



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 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 Third Sunday in Advent ❖ December 11, 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 Antiphon III Marcel Dupre

Hymn 72 Hark the glad sound! the Savior comes *Sung by all, standing.* Richmond

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.**

*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.

The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 212

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. *Please remain standing.*

Silence is kept.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson Isaiah 35:1-10 *Please sit.*

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Canticle 15 The Song of Mary *Magnificat* *Said in unison*

Prayer Book, page 91

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

**He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Luke 1:46-55

Hymn 68 Rejoice! rejoice, believers *Sung by all, standing.*

Llangloffan

The Gospel Matthew 11:2-11 *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.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Louise Browner Blanchard *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.

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 All Praise to Thee *Sung by the Children's Choir.* arr. by Marie Pooler

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

Laetentur coeli (*Ye heavens praise, and earth rejoice*)
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

William Byrd
Paul Manz

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 76 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry *Sung by all, standing.*

Winchester New

Dismissal

Prayer Book, page 366

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Maestoso (Klein Praludien und Intermezzi)

Hermann Schroeder

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.



Participants in this morning's services

Celebrant: Robert G. Hetherington; **Deacon and Preacher:** Louise Browner Blanchard; **Lay Reader:** Marshall Bowden; **Chalice Bearer:** Geoff Simril and Patsy Simril; **Intercessor:** Brenda Johnson; **Acolyte:** Cabell and Reed Hanenberg; **Musicians:** Lulu Johnson, Annie Schaeffer, Luke Schaeffer, Rainey Trice, and Emerson Wilhelm, *Children's Choir*; Adam Bailey, *Children's Choir Director*; St. Mary's Choir and Dwight Graham, *Organist and Choirmaster*; **Oblation Bearers:** The Gilman Family; **Ushers:** Ann and Bill Lagos; **Greeters:** Claudia Collingwood, Andy Howlett, and Michelle Lewis

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, *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**, especially for the birth of *Penelope Clare Fashandi*, daughter of *Anna Zimmerman Fashandi* and *Ahmad Fashandi*, granddaughter of *Pat and Barklie Zimmerman*, and the baptism of *Emerson Marie Briggs LeCompte*, daughter of *Stephanie and Hunter LeCompte, Jr.* **For those expecting children. For those who have died.** In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *the Diocese of Kericho, Kenya*. **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.*

