



# ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to St. Mary's! Since our 19<sup>th</sup> century beginnings as a mission church to local coal mining and farming families, we have taken a special interest in welcoming all who come through our doors. Whether we are worshiping in Little St. Mary's, the original church that was consecrated in 1878, or New St. Mary's, which was built in 1992 to meet the present and future needs of our continually growing congregation, we are glad that you are here.

If this is your first time at St. Mary's or one of many, please let us know what we can do to enrich your time here. Your presence enriches us, and we hope to see you here often.

The Rev. Louise Browner Blanchard, Rector

## The First Sunday of Advent ♦ November 27, 2016

## Holy Eucharist: Rite Two ♦ 11:00 a.m.\*

*Before the service, speak to God.*

*During the service, let God speak to you.*

*After the service, speak to one another.*

from Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury, England

Prelude	"Gigue" Fugue in C	Dietrich Buxtehude
Hymn 57	Lo! he comes, with clouds descending	<i>Sung by all, standing.</i> Helmsley

## THE WORD OF GOD

## **Opening Sentences**

Book of Common Prayer, page 355

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## Collect for Purity

Prayer Book, page 355

*Celebrant* 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.**

## The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 236

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*                    **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. *Please remain standing.*

*\*Our Nursery for children newborn-age 4 is in the preschool and Sunday School Building adjacent to New St. Mary's.  
We warmly welcome children of all ages to all services.*

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lesson    Isaiah 2:1-5                          Please sit.

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

*Please sit.*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept.*

## Psalm 122

*Said in unison*

Prayer Book, page 779

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
  - 2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
  - 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;
  - 4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the Lord.
  - 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.
  - 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
“May they prosper who love you.
  - 7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.
  - 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God,\*  
I will seek to do you good.”

**Hymn 542** Christ is the world's true light *Sung by all, standing.* St. Joan

**The Gospel** Matthew 24:26-44 *Please remain standing and face the reader of the Gospel.*

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

**The Sermon** The Rev. Canon Robert G. Hetherington *Please sit.*

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

## The Prayers of the People—Form II

*Please kneel.*

Prayer Book, page 385

*Leader* I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding bishop, and Shannon, Susan, and Ted; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence.*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence.*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence.*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence.*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence.*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored whom we remember.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence.*

## Concluding Collect

### Confession of Sin

Prayer Book, page 360

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant 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 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 Peace**

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

*Please stand.*

Prayer Book, page 360

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.  
After exchanging the Peace, please be seated.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem** And the glory of the Lord (Messiah)

G.F. Handel

**Doxology (Old Hundredth)**

*Please stand.*

The Hymnal, page 380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer A

Prayer Book, page 361

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*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 him thanks and praise.**  
*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord** *Sanctus*

The Hymnal, S-130

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel, as the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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 many 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*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **AMEN.**

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

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. **Amen.**

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Book, page 364

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*The Celebrant says*

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.

## At the Communion of the People

*All are welcome to receive the Sacrament. When you come forward to the altar rail you may kneel or stand. When you are given the consecrated bread, you may consume it and then drink the wine from the first or larger chalice. Or, if you wish, you may "intinct" or touch the tip of your bread to the wine from the smaller cup. You may also choose to receive Communion in only one kind. Either the bread or the wine alone is a full Communion. Please indicate if you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer.*

**Anthem at Communion** I was glad

C. Hubert H. Parry

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer Book, page 365

*Celebrant* Let us pray. *Please kneel.*  
*All* **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

**Hymn 59** Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding *Sung by all, standing.*

Merton

## Dismissal

Prayer Book, page 366

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Now thank we all our God

Johann Cruger/arr. Bach

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.*



## **Participants in this morning's services**

**Celebrant:** Louise Browner Blanchard; **Deacon and Preacher:** Robert G. Hetherington; **Lay Reader:** Michael Blanks; **Chalice Bearer:** Patsy and Geoff Simril; **Intercessor:** Brenda Johnson; **Acolyte:** Ethan Snow; **Musicians:** St. Mary's Choir and Dwight Graham, *Organist and Choirmaster*; **Ushers:** Leigh and Drew Gallalee, Ann and Bill Lagos; **Greeters:** Joanne Miller, Bruin Richardson, Sarah Richardson, and Molly Snow

**November Altar Guild:** Anne Garland Farrell, Mary Rutherford Ferguson, Susan Hamill, Cathy Hensby, Sherry Means, Ann Ramsey, and Ann Thornton

## **The Parish Prayer List**

Ted Allen, Maggie Bassett, Justin Bennett, Cindy Blanton, Jack Blanton, Ann Lee Saunders Brown, Charles Bryan, Kendall Cray, Antony DeVilbiss, Kay Gates, Gordon Graham, Linda Hendricks, Lolly Hetherington, Taylor Johnson, Anne Lesko, Carol McGee, Barbara Meador, Daniel Moore, Merrill Plaisted, John Presley, Susan Reynolds, Lori Rowland, Sue Schroeder, Bill Thornton, Elaine Taylor, Callen Tyson, John Wheeler, William Wilson, Peter Woo, and Wilton Zaiser. **For all the blessings of this life, especially the birth of Liv Grace Sherwood, granddaughter of Lori and Ron Smiley.** **For those expecting children.** **For those who have died.** In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Diocese of Kansas (VII, *The Episcopal Church*) and the Rt. Rev. Dean Wolfe.

**For those serving in the military or diplomatic service:** Alec Mackenzie, Timothy Rose.

*Names in italics were added to the prayer list this week. Names which have appeared on the prayer list for three months will be removed unless otherwise requested. You are most welcome and encouraged to contact the parish office to request earlier removal or extended prayer.*

