



The Holy Eucharist

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 a.m. Sunday, April 2, 2017

*During the season of Lent we will be observing a period of silence.
Please use this time to transition from the outside world to the liturgy
by kneeling in prayer or sitting in quiet reflection.*

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Book of Common Prayer, page 323

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People **God's mercy endureth for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

all say together

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The Celebrant stands facing the people and says,

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All kneel, as able.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

KYRIE

all stand

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE INTERIM TIME

all pray 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**

THE FIRST LESSON

seated

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

De profundis

- ¹ Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- ² If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- ³ For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- ⁴ I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- ⁵ My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- ⁶ O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- ⁷ With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

THE SECOND LESSON

seated

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

Response after the introduction to the Gospel **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Response at the end of the Gospel reading **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

seated

The Rev. Dr. Paula Nesbitt

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

standing

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

adapted by Natalie Hala

- Leader Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom. Hear us as we pray:
For your church around the world,
- People **We ask new life.**
- Leader For all who carry out ministries in your church,
People **We ask grace and wisdom.**
- Leader For people who have adopted Lenten disciplines,
People **We ask inspired discipleship.**
- Leader For people of faith in every land,
People **We ask new unity in your name.**
- Leader For those yet to believe,
People **We ask your faithful love.**
- Leader For governors and rulers in every land,
People **We ask your guidance.**
- Leader For people who suffer and sorrow, especially ..(The Deacon continues prayers
from the St. Mary's Prayer List and invites the congregation to add theirs. The
Deacon concludes with.) Gracious Lord,
People **We ask your healing peace.**
- Leader For family, friends, and those who have entered your heavenly kingdom,
especially.. (The Deacon continues prayers from the St. Mary's Prayer List and
invites the congregation to add theirs. The Deacon concludes with.) Gracious
Lord,
People **We ask that your loving arms embrace them.**
- Leader For the thanksgivings of our lives, especially..(The Deacon continues prayers
from the St. Mary's Prayer List and invites the congregation to add theirs. The
Deacon concludes with.) Gracious Lord,
People **We are grateful.**
- Deacon Holy God, your son, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a broken world and brought
humanity the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured. Teach
those who witness God's name to follow the example given us. May our faith,
hope, and charity turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, and death to eternal life;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II standing

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The celebrant continues...

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Stand or kneel as able as the celebrant continues...

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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.**

AGNUS DEI

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

standing

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All **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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 ongoing 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.

ACOLYTE AND CHALICE BEARER

APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Today, Sunday, April 2 we recognize the good works of the youth acolytes during the **9:00 a.m.** service. Among this group are five dedicated seniors who have served this ministry well. We especially thank them and wish them a fond farewell.

In addition **today, April 2 at all three Sunday services**, we recognize and express our appreciation to the adult acolytes and chalice bearers who, through their dedication to this ministry, enhance and enrich our worship services throughout the year.

-Sandy Briggs & Natalie Hala

MUSIC FOR THIS MORNING

This morning the choir will sing Herbert Howells' iconic choral work, "Like as the Hart." This is a musical setting of Psalm 42, which is apt for this season of Lent. It echoes the words of this morning's appointed Psalm, *De Profundis*. Howells was a 20th century English composer and cathedral organist whose music is characterized by immense sadness and depth.

-Eric Choate, Interim Director of Music

SUNDAY SCHOOL

On our last teaching Sunday before next week's start of Holy Week, we are preparing the children for the events of that most important week. They've learned about and practiced the 'Hosannas' of Palm Sunday and today they'll have a light touch introduction to Jesus' protest of moneychangers in the Great Temple, the gathering of the disciples for the Last Supper, and Jesus' humbling act of footwashing. They will be all ready to participate in our parish's celebration of Maundy Thursday. We hope all families will come. The 5th and 6th graders Courtyard Commerce activities for Heifer last week generated funds to provide a needy family a sheep and a pig OR a water buffalo OR a goat, a trio of rabbits and three flocks of chicks. In other words, thanks to your generous participation we raised \$235 for the Heifer cause. You'll have another opportunity today to help the Heifer cause. Hmm...the price of an irrigation pump for a village is \$150. Can we provide one?

-Nancy Clark, Sunday School Director

YOUTH GROUP

No youth group meeting tonight. But get excited for the Ocean Beach Bonfire Adventure Night on **Sunday, April 9.**

HOLY WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Join us for Holy Week at St. Mary the Virgin. **Maundy Thursday** will begin with a soup dinner together with readings and meditations, followed by a procession into the church. There will be lots of gorgeous a cappella singing with our Parish Choir, as well as our Artists in Residence, Lacuna Arts Chorale. The service will be simple, quiet, and beautiful. On **Good Friday** evening we will experience the stark reading of the **Passion** and the **Solemn Collects** with sparse un-accompanied singing led by our wonderful Parish Choir. These services are not to be missed and will make our **Easter celebration** all the more exciting and fantastic.

WINE DONATIONS NEEDED FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13

The beautiful liturgy of Maundy Thursday begins with a community meal that commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This year, award winning chef Yokam Ottolenghi's Mideastern-inspired cuisine will highlight the meal. To fully recall the Last Supper and its essential components, we are seeking donations of wine for this gathering. If you are able to donate a bottle of wine (or more!) or are interested in bringing a dish for the meal, please contact Natalie Hala at: natalie.smvsf.org.

HAND BELL RINGERS WANTED!

The hand bell choir of St. Mary the Virgin is preparing for Easter services and needs a few more ringers. Please consider lending your hands to a bell or two to join in this ministry, ringing with a small, fun, and dedicated group of people. No experience necessary, we will teach you. If you can count to four, swing your arm, or read a newspaper, then you can ring. We welcome adults and young people ages 12 and up. Consider joining as a family activity. Our **regular rehearsal time is Wednesday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. however because of the Lenten series that meets on Wednesday April 5th we will meet on Thursday, April 6th from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. instead.** Please contact **Marla Perkins**, Interim Hand Bell Choir Director with questions or to join us at marla@smvsf.org.

2017 LENTEN SERIES

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

Join **Bishop Marc Andrus** and **Fr. Don Brown** as the **Lenten series continues on April 5 at 6:00 pm in the Great Room.** 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, Verger & Liturgist

BECOMING AN ACOLYTE

Would you like to be an acolyte at the 9:00 a.m. service? If you will be going into fourth grade in **Fall 2017** or you are in any higher grade through high school graduation, you are invited to join our group. For more information, please contact Debbie Veatch at veatchdl@gmail.com or by phone at H 1 (415)752-1676 or C 1 (415)244-3515 or Sandy Briggs at sjbtbf@earthlink.net or by phone at H 1 (415)346-6457 or C 1 (415) 640-0071.

-Sandy Briggs

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, worshiping 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 are available at www.smvsf.org. Look for more details in

coming announcements. The **deadline to sign up is May 12 at noon.** We also need volunteers to help at the Ranch; please contact **Amy Cebrian** at amycebrian@gmail.com if you can help. We have loved going for years and hope to see you at the Ranch!

-Amy Cebrian

REBUILDING TOGETHER

SAN FRANCISCO

Do you like to help those in need? Want to put words into action? Join St. Mary's on **Saturday, April 29** for National Rebuilding Day! On that day, teams of volunteers collect at sites throughout the country and San Francisco to provide free repairs and cleanup for seniors living at home and for non-profit agencies in need of TLC. St. Mary the Virgin has sponsored one of these projects in cooperation with St. James Episcopal Church for the past 14 years, and we will again this year! If you are interested please send an email to David Sullivan at: david@djsully.net. If you would like more information about the program, go to www.rebuildingtogethersf.org.

- David Sullivan

CHALICE BEARERS WANTED

Your active participation in weekly liturgy is one way to draw closer to God and to serve our gathered community during worship. Chalice Bearers assist the clergy at the altar during services and administer the chalice during the Eucharist. We are looking for people to join this ministry, especially for the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. A brief training session with trainer Bob Bledsoe will prepare you for this task. The number of services per month that you will be assigned is flexible to

accommodate your needs. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pam or Bob Bledsoe at pam_bob@comcast.net or phone **707 938.8281**.

ADULT CONFIRMATION/ INQUIRER'S CLASS

Do you find yourself wondering what it means to be a Christian as an Episcopalian? Do you have questions about how the Episcopal Church came about and what is it that is normative in belief and practice in the Episcopal Church? Have you thought about having your baptismal promises renewed through the right of Confirmation? Starting on **Sunday, April 23 at 12:30 p.m.** and ending at **2:00 p.m.**, St. Mary's three priests will be offering a series of classes to address these and whatever other questions you might have about the Christian faith as lived out in the Episcopal Church. The class will meet weekly through May 21. The class will include discussions of Liturgy and the Liturgical Calendar, Sacraments, Reformation and Anglican Theology, Anglican Ethics and Morality, Spirituality, and along the way will address whatever other related questions class participants raise. Anyone 16 years or older is welcome in the class. Participants may just attend for information and all will have the opportunity, should they choose, to reaffirm their faith or to be confirmed at **Grace Cathedral on Saturday, June 3**. For more information, contact any of the class leaders.

Fr. Don G. Brown, Interim Rector

N.E.R.T. TRAINING

A Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness Training Program that is free and open to anyone who is interested will take place at St. Mary's on six consecutive Monday evenings (**April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8 and 15**) from **6:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.** To register visit: <http://bit.ly/2jemUpO>.

-David Sullivan

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT SERIES

Join us for our next Candlelight Concert this **Saturday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m.** in the church. We are very excited to have **One Great City Duo** offering a concert for us in the beautiful, intimate candle-lit space. They will perform works for classical guitar ranging from early music to Cole Porter. Join us also for a wine and cheese reception to follow. Visit <http://smvsf.org/concerts/> for more information.

-Eric Choate, Interim Director of Music

LAY MINISTRY

Altar Guild: *Jan Bolles, Yaromil Ralph, Landra Miles, Jane Standing, Valerie Mayer*
Eucharistic Visitors: *Alexandra Grover, Steve White, David Gibson*

8:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearer: *Stephanie Lehman*

Usher: *John Addeo*

9:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Sandy Stadtfeld, Georgene Keeler, Kathleen Murray*

Lector: *Sandy Stadtfeld*

Prayer Leader: *Anne Williams*

Children's Homily: *Ginny Woodworth*

Ushers: *Phil Albert, Arthur Perkins, Geoff Tuller*

Acolytes:

First Crucifer: *Frances Sutton*

First Torch Bearers: *John Hibbard, William Hibbard*

Second Crucifer: *James Sutton*

Second Torch Bearer: *Will Reed, Charlotte Wyman*

Servers: *Ryan Darwin, William Hibbard*

11:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Tom Austin, Natalie Hala, David Crosson*

Lector: *Sandra Gary*

Prayer Leader: *Guy Kornblum*

Ushers: *David Sullivan, Linda Sharp*

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

Joan Howell
David Stickleby
Venod
The Tilley Family
Hope Tarpey Brady
The Perkins Family
Charles Urhke

Margie Fay
Debbie Craig
Sherry Simpson
The Rev Canon Bob Hayman
Janet Bolles
Richard Bolles

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
Carol Hughes

DISCERNMENT OF MINISTRY

Kathleen Bean
Nan Slavin
Stephanie Lehman
Kathleen Connery

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Haggin
Carl Zachrisson
Eric
Richard Hansen
Lorrayne Vittori

GLOBAL CONCERNS

For those who suffer from famine, hunger and thirst.

For successful conflict mediation and peacebuilding throughout the world.

THANKSGIVING

Our Acolytes and our Chalice Bearers who enhance our worship throughout the year.

For the birth of Celine Elizabeth Ericson, daughter of Joannie and Evan Ericson.

ST. MARY'S PETS

Buffy, Danny and Buffy

TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS

Names may be submitted to our prayer request email at 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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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE
AT ST. MARY'S
2017

Sunday, April 9	Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion with the liturgy of the Palms 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 13	Maundy Thursday 6:00 p.m. in the Great Room, followed by a service of foot washing and Eucharist in the church
Friday, April 14	Good Friday 12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service with choir
Saturday, April 15	Easter Eve Service 5:00 p.m. Eucharist with Children's Choir
Sunday, April 16	Easter Day 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharists with brass and a special 5:00 p.m. evening service

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