



The Holy Eucharist

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 a.m. Sunday, May 14, 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.*

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION all stand

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

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.

GLORIA

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE INTERIM TIME all say together

O Loving God, giver of all good things, be present with us and our vestry as we seek our next Rector. Guide them as they select a faithful pastor, patient teacher and wise councilor to lead us in the way of your Son. Instill in us a vision of a family of faithful servants that, guided by your Holy Spirit, is renewed by hope, united in love, and joyful in pursuing our mission here on earth. In the name of the risen Christ, our mediator and redeemer, we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING

all sit

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

read responsively by half verse

In te, Domine, speravi

- ¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- ² Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- ³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- ⁴ Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- ⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
- ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; *
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**
- ¹⁶ Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

THE HOMILY

The Very Rev. Dr. Donald G. Brown

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 Risen Christ, in the hope of the resurrection we pray.

Brief silence to collect prayers.

Leader We pray for the Church: direct its leaders and enliven us for its mission.

People **Christ is risen, that we all might be one.**

Leader We pray for the world: lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

People **Christ is risen, that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Leader Creator of all, awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

People **Christ is risen, that the purposes of all creation might be fulfilled.**

Leader We pray for our mothers and those who have been like mothers to us: loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, may you watch over your Church.

People **Christ is risen, that we might serve and love one another as God loves us.**

Leader We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

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

Deacon God of Promise and God of Hope, who through thy great mercy has granted us new birth through the death and resurrection of thy Son, Jesus Christ, we praise thy wonderful name! You have granted us new strength to endure all things through faith in Christ our risen King, we praise thy wonderful name!
Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING all stand

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.**

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

SANCTUS

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.

The People stand or kneel as able, as the Celebrant continues...

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING all stand and say together

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 EUCHARISTIC VISITOR *

* when needed

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.**

THE BLESSING

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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.

Restrooms are located at the end of the breezeway next to Fowler Hall.

St. Mary's Nursery is located off that same breezeway.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers were given for Mother's Day in memory of Julia Addeo, Floma Brown, and Julia DeLisser by John and Barbara Addeo.

CHILD CARE

The nursery is open for all children up to age three whose parents would like to attend the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. services. Please contact Jackie Schroeder with any questions: jackie@smvsf.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL

It's **Mothers Day**, a special day in its own right and also the day we pause to learn about St. Mary, Jesus' mother and the saint for whom our parish is named. How many images of Mary inside and outside of the church can you remember? Do you know what part of Mary's life is portrayed in the panels of the fresco mural? Can you find the symbols of Mary in the paintings? Those are questions the children will consider and, of course, we'll be using the art around us to learn Mary's story.

The Communion bread used at the 9:00 a.m. service today was baked by the 5th and 6th graders last week, a gift for St. Mary and the mothers of our parish.

-Nancy Clark, Sunday School Director

2017 ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT

The Annual Parish retreat at the Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg is coming **May 19**. We're thrilled that Rev. Lin Knight will be joining us again this year and will lead a program on Saturday morning teeing off our Friday night film *Inside Out*. For those of you who have not had the chance to come on the retreat before, this much-loved tradition is a time for parishioners of all ages, from all services, to come together and enjoy fun and fellowship. There is hiking, swimming and frolicking in the wonderful saltwater pool, worshiping in the ranch's lovely historic chapel, quiet contemplation, doing crafts, playing games, s'mores by the campfire, time to enjoy the town of Healdsburg or its surrounding vineyards, and yes, 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, high quality wholesome meals, supervised activities for children, and a wonderful time. **Check in opens** up around **5:00 p.m.** on **Friday, May 19th** and the retreat wraps up after lunch on Sunday, May 21st. Please contact Amy Cebrian at **amycebrian@gmail.com** with any questions. We have loved going for years and hope to see you at the Ranch!

NAN SLAVIN GRADUATES

FROM THE SCHOOL FOR DEACONS

We are thrilled that parishioner Nan Slavin is graduating from the School for Deacons. Our parish has supported Nan in her discernment to become a deacon, with a Local Discernment Committee, a scholarship, and prayers. Now we get to help celebrate with her by coming to her graduation on **Sunday, May 21** at **4:00 p.m.** It's in All Saints Chapel at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, 2451 Ridge Road, in Berkeley. A reception will follow. Everyone is invited. *-Fr. Don Brown*

FAITH IN ACTION UPDATES

How do you feel called to live out your faith in the world? How should St. Mary's engage with the community around us? What is keeping you up at night? The St. Mary's Faith in Action team invites you to join one of our exploration groups to engage with the above questions and get to know each other

more deeply. These groups are part of our congregation-wide discernment process to help shape our work with our community. We are doing this in partnership with the interfaith organization Faith in Action, which guides congregations in their own explorations and facilitates community engagement. Come join us **May 20** at the retreat. If you missed attending a session but would like to know more, please email Margaret Stafford at **mpstafford@gmail.com** so we know to expect you. We look forward to this exploration process!

ADULT

CONFIRMATION/INQUIRER'S CLASS

A REFRESHER CLASS FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO BRUSH UP ON EPISCOPAL BASICS

The class meets **today** from **12:30 p.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m.** The class includes discussions on the organization and structure of the Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican community. *-Fr. Don Brown*

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) 415-752-1676 or (C) 415-244-3515 or Sandy Briggs at **sjbtbf@earthlink.net** or by phone at (H) 415-346-6457 or (C) 415-640-0071.

-Sandy Briggs

CHORAL EVENSONG

FOR THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION

Please join in the celebration of The Feast of the Visitation of Mary with her cousin Elizabeth at a service of **Choral Evensong** on **Thursday, June 1** at **5:00 p.m.** in the church. This is the second of a series of Marian Evensongs that are planned for throughout the liturgical year.

DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION

Join in a Diocesan-wide celebration of Confirmation at Grace Cathedral on **Saturday, June 3** at **10:00 a.m.** St. Mary's will joyfully present a large contingent for Confirmation. Please come and support those who have been preparing to make a deeper commitment to their faith.

-Natalie Hala

DIOCESE ECOJUSTICE CONFERENCE

MAY 19 AND MAY 20

The Diocese of California will host a two-day EcoJustice Conference. On **Friday, May 19**, the sessions, held at **Grace Cathedral**, will center on racial reconciliation, justice, food and the environment. The day begins at 3:00 p.m. and culminates with a 7:00 p.m. Eucharist celebrated by The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry. **Saturday, May 20, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** an Eco-Confirmation will take place at Golden Gate Overlook in the Presidio, officiated by Presiding Bishop Curry. The rest of the day, everyone is invited to participate in family-friendly activities and actions across the Bay Area that put EcoJustice into action. For more details visit: **diocal.org/ecojustice**. *-Natalie Hala*

OUR FOOD BASKET

Our food basket, located in the Narthex, is always "open for business." When you grocery shop or clean out your pantry shelf, keep in mind that many of our community service organizations depend upon donations of non-perishable food items to prepare and feed folks who are in need. The items are delivered to reputable agencies such as St. Paulus Lutheran Church, Larkin St. Youth, food banks and other community-based programs. St. Mary's knows how to reach out, and your generosity is doubled when given so freely to others in need. Thank you! *-Deacon Nancy Bryan*

LOST & FOUND

Have you lost something at St. Mary's? Misplaced your sweater, keys, book, hat? Upstairs in our Volunteer Office is a lost and found plastic bin. Please feel free to look in it for your lost items or call the church office at **415-921-3665**.

LAY WORSHIP MINISTRY

Altar Guild: *Kim Regan, Nancy Clothier, Gloria Powell, Gretchen Lintner*

Eucharistic Visitors: *Alexandra Grover, Anna Sylvester, Russell Fudge*

Flowers: *Alice Allick, Joan Toney*

8:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearer: *Josie McGann*

Usher: *John Addeo*

9:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Sandy Briggs, Debbie Veatch, Russell Fudge*

Lector: *Linda Woodworth, Ginny Woodworth*

Prayer Leader: *Sandy Stadtfeld*

Children's Homily: *Ginny Woodworth*

Ushers: *Gerald George, Geoff Tuller, Arthur Perkins*

Acolytes

First Crucifer: *James Sutton*

First Torch Bearers: *Charlotte Winn, Noell Winn*

Second Crucifer: *Frances Sutton*

Second Torch Bearers: *Chase Mack, Lily Peta*

Servers: *Eva Toney, Charlotte Toney*

11:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Pam Bledsoe, Bob Bledsoe, Linda Sharp*

Lector: *Guy Kornblum*

Prayer Leader: *Sandra Gary*

Ushers: *Dan Herling, David Sullivan*

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

Katie Cooper
Virginie Wallace
Adrienne Faillace
Eleanor O'Connor
Maria Rosa Gomez de Escobar
Elizabeth Stromberg
Terry Daly
Theresa Roberts
Clareanne Herman
Loretta Van Vleck
Eleanor Lefferts
Sandy Hamilton
Linda Wood
Lucile Lansing

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Roy Brichard
Mason Brown
Mitch Graham
Bob Mittelstadt
Pat Okimoto
Kerry Reed and Family
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
Carol Hughes
Janet Bolles
Becky and Tom Claypool
Jill

DISCERNMENT OF MINISTRY

Kathleen Bean
Nan Slavin
Stephanie Lehman

RECENTLY DECEASED

Steele Christian Caine-Gottschalk
Emily Gable
Wilma Marshall
Shelli Dade Fleming
Ron Ennis
The Rev. John K. King
Archbishop George Niederauer
Erminio Joseph Peta

GLOBAL CONCERNS

For those who suffer from loneliness and isolation.

For displaced peoples who live among us and seek safety, justice, and opportunity.

THANKSGIVING

For all mothers and all of those who exhibit motherly virtues in their daily lives.

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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