



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*

The Second Sunday in Advent ❖ December 4, 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 Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele J.S. Bach

Hymn 65 Prepare the way, O Zion *Sung by all, standing.* *Bereden vag for Herran*

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.**

Lord, have mercy *Kyrie* *Sung by all* Hymnal S-96

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.**

The Collect of the Day Prayer Book, page 211

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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10

Please sit.

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Said in unison

Prayer Book, page 685

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;**
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.**
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.**
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!**

19 **And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen.**

Hymn 75 There's a voice in the wilderness crying *Sung by all, standing.*

Ascension

The Gospel Matthew 3:1-12 *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.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon Matthew C. Rawls *Please sit.*

The Nicene Creed *Said by all, standing.* Prayer Book, page 358

**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, especially Julia Craig Baylor, Perrin Thompson Hall, Karen Cahill Hillyer, Betty Blue Miller, Clifton Meredith Miller III, and Harris Merrill Plaisted.

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

Please stand.

Prayer Book, page 360

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

*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 The Angel Gabriel

Basque Carol/Malcolm Archer

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,
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,

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.***

Anthems at Communion

O magnum mysterium
There is no rose

Morten Lauridsen
Gerald Near

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

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 67 Comfort, comfort ye my people *Sung by all, standing.* *Psalm 42*

Dismissal

Prayer Book, page 366

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Prelude in A minor J.S. Bach

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.



Participants in this morning's services

Celebrant: Louise Browner Blanchard; **Deacon:** Robert G. Hetherington; **Preacher:** Matthew C. Rawls; **Lay Reader:** Betsy Rawles; **Chalice Bearers:** Linda Hendricks and Sydna Street; **Intercessor:** Brantley Holmes; **Acolyte:** Will Street and Annie Stephens; **Musicians:** St. Mary's Choir and Dwight Graham, *Organist and Choirmaster*; **Ushers:** Ann and Bill Lagos; **Greeters:** Andrew Blair, Cabell Blair, Jane Fawley, and Missy Roberts

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, Antony DeVilbiss, Kay Gates, Gordon Graham, Linda Hendricks, Lolly Hetherington, Taylor Johnson, *Ann Kidd*, Anne Lesko, Carol McGee, Barbara Meador, Daniel Moore, 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. For those expecting children. For those who have died, especially Julia Craig Baylor, Perrin Thompson Hall, Karen Cahill Hillyer, Betty Blue Miller, Clifton Meredith Miller III, and Harris Merrill Plaisted.** In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *the Diocese of Narkata North and the Rt. Rev. Ravikumar J. Niranjan.* **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.*

