sending Of The Eucharistic Visitor (When Needed)
In the name of this parish family, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts. Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body because we share one heavenly feast.

Post-Communion Prayer
The People stand.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of 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 Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn At The Retiring Procession (11:00 a.m.) Hymnal, #494
Crown Him with Many Crowns

Dismissal
Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude (11:00 a.m.)
Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

Welcome Visitors And Guests November 22, 2026

Thank you for wrapping your prayer with ours today. We welcome all that seek the Holy. St. Mary's prays, celebrates, and serves our community and our neighbors as we strive to live as the body of Christ in the world. Check out the announcements at the back of the service bulletin for more ways to connect with us or email office@smvsf.org and we will stay in touch with you. We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you.

Christian Education

Instead of Sunday School classes today, November 22nd, there is an opportunity for children to help prepare for our Advent project. At the 9 a.m. service, children are invited to leave with the choir and join Rev. Elaina in the preschool room to help decorate the containers we will be using to collect gifts for our Advent project. Children should be picked up after the 9 a.m. service concludes.

Fourth Sunday Fellowship:
After the 11 a.m. Service
Today, Sunday, November 22

We're making the fourth Sunday of each month a special opportunity for fellowship after the 11:00 a.m. service. We'll have some extra treats and snacks to enjoy together as we linger, visit, and welcome one another.

A special thank you to Carolyn, Susan, Janie, Greer and Joan for the treats this week!

Choral Evensong with the Choirs
of St. Mary's and St. Luke's
Today, Sunday, November 22

St. Mary's Parish Choir will be joining with St. Luke's choir to sing choral evensong on Sunday, 22 November at 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong is a uniquely Anglican liturgy, combining the monastic offices of Vespers and Compline, sung by the choir on behalf of the congregation. The choir will sing canticles by Herbert Howells in his setting for King's College, Cambridge, and anthems by Katherine Webb and Imogen Holst. The service will take place at St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 4:00, with an organ recital offered by Eric Choate before the service, beginning at 3:15 p.m.

Rooted in Joy, Growing in Grace
St. Mary's 2027 Annual Fund Appeal

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

Colossians 2:6–7

St. Mary's is a vibrant community where being rooted in joy and growing in grace happens each and every day. We experience it in uplifting worship, in genuine fellowship that deepens our

connections, and in ministries that bring Christ's healing and compassionate love to San Francisco and the wider world. Our parish continues to flourish as a living testament to what God can do when we abide in faith and abound in gratitude. This shared life and vital ministry are sustained through our communal financial generosity, especially through the commitment of an annual pledge. A pledge is far more than a financial gift; it is a tangible spiritual practice, an act of faith, and an expression of thanksgiving for God's steady presence in our lives.

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a financial pledge to St. Mary's for 2027.

To find out more about pledging, and/or to make a pledge online please visit: https://smvsf.org/pages/pledge

Current Pledge Units: 97
Current Pledge Dollars: $737,590

Pledge Goal: $950,000

Thanksgiving Day Service
Thursday, November 26

Please join us at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 26 and begin your day of giving thanks with an annual St. Mary's tradition, Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist. It is a perfect time to gather as a community and offer prayers of gratitude for the abundance of the harvest, the blessings of this life and honor the Native peoples who were the original inhabitants of the San Francisco peninsula.

We invite anyone who would like to be part of the choir that day and please arrive at 9:00 a.m. for a quick rehearsal before the service.

The offertory collection on Thanksgiving Day will benefit Friendship House, a place in San Francisco for urban Native peoples to heal from addiction, participate in ceremony and cultural traditions, and connect with a community that is grounded in Indigenous values of caring for one another.

Experience a Godly Play Story!
Adult Forum Led by Rev. David Erickson
Sunday, November 29

Come experience the joy, sacred silence, and tactile wonder, Sunday November 29 at 10:10 a.m. in the Great Room. Developed more than four decades ago by Episcopal priest Rev. Dr. Jerome Berryman, this Montessori-based approach has become a treasured staple of Episcopal formation across the globe. Led by Rev. David Erickson, come listen to a sacred story, engage in contemplative wondering, and discover why this creative practice is just as transformative for adults as it is for children.

Procession for La Virgen de Guadalupe
Sunday, December 6

Please join us on Sunday, December 6th for our Procession for Our Lady of Guadalupe, presented by the Children's Choir at the 9:00 a.m. service. The children will sing for Our Lady and offer her roses.

AI, Faith, and You: What Does it Mean to be Human in an Age of Artificial Intelligence?
Sunday, December 6

Artificial intelligence is becoming an increasingly visible part of our everyday lives, shaping how we work, communicate, learn, and relate to one another. But what exactly is AI, and what questions should people of faith be asking about it?

Join Rev'd Kira in the Great Hall at 10:10 a.m. on Sunday, December 6th for an introductory conversation about artificial intelligence and its implications for our lives and our faith. We'll explore tools like ChatGPT, consider ethical questions surrounding AI—including environmental impact, human labor, privacy, and relationships—and reflect on what Christian theology has to offer as we navigate this rapidly changing landscape. No technical knowledge or previous experience with AI is necessary. Come curious and bring your questions!

SF Deanery Pilgrimages:
Walk, Pray, Discover
Saturday, December 12

Solvitur ambulando: It is solved by walking.

Join Episcopalians from across San Francisco for the second of a series of four quarterly pilgrimages exploring the city's Episcopal churches and neighborhoods. Each morning walk invites prayer, reflection, conversation, and community. Come for one walk or join the whole journey!

Next pilgrimage: Saturday, December 12, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
This pilgrimage will come by St. Mary's. If you'd like to help welcome the pilgrims, please contact Rev'd Kira (kira@smvsf.org).

Additional walks: February 13 and April 17. Registration and details are available through Grace Cathedral.
https://gracecathedral.org/sf-deanery-pilgrimages/

Caroling Down Union Street
Saturday, December 12

Get into the Christmas spirit and help us spread a little holiday cheer along Union Street! Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends, family, and neighbors for an afternoon of festive music and community fun.

We'll gather in the courtyard at 1:30 p.m. for a warm welcome before heading out to sing our way up and down Union Street. Songbooks and festive accessories will be provided — just bring your holiday spirit and your singing voice! When we return, warm up with cookies and hot cider in the courtyard.

And don't let the weather keep you away: we have a plan for inclement weather, so we'll sing rain or shine!

For more information, contact Jessica at jessicametoyer.smv@gmail.com.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 13

Grounded in the rich Anglican heritage of music and a much-loved service at St. Mary's, A Festival of
Advent Lessons and Carols, will be offered on Sunday, December 13 at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Advent Lessons and Carols is resplendent with magnificent song and moving Scripture readings offering time for reflection, meditation, and peace with emphasis on hope, anticipation and renewal of self in preparation for the coming of the Chosen One.

Lessons and Carols is a non-Eucharist service. A Eucharist service will be offered at 8:00 a.m. on December 13 marking the Third Sunday of Advent.

Tidings of Comfort and Joy
Holiday Bazaar
Sunday, December 13

'Tis the season for sharing a little comfort and joy! St. Mary's Annual Tidings of Comfort & Joy Holiday Bazaar will take place on Sunday morning, December 13, with proceeds supporting Episcopal Community Services through St. Mary's Outreach.

We're inviting the St. Mary's community to help make this year's bazaar a success! We're looking for donations of homemade baked goods, canned jams and sauces, knitted items, and other handmade crafts to sell. We also need volunteers to help package and price items on Saturday, December 12, and to assist with setup, staffing, and cleanup on Sunday, December 13.

Whether you contribute something handmade, lend a helping hand, or both, your participation makes a difference. Sign up to donate or volunteer on our website at smvsf.org. We also encourage larger monetary donations through our benefactor program. Thank you for helping us spread a little comfort and joy this holiday season!

Christmas Flower Donation Deadline
Tuesday, December 15

If you would like to help decorate the church in celebration of Christ's coming at Christmas, please consider making a donation toward the Christmas flowers. Donations may be made in honor or memory of someone dear to you.
You may make your donation online by visiting our website smvsf.org or you can make a check payable to "The Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin," (with a note in the memo section "CHRISTMAS FLOWERS") either in the Sunday collection basket or by delivering to the church office by
Thursday, December 16. Please email Ashley at ashley@smvsf.org stating who your donation is in honor or memory of. Donations received after
December 15 cannot appear in the printed Christmas service program. Thank you!

SF Interfaith Winter Shelter Meal
Thursday, December 17

On the evening of Thursday, December 17th, a group of volunteers from our parish will gather to provide a meal to approximately 80 people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco. This is in partnership with the annual winter shelter organized by the San Francisco Interfaith Council. If you are interested in participating (ages 12 and up), please contact Aubrey Hargis at aubreyhargis@gmail.com.

St. Mary's Advent Project - Gifts for Mercy Housing Teens

Mercy Housing is a national nonprofit organization providing affordable housing and resident services, and operates over 60 apartment buildings in San Francisco. Every year, Mercy Housing partners with local agencies to provide holiday gifts for our residents ages 0-12, and this year they are hoping to provide gifts to teens, ages 13-17.

This Advent Season, St. Mary's is partnering with Mercy Housing to help provide gifts for thirty-five teens, ages 13-17. The suggested price range of gifts is $25-$40. Ideas for gifts include: board games, art supplies, local sports gear, small crossbody/belt bag, headphones/earbuds, cozy throw blanket, gift card to 'Round1' - Bowling and Arcade. Unwrapped gifts can be left in the designated boxes in the narthex. The deadline to bring gifts is Sunday, December 13th.

For more gift ideas or questions, please email Rev. Elaina at elaina@smvsf.org. If you're interested in volunteering at Mercy Housing holiday events and gift giveaways, reach out to Jessica LeGault at JLeGault@mercyhousing.org

Advent Resources & Devotionals Available

Advent, the liturgical season of preparation for Christmas, begins on Sunday, November 29th! To help prepare our hearts and souls for the gift of the incarnation, you are invited to pick up an Advent 2026 devotional booklet from Living Compass to follow along with during the season and/or a coloring calendar that invites us to *Slow Down! Quiet! It's Advent!* Materials will be in the narthex and on the welcome table in the courtyard. You can also receive the Advent devotionals electronically by signing up at this link livingcompass.org/advent

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Schedule

Christmas Eve,
Thursday, December 24

- 2:00 p.m. Christmas Petting Zoo in the Courtyard
- 3:00 p.m. Family Nativity Pageant
- 5:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist for Christmas Eve
- 9:00 p.m. Festival Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day,
Friday, December 25

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir

Nominations Sought for
The 2027 Vestry!

The Vestry is the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin, a California religious corporation. This team exercises corporate and budgetary authority. The Vestry coordinates and oversees a wide range of ministries, programs, and events at St. Mary's through vestry ministry teams that oversee planning and implementation.
Each nominee will be asked to agree to the following criteria:

- To have a strong personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a desire to carry out His ministry in our community.
- To be open to guidance by the Holy Spirit and be willing to use one's spiritual gifts for ministry.
- To be a communicant in good standing of the Episcopal Church and regular in prayer and worship as defined by the St. Mary's by-laws.
- To be active in the life of the parish and willing to assume leadership positions, including active participation on one Vestry Ministry Team.
- To be a pledging member of record whose pledge gives serious indication that St. Mary's is a top personal priority.
- To commit to attending Vestry meetings, including the annual Vestry retreat.

Dates for regular meetings are mutually selected by the new vestry following the Annual meeting at the beginning of February. The meetings are typically the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. On occasion the meeting is moved to the 3rd Wednesday because of holiday conflicts. It is highly encouraged to attend meetings in person, and a zoom option is available. There will be a vestry orientation in February and a day long vestry retreat in early March. It is recommended that nominees have experience on at least one parish committee or Ministry Team and have demonstrated leadership skills.

If you would like to submit yourself, or someone else, for vestry consideration, please email the vestry at vestry@smvsf.org.

Youth Group Update!

No Youth Group on November 22. Have a great night off!

St. Mary's Holy Land Pilgrimage
April 19-29, 2026

Visiting the Holy Land is an exciting and formative experience for Christians. It allows scripture to come alive and invites an unparalleled opportunity of understanding of the Hebrew Scriptures and Christ's time on Earth.
Rev. David Erickson will be leading a St. Mary's pilgrimage to the Holy Land April 19-29, 2027.
Information about the pilgrimage may be found on our website at smvsf.org
For questions or to make a deposit, please email Rev. David at david@smvsf.org.

Ongoing Weekly Offerings

***Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel**

Please join us Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the room above the fountain in Fowler Hall for a time to breathe, center yourself, and feel God's presence while silently being one in community. For those unfamiliar with Centering Prayer, our time will include a Breathing Meditation, 15-20 minutes of silent prayer, followed by an opportunity for prayer requests and thanksgivings, and close with the Lord's Prayer. Those who wish may remain for a time of sharing. Please feel free to contact Debbie Veatch at veatchdl@gmail.com or 415-244-3515 with any questions.

NEW LOCATION

Listening to Scripture, Sundays 10 a.m. in the Library

What if Bible Study wasn't about finding the right answers but learning to listen? Join us Sunday mornings for a prayerful, contemplative approach to the Bible—less like a class and more like a conversation with the text, with God, and with one another.

Together we read, wonder, ask questions, and make space for ancient stories to speak into our lives today. You don't need to know the Bible, prepare ahead of time, or have the "right" answers. Just come as you are, bring your curiosity, and see what you discover. Teens and Adults Welcome.

Email David Hargis — davidhargis@gmail.com — for more.

We Pray For…

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

Betty
Jaime & Dom
Ken Kirkland
Cliff Wolf
Andy Hall & Family
Samrawi Teweldibirhan
The Bean Hannigan Family
Gary Glover
John, Deborah & James Rapore
Lynne Dombrowski
Lucy E.
Susan Meagher

RECENTLY DECEASED

Eva Smith
Judith Goff
Dolores Huerta
Dixie Grossman
Nidia Grenot
Tony Lucia
The Rev. Deacon Tim Smith

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Please remember these individuals who have ongoing concerns in your personal prayers this week.

The Community at the Heritage & St. Francis
Dani May
Francis Kalani
Rev. Amelie Wilmer
Sandy Briggs
Matt Sowick
Peter Heaney
David Schade
Pam Bledsoe

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