



# Saint Mary's Episcopal Church

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**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 17, 2024  
10:15 A.M.**

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# THE *Episcopal* CHURCH

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Park Ridge welcomes you!** We are glad you are here. All that you need to participate in our worship service can be found in this worship booklet and in the blue hymnal (*The Hymnal 1982*) found in front of you in the pew. As you worship with us, here are a few things that might be helpful to know.

## **Lenten Worship at St. Mary's**

Today's liturgy takes place in the Christian season known as Lent, a forty-day period of penitence and fasting in preparation for Easter. Lent is a time of simplicity and spiritual refocusing. Christians observe Lent "by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God's holy word" (*Book of Common Prayer*). Sunday worship during the season of Lent reflects the penitential nature and simplicity of the season. The saying of the Confession of Sin at the beginning of the service, the refraining from saying "Alleluia" until Easter, and the prayers and music chosen during this time are all ways that Lent is observed in church during these forty days as we get ready for the joyful Easter feast ahead.

We also offer **special Lenten gatherings** for learning and fellowship. Join us on **Wednesdays in Lent at 6:30 P.M.** for a **Soup Supper** and **book discussion** of *Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for People of Faith*, by **Selina Stone**. For more information, contact Christina Rompon at [parishadmin@stmaryspr.org](mailto:parishadmin@stmaryspr.org).

## **Children and Youth**

A **nursery** is available on Sundays from 9:45 to 11:15 A.M. for infants and toddlers. We offer **programs for children each Sunday**, beginning at **10:00 A.M.**, September-May. Our youngest children, **3-6 years old**, meet in our **Atrium room** on the lower level while children in **2nd-5th** grade meet with adult leaders in our **Elementary room** on the upper level. A **Youth Group** for middle and high school students meets on the **2nd and 3rd Sundays** of each month after church until 12:30 P.M. and on other occasions for fellowship and service. For questions about programs for children and youth, contact **Deb Kelliher** at [debkelliher@stmaryspr.org](mailto:debkelliher@stmaryspr.org).

## **Join us for Coffee and Conversation after Church & Learn More**

We would love to see you for coffee and conversation right after church on Sundays in the Grauer Lounge, through the rear doors of the church, down the stairs to the right. To learn more about our programs and ministries, visit us at [www.stmaryspr.org](http://www.stmaryspr.org), and don't forget to take a look at the back of this bulletin for news of upcoming events.

**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
Sunday, March 17, 2024**

*Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Patrick J. Skutch  
Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Laurie Michaels*

**The Prelude**

*Cantabile on Saint Patrick's Breastplate*

Joseph Clokey

**\*At the ringing of the tower bell, all stand, as able, and turn towards the rear of the church, where the clergy begin the liturgy with the Lenten acclamation and the Confession of Sin.**

**The Opening Acclamation**

*Presider:* Blessed be the God of our salvation:

*Assembly:* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

*Presider:* Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**The Confession of Sin**

*Deacon or Presider:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Deacon:* God of all mercy,

*Assembly:* **we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Presider:* 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 clergy and choir process to the chancel, as the Kyrie is sung*

## Kyrie

*"Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy."*

*Herzliebster Jesu*

The musical score for the Kyrie is presented in three systems, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words appearing above notes for emphasis. The first system contains the lyrics: "Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son." The second system contains: "Chris - te e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son." The third system contains: "Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son." The score concludes with a double bar line.

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*A moment of silent prayer is observed.*

*Presider:* Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A time of silence follows the reading.*

**Psalm 119:9-16 - *In quo corrigit?***

Tone: VI

How shall a young man cleanse his way? \*  
By keeping to your words.  
With my whole heart I seek you; \*  
let me not stray from your commandments.  
I treasure your promise in my heart, \*  
that I may not sin against you.  
Blessed are you, O Lord; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.  
With my lips will I recite \*  
all the judgments of your mouth.  
I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees \*  
than in all manner of riches.  
I will meditate on your commandments \*  
and give attention to your ways.  
My delight is in your statutes; \*  
I will not forget your word.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A time of silence follows the reading*

*All stand, as able, for the Hymn and the Holy Gospel*

**Hymn at the Gospel: 149**

*Old 124th* - The Hymnal 1982

**The Gospel**

*All standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel*

**John 12:20-33**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*Assembly:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*Assembly:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

*All stand, as able*

*Enriching our Worship*

*\* The words “and the Son” are omitted from this printing of the creed. Please see the note in the back of the bulletin.*

*Presider:* We believe in one God,

*Assembly:*    **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,\*  
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

*The Deacon or appointed intercessor leads us in the Prayers of the People*

*In the silences after each bidding, the people may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

*Intercessor:* Eternal and loving God, lift us to your presence, as we bring before you our concerns for the Church and the world.

*Brief silence*

*Intercessor:* Blessed Father, your Son gave himself to be lifted up in order to draw us to him. Help us, your Church, through our witness, and through the offering of our lives and gifts to our neighbors, to bring others into your loving embrace. Call us all, clergy and people, into deeper discipleship. Strengthen us for these remaining days of Lent, and make us ready as we prepare to celebrate Christ's glorification in these holy days to come.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* Almighty One, you have driven out the ruler of this world through the glorification of Jesus. Write your law of love on the hearts of all who hold authority among the nations, that the broken body of the world may be healed. Bring the power of your saving help to the Holy Land, to Ukraine, to Haiti, and to all who suffer because of war, conflict, or hunger, that they may once again know joy and gladness.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* We thank you, gracious God, for the incarnation of your Son Jesus, who shares our joys and sorrows. Hear our prayers for the sick, the sorrowful, the anxious, and all who wait in pain or uncertainty. Help us to speak comfort to those who suffer and to offer consolation to those who grieve.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* Your Son Jesus taught that when a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it bears much fruit. We entrust to your loving care all of those who have surrendered their lives into your eternal keeping. Hear our prayers for all who have died.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* Let these and any prayers and concerns we lift up to you at this time ascend and be received by you, God of endless mercy, through Jesus, our eternal high priest.

*Other intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*



*The Presider concludes with a Collect.*

*Presider:* Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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### **St. Mary's Prayer Requests**

Shirley Swanson, Barbara Bowers, Simon Wood, Keith Braude, Brian Huster, Doran Gotschal, Becky Kruse, Michael Rollett, Lucy and Marcus Rogers, Maggie Mosley, Nora Boka

### **In our Remembrance**

Rudy Toczyl, Arlene Cromwell, Henry Lang, Marion Johnson, James McKeown.

## **Monthly Blessing of those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### **The Peace**

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Assembly:* **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of peace*

*Necessary announcements may be made at this time*

### **The Offering and Preparation of the Table**

The people are seated, while the altar is prepared and the anthem is sung. An offering of bread, wine, and money is collected and brought forward to the altar. The people stand when the Presider approaches the altar for Holy Communion.

## Offertory Anthem

Say to them that are of a fearful heart

Everett Titcomb

Say to them that are of a fearful heart:

Be strong, fear not. Behold your God will come and save you.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer C*

*Assembly responds in bold.*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*Assembly:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Assembly:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages, you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, —

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. —

Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

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*Presider:* On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.**

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world around us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

**AMEN.**

*Presider:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

*Assembly:* **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept, then is sung:*

Lamb \_\_\_\_ of God, you take \_\_\_\_ a - way the

sins of the world, have \_\_\_\_ mer - cy on us.

Lamb \_\_\_\_ of God, you take \_\_\_\_ a - way the

sins of the world, grant \_\_\_\_ us peace.

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*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Receiving Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St. Mary's. You may receive bread only or both bread and wine. As you come forward, please hold your hands out to receive bread. (There are gluten-free wafers available upon request.) To receive the wine, please help to guide the chalice to your lips. **We do not observe the practice of dipping the bread into the cup.** If you prefer not to receive communion, but desire a blessing instead, please cross your arms over your chest as you come forward, and the clergy will pray with you.

**Hymn during Communion: 370**  
**Verses 1-3, 5, & 7**

*St. Patrick's Breastplate* - The Hymnal 1982

**The Postcommunion Prayer**     *All stand, as able, with the Presider*

*Presider:* Let us pray. Loving God,

*Assembly:* **we give you thanks**

**for restoring us in your image**

**and nourishing us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Now send us forth**

**a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;**

**that we may proclaim your love to the world**

**and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*During the season of Lent, the Presider prays a Solemn Prayer over the Assembly.*

*Presider:* Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

*The Deacon, or the Presider, dismisses the people with these or similar words.*

*Deacon:* Let us bless the Lord.

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Processional Hymn: 473**

*Crucifer* - The Hymnal 1982

**Postlude**

Outer Hebrides

Paul Halley

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## **\*Note on the Creed**

In praying the Nicene Creed, as printed in our bulletin from *Enriching our Worship*, we will notice that the words “*and the Son*” are omitted from the paragraph regarding the procession of the Holy Spirit: “*who proceeds from the Father...*”

Those three words, “*and the Son*,” are known as the *filioque* clause. These words were not in the original text of the Creed and were added centuries later. The usage of these words in western rite traditions (Roman Catholic, Anglican) reflects a different perspective on the mysteries of the Trinity than that of the eastern rite traditions (Eastern Orthodox churches).

The addition of these words was offensive to the churches of the east and has historically been a source of conflict and a sore point between those churches and the western rite Christians.

Since that time, the Episcopal Church has joined a wider ecumenical movement, including Anglican churches and the Roman Catholic Church, to consider a return to the original wording of the Creed that did not include those words.

In 1994, the Episcopal Church agreed to remove the words “*and the son*” from future printings of the Creed and did so in recent expansions of the liturgy.

In addition to this change, there are two other noteworthy features of this version of the Creed. One is the statement that Jesus became “truly human” rather than “made man.” This serves to illustrate that it was the humanity of Jesus, rather than his maleness, that is significant to our salvation. The second is the use of the indefinite article (“who”) in reference to the Holy Spirit, avoiding unnecessary gendered language for the Spirit.

It is good for us to learn to pray this version of the Creed, at least sometimes, in the spirit of this wide ecumenical movement.

# Holy Week & Easter at St. Mary's

**MARCH 24 – PALM SUNDAY**

**10:15 A.M.**

*LITURGY BEGINS IN COURTYARD*

**MARCH 28 – MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**7:30 P.M.**

**MARCH 29 – GOOD FRIDAY**

**7:30 P.M.**

**MARCH 30 – THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**

**7:30 P.M.**

*LITURGY BEGINS IN COURTYARD*

**MARCH 31 – EASTER DAY**

**10:15 A.M.**

*EASTER EGG HUNT AND A SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR  
FOLLOWING THE 10:15 AM SERVICE*



# **Easter Memorial and Thank Offerings Due by Sunday, March 24**



Easter means the return of the silver vessels, the white vestments and FLOWERS! This year's blossoms will be a colorful arrangement in memory of loved ones and in thanksgiving for God's blessings.

If you had an Easter Memorial or Thank Offering in the past, you should have received a letter. You can repeat your entry or edit it and return it in the envelope provided with your check.

If you would like to request a new memorial or thank offering, complete the form in the narthex and send it to the Altar Guild with your check. The form and check can also be placed in the collection plate.

The form is **available in the narthex for your convenience.**  
You may also download it by visiting our website at **[www.stmaryspr.org](http://www.stmaryspr.org).**

**Checks should be made payable to St. Mary's Church with AG Memorial in the memo line and need to be received by Sunday, March 24, 2024 in order to be in the Easter bulletins.**