



The Holy Eucharist
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
8:00 a.m. Sunday, January 28, 2018

*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 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.

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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 and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 ANNUAL MEETING

Holy God, the navigator of our souls, guide us as we convene our annual meeting this morning. Be with us and inspire our vision to make all things new. Enlighten us with your Word, nourish us with your heavenly banquet and strengthen us with your grace. Embolden us with your Spirit so we can achieve great things and be the witnesses that you ask us to be. For all that we do, we do to your glory.

Amen.

FIRST READING

all sit

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111

read responsively by half verse

Confitebor tibi

¹ Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the deeds of the Lord! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

³ His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

⁴ He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *

- the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**
- ⁵ He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- ⁸ They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
- ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
**those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

all stand

Mark 1:21-28

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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

THE HOMILY

all sit

The Rev. David L. Erickson

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

all stand

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

Deacon We give you thanks for the prophets throughout the ages who cry out for justice and righteousness.

People **Where we contribute to bigotry and prejudice, transform us.**

Leader We pray with those who struggle for freedom and equality.

People **Where we can uphold the humanity of all peoples, encourage us.**

Leader We pray for victims of violence, the ailing and the desolate.

People **Where we can promote peace and reconciliation, embolden us.**

Leader We pray for those who uphold the dignity of every person in the world today.

People **Where we are called to join them, inspire us.**

Leader We give you thanks for those who have died in the hope of your kingdom.

People **Where we can honor their legacy, enliven us.**

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

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

Deacon Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." Give us strength to do your work in our daily relationships, our local communities, and in the wider world, that our lives might be radiant with your self-giving love. **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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER A all stand

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

After the Sanctus the People stand or kneel as able, as the Celebrant continues...

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues....

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

THE INVITATION

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING all stand and 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 EUCHARISTIC VISITOR * * when needed

Celebrant In the name of this parish family, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts. 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

DISMISSAL

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

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

LITURGICAL STAFF

The Rev. David L. Erickson
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The Rev. Tim Smith
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Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

WELCOME VISITORS and 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 the same breezeway.

2018 Annual Meeting

Today, January 28: St. Mary's Annual Meeting begins at approximately 10:30 a.m., immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service. Agenda includes election of the vestry class of 2020 and deanery delegates and a review of our ministries and budget for the upcoming year. A light luncheon in the Great Room follows the meeting and all are welcome for the meal and fellowship.

Children's Activities During the Annual Meeting

Supervised Activities for children replace Sunday School this Sunday. There is no Sunday School today, due to the Annual Meeting. Pre-school and kindergarten/ lower elementary age children are welcome to the expanded child care services offered this Sunday in the pre-school and adjoining room. Children are welcome to attend all (or part) of the 9:00 a.m. service and join supervised care then. After the Annual Meeting, children are welcome to join their families for lunch in the Great Room.

Youth Group

Tonight January 28: High School Youth Group will be meeting from 5:30-7:30 p.m. There will be dinner, games, and conversation as we continue to talk about what it means to be children of God. All 9th-12th graders are invited, as are friends!

Evensong on the Eve of the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord

The Parish Choir under the direction of St. Mary's Director of Music Eric Choate is featured in the next of our Evensong series that commemorate Marian feasts and celebrations throughout the year. Please join us on **Thursday, February 1 at 6:00 p.m.** for this beautiful service of contemplation, worship and music.

Ash Wednesday Eucharist Services

The Lenten season begins on **Wednesday, February 14** with Eucharist services and the imposition of ashes at 7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 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. Consider expanding your spiritual practices by attending our mid-week Eucharist at 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday and the Lenten series on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. during the entire liturgical season.

Lenten Series: *Disciplines for deepening the spiritual life*

Beginning **Monday, February 19** and each **Monday through Lent (March 26)**, our Lenten series will examine classic and contemporary spiritual disciplines enriching Christian spiritual life. Each week a panel of St. Mary's parishioners will share their experiences with various disciplines, followed by small group discussions on the spiritual life, different disciplines, and paths of spiritual practice. **Weekly topics will be introduced on Sunday mornings (10:20-10:50 a.m.), followed by a Monday evening soup supper, program and discussion (6:00-7:45 p.m.).** Food and set-up volunteers needed: contact Will Long or Ray Hahn, coordinators, will.long@comcast.net or raymond.hahn@comcast.net

Forward Day by Day

Forward Day by Day is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage chosen from the Episcopal Church's Revised Common Lectionary readings. The meditations are rich in substance and offer a wide range of witness and experiences. Pick up your February/March 2018 booklet from the pamphlet racks located in the narthex of the church.

Benefit Concert supporting refugees February 9

Interfaith Welcome is sponsoring the Friction Quartet, international interpreters of new music, in concert at **Zion Lutheran Church, 495 9th Ave., SF on Friday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m.** 100% of the proceeds from the concert will be donated to Sea of Solidarity, a nonprofit that addresses refugees' needs with trusted organizations on the ground in Greece and Turkey, where so many refugees remain. A suggested donation is \$15 per person, or \$25 per family. **RSVP** to Nancy Levine at levinesf@gmail.com A reception follows the concert. St. Mary's is an active participant in Interfaith Welcome, an informal organization of various faiths who support refugees and refugee-service agencies in the Bay Area and beyond.

2018 PLEDGE RETURNS
\$749,806
As of January 21, 2018
of Pledges: 213
Average Total Pledge: \$3,520
Amount Needed: \$902,209

St. Mary Magdalene Scholarship Fund
Scholarships from the St. Mary Magdalene Scholarship Fund are now available for awards to young women entering college in the fall of 2018 or returning to college for the 2018-2019 academic year. In keeping with the terms of the bequest, created by a long-time parishioner, the criteria for the awards includes factors such as participation and involvement at St. Mary's over the years, academic merit, and achievement including outside activities while in high school, and need. There is a simple application form for first time applicants and a separate application form is available for young women who applied last year. The application forms are available at www.smvsf.org/scholarship. For more information contact Martha Daetwyler at mldaetwyler@earthlink.net

LAY WORSHIP MINISTRY

Altar Guild: *Deborah Franklin, Mary Hill, Liz Paxton, Alisa Quint*

Eucharistic Visitors: *David Gibson, Anna Sylvester, Russell Fudge*

Flowers: *Mary Van Zomeren, Joanne Squire*

8:00 a.m. service

Adult Acolyte: *Georgene Keeler*

Usher: *Sheila Santangelo*

9:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Rob Carrol, Fran Hegeler, Russell Fudge*

Lector: *Michael Stafford*

Prayer Leader: *Linda Woodworth*

Ushers: *Patrica Nishita, Sandy Stadtfeld, Jeff Landry*

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

We Pray For...

**PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES
and FRIENDS**

Renfrew Family

Kara

Andrea Reid

Cantin Family

The Wardell-George Family

Dave Monschke & Family

CONTINUING CONCERNS

*Each name listed under "Continuing Concerns"
is included in individual prayers at the 12:10
p.m. Wednesday service.*

Mason Brown

Jill Cockrall

Mitch Graham

Bob Mittelstadt

Pat Okimoto

Matt Sowick

Gilbert Black

Becca George

Mary Vencill

John Bennett

David Jeffrey

Louise Burmaster

Peresha & Priscilla Harris

André Diedrichs

Claire Herman

Judy Carmichael

Janet Faircloth

Albert Engelken

Lisa Vance

George Rome

Janice Aber

The Community at the Heritage

The Community of St. Francis

The Presidio Gate residents

The CASA foster children

DISCERNMENT OF MINISTRY

Kathleen Bean

Nan Slavin

RECENTLY DECEASED

Barbara Hilberg

Caroline Montgomery

Mark Montgomery

David Cantin

GLOBAL CONCERNS

*For the victims of mass shootings and violence
and those who suffer from these acts.*

For those suffering from illness and epidemics.

THANKSGIVING

*For the lay leadership of our parish and for
those who have been called to serve on our
vestry and the deanery.*

TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS

Names may be submitted to our prayer request email at office@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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