



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to St. Mary's! Since our 19th 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 worshipping 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*

Christmas Day ❖ December 25, 2016

Holy Eucharist: Rite One ❖ 10:00 a.m.*

Prelude

Hymn 100 Joy to the world! the Lord is come *Sung by all, standing.* *Antioch*

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer, page 323

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 323

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

The Summary of the Law

Prayer Book, page 324

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

The Kyrie

Prayer Book, page 324

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 160

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Please remain standing.

Silence is kept.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Isaiah 52:7-10

Please sit.

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Psalm 98

Said responsively by whole verse.

Prayer Book, page 727

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 **With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 **Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 **In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

Hymn 89 It came upon the midnight clear *Sung by all, standing*

Carol

The Gospel John 1:1-14 *Please stand.*

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee O Christ.**

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

Nicene Creed *Said by all, standing.* Prayer Book, page 327

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;**

**and the third day he rose again according
to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and
Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the
Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe in one holy Catholic and
Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Leader Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Leader Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our presiding bishop, and Shannon, Susan, and Ted, our bishops, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Barack, our president, Donald, our president-elect, and Terry, our governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those on our parish prayer list and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We also pray for members of our armed forces that you may grant them a sense of thy abiding presence wherever they may be; and we pray for our enemies that we may encounter one another without hatred or bitterness and in your good time stand reconciled before thee.

We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear. We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. Mary and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence is kept.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand.

Prayer Book, page 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

The Offertory

The Presentation *At this time, the fruits of our labor are presented to God. Please stand.*

People **All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

Prayer Book, page 340

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying,

Sanctus

Said by all.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel, as the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ,

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant and People

Prayer Book, page 336

**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 337

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 second or 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.***

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer Book, page 339

Celebrant Let us pray.

Please kneel.

All Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 73 Angels from the realms of glory *Sung by all, standing.*

Regent Square

Dismissal

Deacon Go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Participants in this morning's services

Celebrant and Preacher: Robert G. Hetherington; **Chalice Bearer:** Robin Lind; **Lay Reader:** Kitty Williams; **Intercessor:** Robin Lind; **Organist:** Sam Bruce

December Altar Guild: Eva Bryson, Valerie Deep Cary, Connie Martenstein, Scottie Slater, and Charmaine Trice

The Parish Prayer List

Ted Allen, Maggie Bassett, Justin Bennett, Cindy Blanton, Jack Blanton, Ann Lee Saunders Brown, Charles Bryan, Kendall Cray, Kay Gates, Gordon Graham, Linda Hendricks, Elizabeth Hazelton, Lolly Hetherington, Taylor Johnson, Cathy Keiger, Ann Kidd, Anne Lesko, Carol McGee, Barbara Meador, Daniel Moore, Polly Pace, Elizabeth Pope, John Presley, Susan Reynolds, Lori Rowland, Sue Schroeder, Bill Thornton, Elaine Taylor, Callen Tyson, John Wheeler, William Wilson, and Wilton Zaiser. **For all the blessings of this life. For those expecting children. For those who have died, especially Antony Massey DeVilbiss.** In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *the Diocese Kitale, Kenya and the Rt. Rev. Stephen Kewasis.* **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.



St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Altar Guild
Poinsettia Memorials—2016

*In memory of Paul Douglas Camp III and
Mr. and Mrs. James Blanchard Donaldson from Lee Camp*

*In memory of Bobbie Camp and Addison Lea Ayers
from Lea, Dave and Ayers Gilman*

*In memory of Catherine Lee Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gray Collins,
and Robert Randolph Harrison, III from Mr. and Mrs. William V. Collins*

*In memory of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Cunningham and
Dr. and Mrs. William T. Thompson, Jr. from Sue and Tad Thompson*

*In memory of Jane R. and Arthur E. Lundvall and Frances M. and William E. Duke
from Richard and Margaret Lundvall*

*In memory of Thomas T. Mickel Sr., Robert M. Myers, Jr. and Robert M. Myers, Sr.
from Margaret, Mike, Blair and Ann Gordon Mickel*

*In memory of Marguerite Hays Miller and Marion Collier Miller
from John and Deborah Miller*

In memory of Robert M. Sayre and Julia P. Oreska from Marian Oreska

In memory of A. Spotswood & Sarah H. Robins from Randy and Joanie Robins

*In memory of Dr. Richard Rowland Lower and John Rowland Lower
from Anne Lower*

In honor of Sandra Churchill Shield from Dr. James A. Shield, Jr.

*In memory of William Wallace Smith, Agnes Dyson Smith,
Daniel Lassiter Williams, Margaret Miller Williams
and Minnie Margaret Franck from Georga and Dan Williams*

*In memory of Wilhelm Venitz, Harry and Hallie Swinson
from Pamela Venitz*

*In memory of Allan S. Wagner, Jr and Elizabeth H. Wagner
from Elizabeth Baskin*

In memory of Caleb Wharton and William Wharton, from Kemper and Abbie Wharton

*In memory of Lauren Elizabeth Wheeler and Josie Barrett West
and in honor of J. Kempter West from Mary-Elliott Wheeler*