



## The Holy Eucharist LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 a.m. Sunday, February 26, 2017

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.  
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.  
May you leave here with a heart prepared to serve.*



*If this is your first time here, or your first time back in a while,  
we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card found in your pew  
and put it in the offering plate.*

**Our worship time together begins with a musical prelude.  
Thank you for listening in silence and for respecting the needs of worshippers  
for a quiet time of prayer and meditation.**

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| <b>PRELUDE</b>           | Sarabande & Wedding Day in Troidhaugen<br>from Suite for Brass Quintet | Edvard Grieg<br>1843-1907<br>arr. Alan Civil |
| <b>PROCESSIONAL HYMN</b> | Songs of thankfulness and praise                                       | <i>Hymnal</i> , #135                         |

## 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** All glory be to God on high *Hymnal*, #421

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.  
O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR THE INTERIM TIME** all say together

**Almighty God, we pray for the people of St. Mary's during this time of transition. May we be genuine in our self-reflection, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith.**

**As we seek to find, instill in us trust in your loving guidance.**

**As we seek to challenge, unite us in our commitment to serve and to know Christ in each other and the world;**

**As we seek to inspire, fill us with your bountiful spirit.**

**All this we pray, empowered by the love of Christ our Lord. Amen**

**FIRST READING**

all sit

Exodus 24:12-18

**T**he Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader      The Word of the Lord.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM**

Alleluia, sing for joy!

Dorothy Elder

## SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

**W**e did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader      **The Word of the Lord.**

People      **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN

Christ upon the mountain peak

*Hymnal, #129*

verses 1 – 2, before the Gospel

verses 3 - 4, after the Gospel

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

all stand

Matthew 17:1-9

Response after the introduction to the Gospel      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**S**ix days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Response at the end of the Gospel reading      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE CHILDREN'S HOMILY

### THE DOXOLOGY

all stand

After the Doxology, the Pre-School class processes out for programs in the nursery.

**Praise God from whom all blessings all flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

**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

Leader Manifest God, lead us to your glory by the light of faith, as we pray to you.

Brief silence to collect prayers.

Leader We pray for the world. Help us to see beyond this moment to embrace your whole creation.

People **May we make your Good News known among the nations.**

Leader We pray that we as a people may be united in spirit and purpose.

People **May your ageless wisdom guide us.**

Leader We pray for the faith to trust you in every circumstance, knowing that you are bringing about healing and reconciliation.

People **May your presence be felt in the lives of those closely linked with ours and beyond.**

Leader We pray that those who have died may find peace and joy in the communion of saints.

People **Mercifully grant that all who know you now by faith may come to the full contemplation of your majesty.**

Leader We pray for those, known and unknown, who cry to you for help and solace.

Prayers and thanksgivings are offered from the St. Mary's Prayer List  
and the congregation is invited to add theirs.

Deacon Holy God, lead us forward on our own journeys: guide us by your teaching and imbue us with your compassion. These prayers and hopes we offer with gratitude for your love and presence among us, through the power of God made manifest. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

*Hymnal, #383*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER D

all stand

*BCP, page 372*

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## 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 acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.



When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People **We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues.....

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **Amen**

And now, 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.

If you prefer, gluten-free wafers are available. 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

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

*Hymnal, #324*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

all say together

**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

### CHURCH SCHOOL RECESSIONAL

Alleluia, sing to Jesus

*Hymnal, #460*

verses 1 & 3

During the recessional, Kindergarten through Confirmation classes process out for Sunday School

## THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Hollinshead "Lin" T. Knight

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Alleluia, sing to Jesus

*Hymnal, #460*

verse 4

**DISMISSAL**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Italian Concerto *BWV 971, III. Presto*

arr. Chas Warren

**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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# Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

## WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS

We are delighted that you chose to worship with us. 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,** or 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.

### GUEST PREACHER

We welcome The Rev. Hollinshead "Lin" T. Knight as guest preacher at all services **this morning**. Lin Knight was born in Philadelphia, is a graduate of Yale and the Episcopal Theological School, served three years in the Navy, served three small missions in Idaho, then moved to St. Luke's in San Francisco to serve as associate rector from 1964 to 1973. He was called to serve as Vicar and then Rector of St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in the Diamond Heights area of San Francisco from 1973 to 1984. From 1984 to 1995, Fr. Lin served as Dean of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Honolulu. Fr. Lin has served 12 interim positions in the Diocese of California, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and in the Diocese of Oregon. Among those positions, Fr. Lin served as interim rector at St. Mary's from 2011 to 2012.

### MUSIC FOR THIS MORNING

This Sunday marks the last Sunday after the Epiphany and a transitional point toward lent. The choir will sing American composer Randal Thompson's great work, "Alleluia." In singing a meditation on that word, we fill our souls with praise and thanksgiving before entering into the penitential season of Lent.

*-Eric Choate, Interim Director of Music*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Turning water into wine—Jesus' first miracle. Today in Sunday School we'll visit the little town of Cana, prepare to see a wedding and learn why the bride's father would have been deeply chagrined had the good wine run out at the wedding festivities. Enter Mary and Jesus and the day is saved. What does this act of empathy and kindness show us, teach us about Jesus? The children will learn about weddings then and now and create a sample of the kind of wedding gift a Jewish bride in Palestine might have received.

*-Nancy Clark, Sunday School Director*

### NAME TAGS

A friendly reminder to wear your name tags during services. If you do not have a name tag and need one, please email Manny at [manny@smvsf.org](mailto:manny@smvsf.org).

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Will meet today from **5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** to talk about prayer and discernment. Dinner will be provided, and there will be great conversation and games!

*-Mike Stafford, Youth Minister*

### SHROVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

It's hard to believe but Lent is almost upon us, which means we'll be gathering for one more evening of fun and fellowship before entering into this contemplative and self-reflective season. Everyone is welcome to a festive Shrove Tuesday supper on **Tuesday, February 28th** in the **Great Room**. Supper begins at **6:30 p.m.** We need volunteers to help with set-up, cooking, and clean-up. Please contact Amy Cebrian if you'd like to sign up or have any questions [amycebrian@gmail.com](mailto:amycebrian@gmail.com).

*-Amy Cebrian*

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

The Lenten season begins on Wednesday, March 1 with Eucharist services and the imposition of ashes at 7:00 a.m., 12 noon and 7:00 p.m. Ashes are an ancient symbol of penitence. Since the Middle Ages, it has become the custom to begin Lent, the season of preparation for Easter, by being marked with ash in the sign of the cross. Hence the first day of the season came to be known as "Ash Wednesday." The reminder that "we are dust" turns our attention to the creative power of God, and God's ability to heal the brokenness in our lives when we offer that brokenness to God. This turning to God is the work of Lent. Consider expanding your spiritual life and inquiry during this penitential season by attending the weekly Wednesday morning Eucharist service at 7:00 a.m. and the five – week Wednesday evening Lenten Study Series. Please see the Lenten brochure for details.

### LENTEN CARBON FAST

With the season of Lent quickly approaching, Bishop Marc Andrus is inviting all members of the Diocese of California to join him in a Lenten 'carbon fast' — a prayerful effort to reduce daily actions that damage God's creation. For example, Bishop Marc plans to walk

or bike to work each day, one staff member of the Diocese will be giving up morning ride-share to take public transit, and another is committing to a 'carbon tithe' to offset the cost of planting new trees in hurricane-ravaged parts of Haiti. You can find many inspirational resources and ideas for your carbon fast through **Interfaith Power & Light**, the **Episcopal Church Foundation**, and the **Anglican Communion Environmental Network**.

*-Natalie Hala (adapted from Diobytes 2.14.17)*

### STOP HUNGER NOW!

On **Saturday, March 4, 2017** we will gather in the **Great Room** from **9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.** to package meals for hungry people. This is a parish-wide event to which all members of the community are invited! Registration has begun. Please register at <http://events.stophungernow.org/episcopalchurchofstmarythevirgin3/4/17>. Please register early because we must limit the number of participants. Family, friends, and neighbors are welcome!

*-Deacon Tim Smith*

### MISSION TRIP

We are very excited to announce that our Youth Mission Trip will be to Marvell, Arkansas! The anticipated dates are **June 21-30**, and the trip is **open to all graduating 8th graders - graduating 12th graders**. We will be working again with YouthWorks, the service organization that we worked with in Wind River and Bayou La Batre. Registration will begin very soon; watch your email for more information on signups. Feel free to contact Mike Stafford with any questions.

*-Mike Stafford, Youth Minister*

### 2017 LENTEN SERIES.

#### LIVING THE WAY OF THE CROSS FROM THE HISTORICAL JESUS TO THE COSMIC CHRIST

Join **Bishop Marc Andrus, Fr. Jeremy Clark-King** and **Fr. Don Brown** for the **Lenten series on Wednesday evenings starting on March 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Room**. The series will continue for each Wednesday evening of Lent. The five-week series is designed for all parishioners who would like to know more about Lent, the meanings inherent in the Stations of the Cross, and the traditions that surround our observances and religious practices during Holy Week. The series is designed to challenge us to develop new practices based on ancient teachings and lean into new cosmology, the stations of the cosmic cross. The series includes a light soup supper. If you have friends who want to know more about faith practices in the Episcopal Church, please invite them to attend with you.

*-Natalie Hala*

### ADD LENT MADNESS TO YOUR PERSONAL PRACTICE

If you are hooked on hoops or just joyous with Jesus, you may want to add **Lent Madness** to your personal Lenten practice. An online outreach program of Forward Movement, which publishes the devotional *Forward Day by Day*, Lent Madness replicates the format of the annual NCAA basketball tournament, marketed as *March Madness*, in order to explore the good news of two thousand years of holy women and men. On **Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**, in a veritable bacchanal of brackets, 32 saints will pair off against each other in head to head competition. Through online voting, the first round will be winnowed to the *Saintly 16*, then to the *Elate Eight*, and then the *Faithful Four*. The final two will then go head to head to win the coveted *Golden Halo*. The brackets are posted in the copy room at the church, or go to [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) to participate. Lent Madness may not make you a better Christian, but it may result in a more informed one. It is a great way to trick your mind into enriching your soul.

*-David Crosson*

### ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE OCCASSIONAL RIDES TO SUNDAY SERVICES?

Pastoral Care Committee members fulfill a variety of needs for parishioners, such as phone calls, personal notes, meal delivery, transportation and some personal visits if deemed necessary by the clergy. We provide an online tool for easy sign-ups to help with occasional rides for Sunday services or meal preparation and delivery. Please consider joining our dedicated group of volunteers whom we call on for meals and transportation. Most of the time, you are only needed for one meal or one ride. For more information or to join us, contact Josie McGann: [josiemcgann@gmail.com](mailto:josiemcgann@gmail.com) or call 415 297-2202.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JIM ANDERSON

A memorial service for Jim Anderson will be held on **Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 p.m.** here at St. Mary's. Jim was a longtime member of the congregation and was actively involved as a chalice bearer, belonged to the Cursillo community and served as liaison to AA meetings held on our church campus. Reception will follow after the service.

## 2017 ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT

Please mark your calendar for **Friday, May 19th through Sunday, May 21st** for our Annual Parish Retreat at the Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg. This much loved tradition is a time for parishioners of all ages, from all services, to come together and enjoy fun and fellowship. We can engage in hiking, eating, swimming in the saltwater pool, tasting cheese and wines, worshipping in the Ranch's lovely historic chapel, dropping into quiet contemplation, exploring the town of Healdsburg, doing crafts, playing games, eating s'mores by the campfire, and yes, enjoying some fellowship and community! Do it all or just enjoy sitting with a book, basking in the beauty of the wine country. The registration costs include comfortable lodging, all meals, crafts and other supervised activities for the kids, and entertainment for all. Registration forms will be available at [www.smvsf.org](http://www.smvsf.org) and in future bulletins. Look for more details in coming announcements. The **deadline to sign up is May 12th at noon**. We also need volunteers to help at the Ranch; please contact **Amy Cebrian** at [amycebrian@gmail.com](mailto:amycebrian@gmail.com) if you can help. We have loved going for years and hope to see you at the Ranch!

*-Amy Cebrian*

## 2017 BAPTISM SCHEDULE

A principal sacrament of the Episcopal Church, "Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the Church." It is appropriate to be baptized at any age. Because baptism is a public service of initiation, the gathered community celebrates with, and welcomes the newly baptized within a regular Sunday worship service on Sundays in various liturgical seasons throughout the year. Please see these newly revised and expanded scheduled dates for baptisms in 2017. For further information please contact **Natalie Hala**, parish verger and liturgist at [natalie@smvsf.org](mailto:natalie@smvsf.org).  
**Sunday, April 23, 2017, Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, June 4, 2017, Day of Pentecost**  
**Sunday, July 30, 2017**  
**Sunday, September 24, 2017 Sunday, November 5, 2017, All Saints Day**

*(Note that a 9:00 am rehearsal is held the Saturday before the Baptism)*

## LAY MINISTRY

**Altar Guild:** *Deborah Franklin, Mary Hill, Carrie Tsai*  
**Eucharistic Visitors:** *Russell Fudge, Sandy Briggs, David Crosson*

**Flowers:** *Alice Allick*

### 8:00 a.m. service

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**Chalice Bearer:** *Josie McGann*

**Usher:** *Mary Hill*

### 9:00 a.m. service

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**Chalice Bearers:** *Sandy Stadtfeld, Sandy Brigg, Steven Currier*

**Lector:** *Lindsay Walsh*

**Prayer Leader:** *Alexandra Grover*

**Children's Homily:** *Michael Stafford*

**Ushers:** *Jerry George, Rick Darwin, Wells Blaxter*

### Acolytes:

**First Crucifer:** *Sam Reynolds*

**First Torch Bearers:** *Lily Peta, Margaret Veatch*

**Second Crucifer:** *Lizzy Hayashi*

**Second Torch Bearer:** *Jake Boyden, Seda Perry*

**Servers:** *Philip de Castro, Margaret Veatch*

### 11:00 a.m. service

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**Chalice Bearers:** *Natalie Hala, Roulhac Austin, Carl Zachrisson*

**Lector:** *Kim Regan*

**Prayer Leader:** *Jan Bolles*

**Ushers:** *Tom Austin, Ron Clark*

## We Pray For...

### **PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS**

George Dietrich  
Brian Dunn  
John Hinson  
Bob & Shirley Rause  
Paula Driscoll  
Alexa Frechette  
Carol Hughes  
Canon Stefani Schatz  
Robin Bryan  
Ron Larson

### **CONTINUING CONCERNS**

Roy Brichard  
Mason Brown  
Mitch Graham  
Bob Mittelstadt  
Pat Okimoto  
Kerry Reed  
Matt Sowick  
Joan Toto  
Lisa Vance  
Rebecca Wardell  
The Community at the  
Heritage  
The Community of St.  
Francis  
The Presidio Gate residents  
The CASA foster children  
Nick  
Dolores Cook

### **DISCERNMENT OF MINISTRY**

Kathleen Bean  
Nan Slavin  
Stephanie Lehman  
Stephen Ministry  
Class of 2017

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Jim Anderson  
Ken Waugh  
Ed Weir

### **GLOBAL CONCERNS**

For victims of modern  
human enslavement  
everywhere.

For those oppressed by the  
absence of justice and  
righteousness in their lives.

For those suffering from the  
aftermath of excessive rain  
and flooding.

### **THANKSGIVING**

On this last Sunday of Black  
History Month, we give  
thanks for the African  
American saints among the  
Great Cloud of Witness who,  
through their example,  
brought God's kingdom  
closer to us.

Today, on World Mission  
Sunday, we give thanks to  
all who unselfishly live their  
Baptismal Covenant and  
"seek and serve Christ in all  
persons."

### **TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS**

Names may be submitted to  
our prayer request email at  
[prayfor@smvsf.org](mailto:prayfor@smvsf.org) or by  
filling out a **YELLOW** prayer  
card and placing it in the  
offering plate. Names will  
remain on the prayer list for  
**two weeks** and may be re-  
submitted.

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