



The Holy Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. Sunday, December 25, 2016

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on "*Fröhlich soll mein Herze springen*" Byron Adams
b. 1955

OPENING HYMN Angels from the realms of glory *Hymnal*, #93
sung by all standing

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION *The Book of Common Prayer*, page 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY all say together
**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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE Angels we have heard on high *Hymnal*, #96

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

all sit

Isaiah 52:7-10

PSALM 98

read responsively by half verse

Cantate Domino

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4

GRADUAL HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Hymnal, #82

sung by all, standing

verses 1 & 2 – before the Gospel, verses 3&4 – after the Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL

remain standing

Luke 2:1-14

Response after the Deacon introduces the Gospel

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Response at the end of the Gospel reading

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Dr. Donald G. Brown

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

all stand and say together

The Apostle's Creed

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

remain standing

Leader Lord Jesus, you come among us dwelling in love and light. You come as a miracle, not breaking the laws of nature but fulfilling them.

People **With joy we give you thanks, God with us, Emmanu-el.**

Leader You are the future towards which the Spirit draws us, the salvation offered to all humanity, the destiny prepared for us before the foundation of the world.

People **With joy we give you thanks, God with us, Emmanu-el.**

Leader You come as the humble perfection outside our grasp, yet graciously within our reach. You are the wholeness that is to come; the wholeness that calls us into our fullest selves.

People **With joy we give you thanks, God with us, Emmanu-el.**

Leader You bind us all together, the living to the dead, as we name those petitions and thanksgivings which claim our hearts,

The Celebrant offers prayers and thanksgivings from the St. Mary's Prayer List and invites the congregation to add theirs.

Celebrant Most gracious God, open our hearts to your presence, that we may be transformed by the new birth of this holy day.

All together **With joy we welcome you, God with us: Savior, Friend, and Lord. Amen**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

Good Christian friends, rejoice

Hymnal, #107

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
all stand and sing together

Hymnal, #105

all stand

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 God 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:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

"A Community Mass"
 Richard Proulx

After the Sanctus, the people kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues....

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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 **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues....

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All those who wish to are invited to hold hands during this prayer.

**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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

AGNUS DEI



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: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Music: Richard Proulx

THE INVITATION

All who desire to know God are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine.
Bread and wafers are both available. If you have a preference, please let the clergy know.
You may also receive a blessing instead of bread and wine by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

The first Nowell

Hymnal, #109

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

all stand

BCP, p.365

Celebrant Let us pray.

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**

SENDING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR *

Celebrant N., in the name of this parish family, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to _____. Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.**

* when needed

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joy to the World

Hymnal, #100

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

In Dir ist Freude BWV 615

Johann Sebastian Bach

1685-1750

**As a courtesy to those who wish to continue in prayer or listen to the postlude,
please exit quietly and join in fellowship in the courtyard.
We request that there be no applause after the postlude.
Thank you.**

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Welcome Visitors & Guests

We are delighted that you chose to worship with us at Christmas. We hope to be in an on-going and holy relationship with you in the days and years to come. Let us know how we can be of service to you. May God bless you and all whom you love.

Please fill out a welcome card and put it in the offering plate, give it to one of the ushers or clergy. We are happy to add you to our email list so you can keep up with the programs, activities, and news of St. Mary's.

Baptism

The next opportunity for Baptism at St. Mary's is on Sunday, January 8, 2017, the Feast of the Epiphany. If you are interested in being baptized or having your child baptized, please let the Rev. Deb White know (deb@smvsf.org).

Sunday School

There are **no Sunday School** classes on December 25. Classes will start back up in the new year on the first Sunday of Epiphany, **January 8**.

Throughout the Season of Advent we have asked families to remember those who are cold and lonely by making a daily addition to the "reverse Advent Boxes". You may take your box to a food bank of your choice, or bring it back to St. Mary's any time after Christmas. Items brought back to church will be contributed to Refugee Relief services in our community.

Facilitated conversations about St Mary's in the community

A group of parishioners is starting to work with Faith in Action Bay Area, a "network of faith communities committed to ensuring that the dignity of all members of our community is upheld", to discern how St Mary's could become involved with their work and with the broader community. We will be holding two conversations in January for the whole congregation.

On **January 8 at 10:00 a.m.**, we will gather to reflect together on the current status of the community in light of the recent election: what it means for us and those around us; how we feel called to respond.

On **January 29 at 10:00 a.m.**, several members of St. James Episcopal Church on California Street will tell us about their congregation's journey with Faith in Action and what they have been doing.

We hope to see you all there! If you have any questions, email Margaret Stafford at mpstafford@gmail.com.

St. Mary's Calendar

Monday, December 26

Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 27

7:00 pm AA Mtg (Great Rm)

Wednesday, December 28

7:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)
1:00 pm Liturgy Mtg (Study)
3:30 pm No Children/Youth Choir Today
5:00 pm Cursillo Mtg (Vestry Rm)
6:30 pm No - Handbell Choir Today
8:00 pm AA Mtg (Great Rm)

Thursday, December 29

9:00 am Food Bank Ministry (Courtyard)
4:30 pm My World Music of SF (Preschool Rm)
7:00 pm No - Parish Choir Today

Friday, December 30

8:00 pm AA Mtg (Great Rm)
8:00 pm Alanon Mtg (Vestry Rm)

Saturday, December 31

6:30 pm AA Mtg (Vestry Rm)

Sunday, January 1, 2017

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Church)
10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols
No Sunday School or Youth Group today

Monday, January 2

Church Offices Closed

*Christmas Flower donations can be found on the back inside cover.

Christmas Flowers

Given to the Glory of God

December 2016

IN MEMORY OF....

Robert & Elizabeth Baxter, *by Lorraine Baxter*

Eve Blake, *by Nancy Clark*

Floma Brown, *by John & Barbara Addeo*

Lawrence & Mabel Gibson & Cecil & Edna Lou Hood, *by David Gibson & Betty Hood-Gibson*

Bobbie Hala, *by Natalie Hala & David Crosson*

John Hauser & Jonathan Hauser, *by Florence Hauser*

Marsha M. Rea, *by James & Linda Rea*

Felicia Antonia Smith & Lina Salomone, *by Ilia & Timothy Smith*

Mary Lou & Herm Schneebeil, *by Marta Johnson*

Ruth & Davis Hughes, Pauline & Randolph Kieve, Kathryn Kieve, & Beth March,
by Anne & Loren Kieve

Dorothy Bartlett, *by Matt & Jamie Bartlett*

Joseph Coughlan, *by Erika Coughlan*

Anne & John Spenik, Earle W. White, & William Bulakites, *by the White-Spenik family*

Barry Standing, *by Jane Standing*

John & Nick Traina, *by Danielle Steel*

All the family members we have lost, Richard Fowler, David Simmons,
by Pat & Wolfgang Lusse

Cathryn & Laurence B. Adams & Gilberta & Guy J. Kornblum, *parents, grandparents and great grandparents to Victoria, Guy Sr, Tory, Jessica, Guy Jr & Grace Cathryn.*

IN HONOR OF...

Adam Grover, *by the Grover Family*

Lena Smith, *by Ilia & Timothy Smith*

The Currier, Kalani, Jette & Deport Families, *by Steven Currier & Kenneth Kalani*

The Clergy, *by Vicki Haggin*

The Nambale Magnet School, *by Riley Haggin*

Natalie & Katharine Sullivan, *by David & Diana Sullivan*

Martha Anne Lebus, *by The Rev Don & Carol Anne Brown*

Grace Cathryn grandchild to *Guy & Victoria Kornblum*

GIVEN IN GRATITUDE FOR...

Our grandchildren, Hugh & Rudy, our children and their spouses, David (& Kate),
Andrew (& Bronwyn), Alex & Kate, *by Anne & Loren Kieve*