



The Holy Eucharist

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION (transferred)

8:00 a.m. Sunday, May 28, 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 pray 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.

KYRIE all stand

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE INTERIM TIME

all pray together

O Loving God, giver of all good things, be present with us and our vestry as we seek our next Rector. Lovingly guide them as they select a faithful pastor, patient teacher and wise counselor to lead us in the way of your Son. Instill in all of 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 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

PSALM 93

read responsively by half verse

Dominus regnavit

- 7 The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; *
the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

all stand

Luke 24:44-53

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."
Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Hollinshead T. Knight

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader God who ascends beyond the heavens,

People **Watch over your church in its mission and ministry.**

Leader God who fills all things,

People **Lead us and every people into the ways of justice and peace.**

Leader God who gives and sustains all life,

People **We thank you for our world and the natural order**

Leader God who guards and tends the lost and forsaken,

People **We pray for those who suffer from illness, abuse, alienation and worry.**

Leader God who is waiting for us at the end,

People **We pray for those who have died and all who mourn.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation:

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

Deacon God, whose Son returned from whence he came, help us to abide in his risen life and bear the fruit of love for one another, that, in the fullness of time, we too may be welcomed to our eternal home to live in the love and light of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 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 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 power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes 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 We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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 pray together

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

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.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN We are marching

sung by all

We are marching in the light of God (8 times)

We are cycling...

We are walking...

We are praying...

PRAYER AND BLESSING OF CYCLISTS AND WALKERS

Officiant Gracious Lord Jesus, abide with all those who ride bicycles and walk in this community. As they experience the beauty of God's creation in the countryside, the San Francisco Bay and busy urban areas, may they always ride, walk safely and extend courtesy to all that they encounter on their way. We also pray that your Holy Spirit of love and care will visit the drivers of cars, trucks and buses granting them sensitivity and safe driving when near cyclists and walkers.

Leader As cyclists and walkers experience the joy of the surrounding environment,

People **Give them thankful hearts, O Lord.**

Leader As they walk or ride safely in rural or congested areas,

People **Protect them, O Lord.**

Leader Will you cyclists and walkers promise to abide by the rules of the road and ride and walk in a safe and joyful manner?

Riders and walkers

We will, encouraged by the grace of God.

Officiant And now, bless these bicycles and all who walk or bike in this community. Grant them keen minds for safe riding and vigilant walking, thankful hearts for their joyful experience, and faithful souls that know your Holy Spirit is with them on their journeys. These things we pray in your Holy Name. **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.

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

BIKES, RIDERS, AND WALKERS BEING BLESSED TODAY

Our service this morning will conclude in the Courtyard with a blessing of bicycles, riders, and walkers. St. Mary's is joining with other faith communities in the Bay Area marking "**Walk and Bike to Worship**" week. Following the Prayer of Thanksgiving after communion, you are invited to join the procession out of the church to the Courtyard where we will gather for the blessing of walkers, bicycles and riders. Our usual hospitality featuring coffee, tea, and treats will take place at the conclusion of the blessing.

-Fr. Don Brown

MUSIC FOR THIS SUNDAY

This morning we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension. The choir will sing an anthem setting of the glorious hymn,

"You, living Christ, our eyes behold," which celebrates the heavenly kingship and earthly rule. For the next three Sundays as the choir finishes out our program year, the choir will sing Ronald Nelson's majestic setting of Holy Communion, which is widely used in Lutheran Congregations. It seems the perfect fit to glorify the Ascension, Pentecost, and Trinity, as well as to end our program year on a celebratory note.

-Eric Choate, Interim Director of Music

SUNDAY SCHOOL

No Sunday School classes today.

-Nancy Clark, Sunday School Director

YOUTH GROUP

Mission Trip: We have begun fundraising for the Youth Mission Trip to **Marvell, Arkansas**. Our **goal** is to raise **\$8000.00** this year, and we are confident that you all will be able to support us. Beyond buying delicious baked goods in the courtyard, please donate a larger amount through the Church website: <http://smvsf.org/donation/> Thank you for all of your continued support for our Youth!

-Michael Stafford, Youth Minister

EXPANDED HOSPITALITY

AT COFFEE HOUR

Many people have commented on how much they enjoyed having food at the coffee hours following our Sunday Services. If you are interested in bringing cookies, cakes, fruit, and other such snacks a sign up sheet to indicate your willingness will be located on the Welcome Table in the Courtyard. Just sign up for the date and the time you will be bringing treats.

-Josie McGann

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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.** Today is our last day and our topic is “Stump the Clergy” with questions on all things episcopal.

-Fr. Don Brown

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

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. If you missed attending a session but would like to know more, please email Margaret Stafford at **mpstafford@gmail.com**. We look forward to this exploration process!

-Margaret Stafford

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 6:30 p.m.** in the church. This is the second of a series of Marian Evensongs that are planned for throughout the liturgical year.

-Eric Choate, Interim Director of Music

SAN FRANCISCO INTERFAITH

RAMADAN IFTAR DINNER

On Thursday, **June 1, at 7:00 p.m.** at **Calvary Presbyterian Church** on Fillmore our parish will be co-sponsoring, along with Calvary and other neighboring faith communities, the annual San Francisco Ramadan Interfaith Iftar dinner. It is an enriching opportunity to be in community with our Muslim, Christian, Jewish, and Buddhist sisters and brothers and to help celebrate the Iftar dinner which breaks the daily fast during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Delicious Iftar food will be served, and we will have an opportunity to meet others from different faiths. The evening will also feature a presentation on

Ramadan and its importance to the Muslim faithful. Last year, ten parishioners from St. Mary the Virgin attended the event. It was a memorable evening of community and interfaith understanding for all who attended. We're hoping that even more parishioners from St. Mary's will attend and have a similar experience this year!

There is no charge to attend. Please **RSVP** at **pacificainstitute-sf.eventbrite.com** **no later than May 29!** If you have any questions, please contact **Deacon Tim Smith** at **tim@smvsf.org** or **415.921.3665, ext. 352.** *-Deacon Tim Smith*

NEWCOMER RECEPTION

On **Sunday, June 11**, between **2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Deacon Tim Smith and his wife Ilia will be hosting a reception for newcomers at their house at **945 Bay St., San Francisco.** This will be a special opportunity for newcomers in an intimate and casual setting to become acquainted with other newcomers, members of the clergy, and other parishioners and to learn more about the parish and its ministries in the community. If you're not sure whether you are still a newcomer, please come anyway! Children are welcome! Parking is available in the neighborhood. Please **RSVP** at your earliest convenience but **no later than Sunday, June 4**, to **Deacon Tim** at **tim@smvsf.org**. If you have questions, please contact any member of the clergy.

VISITING CHOIR FROM CAMBRIDGE

We are very excited to be hosting the **Chapel Choir of Selwyn College, Cambridge** this summer, when they will be singing a choral Mass for us and combine with our own Parish Choir for an evensong. It will be such a special exchange and a real treat for us to

hear one of the absolute finest choirs in the OxBridge system. **We are still looking for housing for about ten students for four nights.** It doesn't involve much at all- a few meals, a clean bed, and a ride to and from pick up and drop off locations each day. They will be here the nights of **July 13-16.** If you have a spare room and can take on a couple students, it would be very much appreciated. I can speak from personal experience that this is a wonderful exchange for both the students and the hosts. Please consider this opportunity, and don't hesitate to call with any questions. **415.921.3665 x 310** or email **eric@smvsf.org**.

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: *Mary Hill, Carrie Tsai*

Eucharistic Visitors: *Steve White, Anna Sylvester, David Gibson*

Flowers: *Joan Toney, Joanne Squire*

8:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearer: *Steven Currier*

Usher: *Leslie Hughes*

9:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Jeff Landry, Fran Hegeler, Russell Fudge*

Lector: *Anne Williams*

Prayer Leader: *Lindsay Walsh*

Ushers: *Patricia Nishita, Wells Blaxter*

Acolytes

First Crucifer:

First Torch Bearers:

Second Crucifer:

Second Torch Bearers:

Servers:

11:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Tom Austin, Linda Sharp, David Crosson*

Lector: *Mari Coates*

Prayer Leader: *Fran Hegeler*

Ushers: *Guy Kornblum, Robert Manette, Sheila Santangelo*

**Printed lay schedule is as of deadline time - Tuesday at noon.*

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

Sandy Hamilton
Linda Wood
Lucile Lansing
Anne Halsted
Erika Coughlan
Philip White
Marcie White
Canon Stefani Schatz
The Tate Family
Rik Vig
Plater Family

CONTINUING CONCERNS

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
Becky and Tom Claypool
Jill

DISCERNMENT OF MINISTRY

Kathleen Bean
Nan Slavin
Stephanie Lehman

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ron Ennis
The Rev. John K. King
Archbishop George Niederauer
Erminio Joseph Peta
Jane Lewis
Rose B

GLOBAL CONCERNS

For the victims of the Manchester Arena bombing and for all who mourn them.

For the lost, the hurting, the lonely and those who are imprisoned—behind visible or invisible walls.

For successful conflict mediation and peacebuilding throughout the world.

THANKSGIVING

For our country's active duty, reservist, retired military and those who have died in service to our country that they may know God's grace and serve as examples of courage and sacrifice to us all.

For Bay Area walking paths and bike trails that renew our spirit, strengthen our body and deepen our love for creation.

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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