

The Holy Eucharist

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 2, 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.*



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

PRELUDE *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* Johann Sebastian Bach
Wake, awake, for night is flying, BWV 645 1685-1750
all stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Lo, he comes, with clouds descending *Hymnal, #57*

INTROIT *Alma Redemptoris Mater* Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
1525-1594

Mother of Christ! Hear thou thy people's cry,
Star of the deep, and portal of the sky!
Mother of Him Who thee from nothing made,
Sinking we strive and call to thee for aid;
Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

- Marian Antiphon for the office of Compline

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living one.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Family reader God of light and our salvation, in your name we light this candle.
Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for
this community, and for the world.
People **Amen.**

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 from *Missa Brevis* Palestrina
sung in Greek by the Parish Choir

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. 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, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

all sit

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute

justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

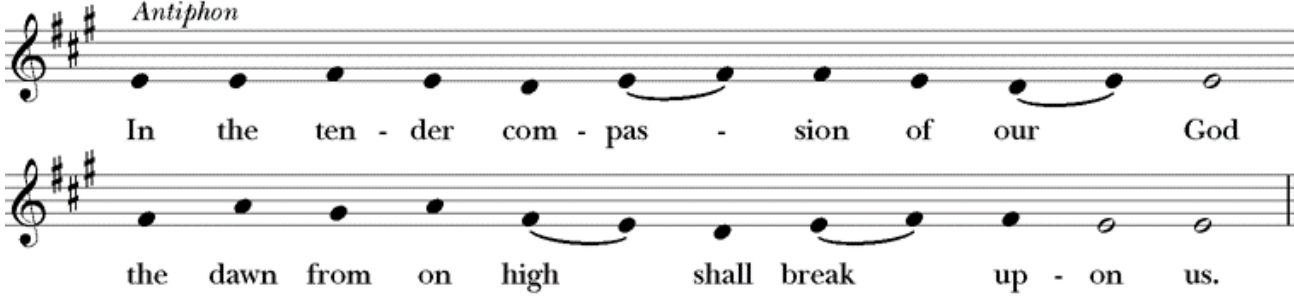
People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 16

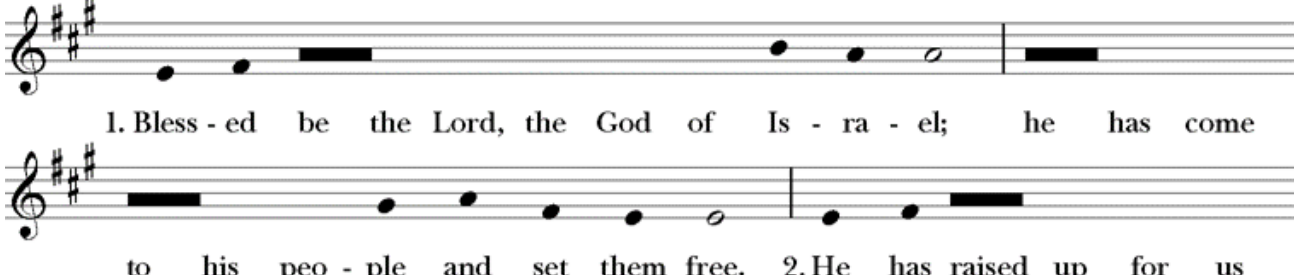
The Song of Zechariah

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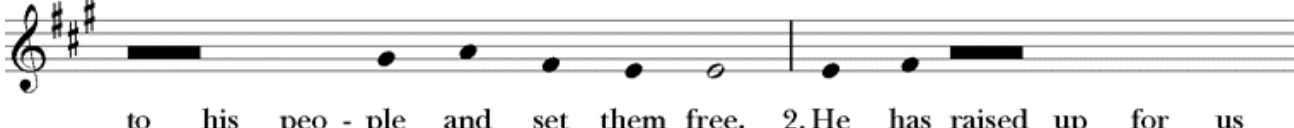
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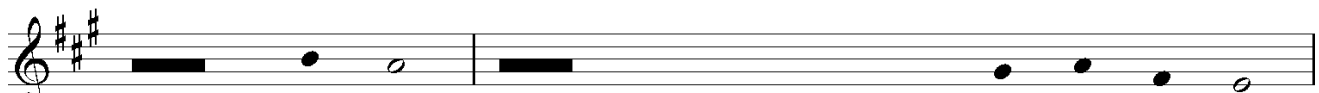
In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us.



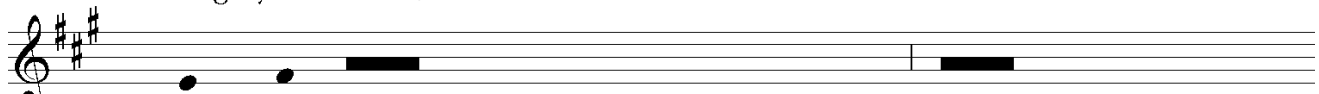
1. Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el; he has come
to his peo - ple and set them free.



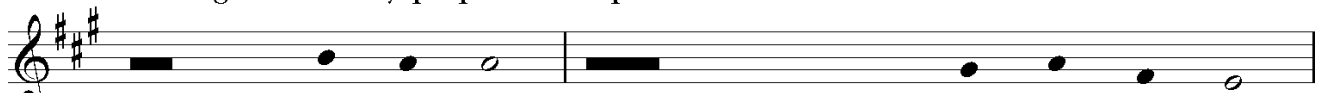
2. He has raised up for us



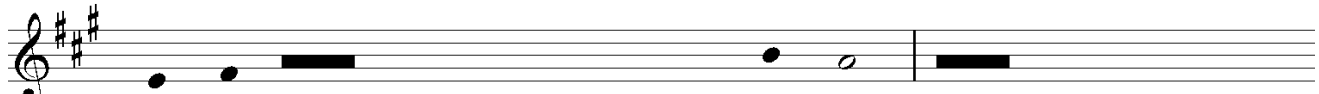
a mighty sa - vior, born of the house of his ser - vant Da - vid.



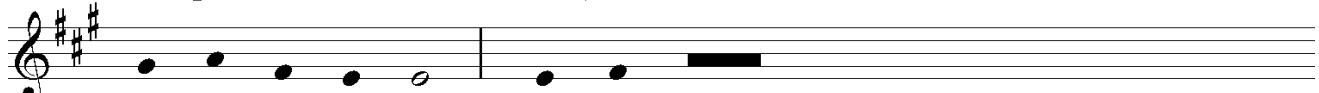
3. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us



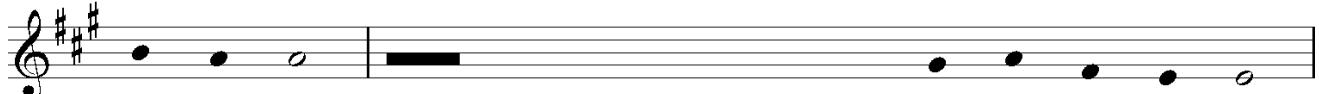
from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who hate us.




4. He prom - ised to show mercy to our fa - thers and to remember his




ho - ly cov - e - nant. 5. This was the oath he swore to our father



A - bra - ham, to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,



6. Free to worship him with - out fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the



days of our life. 7. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,




for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare his way, 8. To give



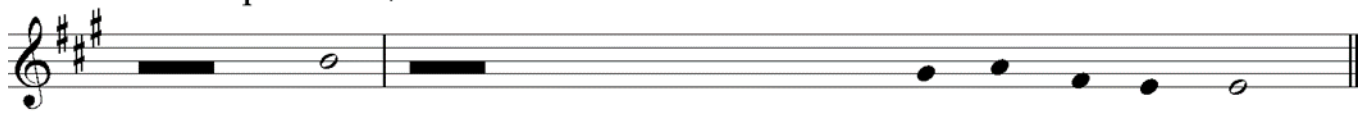
his people knowledge of sal - va - tion by the for - give - ness of their sins.



9. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall



break up - on us, 10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the



shadow of death, and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)



11. Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:



12. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A-men. [Ant.]

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct

our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

all stand

SEQUENCE HYMN

Creator of the stars of night

Hymnal, #60

THE HOLY GOSPEL

all stand

Luke 21:25-36

Response after the introduction of the Gospel

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the

powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Response at the end of the Gospel reading

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

all sit

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Paula Nesbitt

all stand

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,
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 and the Son,
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

Deacon In peace, we pray to you, gracious God.

Leader O God, in the darkness of this Advent season, let us be guided by the light of your word.

People **O Come, Emmanuel, Come.**

Leader We live in uncertain times, give us the humility and courage to trust in you and do your will.

People **O Come, Emmanuel, Come.**

Leader Your people share feelings of longing and passion for a world of justice and peace, be a lamp before our feet on this journey.

People **O Come, Emmanuel, Come.**

Leader We are a people adrift on a hurting planet, help us turn back to you.

People **O Come, Emmanuel, Come.**

Leader Our trust is born from the gift of love, wrap us in your healing embrace.

People **O Come, Emmanuel, Come.**

Leader We yearn for the birth of the Incarnate One, bless all whose lives that have touched ours.

People **O Come, Emmanuel, Come.**

Leader We pray especially for those who have invited our prayers...

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

Deacon Life-giving God, you hovered over the waters of the deep before time began. Likewise, hover over our anxious hearts, laden with earthly woes yet reverberate with hope, that in this season of anticipation we might faithfully tend the mysteries before us and prepare joyfully for your coming again. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

stand or kneel

Silence may be kept.

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

all stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

all sit

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Sung by the Parish Choir

1919-2009

Peace be to you and grace from Him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood
That we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

-Revelation

all stand

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Hymnal, #66

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Enriching our Worship

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 our thanks and praise.**

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

from *Missa Brevis*
sung in Latin by the Parish Choir

Palestrina

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.

The people stand or kneel, 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

**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 This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

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.

all sit

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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

AGNUS DEI

from *Missa Brevis*

Palestrina

sung in Latin by the Parish Choir

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: Grant us thy peace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *all pray together, standing*

Celebrant Let us pray

People **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 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

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon your path and scatter the obstacles from before you; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

RETIRING PROCESSIONAL Rejoice! Rejoice, believers *Hymnal, #68*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on *Loué soit le Dieu Tout-Puissant*
Creator of the Stars of Night

Marcel Dupré
1886-1971

*As a courtesy to those who wish to continue in prayer or listen to the postlude,
please exit quietly and join in fellowship in the courtyard.*

We request that there be no applause after the postlude.

Thank you.

ADVENT

Sunday, December 9 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Sankta Lucia celebration

9:00 a.m. *Tidings of Comfort and Joy*

Pantry and Christmas Greens Sale

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Saturday, December 15

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Christmas Caroling on Union Street

Sunday, December 16 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. A Service of Lessons and Carols

11:00 a.m. A Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday December 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

WELCOME VISITORS and GUESTS

December 2, 2018

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 may 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.

FLOWERS

Altar flowers this Sunday and next Sunday are given for the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ordination of Kathleen Bean and Nan Slavin yesterday at Grace Cathedral. Special donations for flowers were made by Anne and Loren Kieve, Georgene Keeler and Sandy Briggs.

TODAY: FAMILY DINNER AND ADVENT HYMN SING

You are warmly invited to enjoy a family dinner at **5:00 p.m. today**. Everyone is welcome to gather in the Great Room for scrumptious food followed by the collective singing of Advent Hymns. There are so many wonderful seasonal songs, but we just can't fit them all into the Sundays of Advent! So please come, share your voice and revel in the joyous camaraderie! Side dishes, desserts or beverages are welcome.

THE WAY OF LOVE

Explore Love. Experience Love. Share Love.
STEWARDSHIP 2019

In all that we do, and everything we are, St. Mary's seeks to immerse ourselves in the love of Jesus Christ and to be his agents of grace in the world. And this is only possible through your incredible presence and generous support. Thank you! We

hope you will continue to be active agents of God's grace at St. Mary's through a financial pledge in 2019. Pledge cards can be found in the church or you may pledge online at www.smvsf.org/2019-pledge. If you have **questions about pledging**, please **contact Rev. David Erickson** at david@smvsf.org.

2019 PLEDGE RETURNS

\$596,182

As of November 28, 2018

of Pledges: 139

Average Total Pledge: \$4,289

Pledge Goal: \$850,000

THE ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING AND ADVENT

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. As Christians, we use symbol such as the Advent wreath, to visually express the basics of our faith and as reminders of our journey in Christ and with Christ in our life.

This year, near the beginning of each service during the four Sundays of Advent, a family from our congregation will light the appropriate number of candles on the wreath and lead the congregation in a short prayer. We hope that this moment and

symbolic act will help you to reflect on our spiritual journey, as community and as individuals, as we count down to Christmas and await the birth of the Christ Child.

To accentuate the significance, beauty and distinctiveness of each liturgical season, we use the rich treasure of liturgical resources to plan our worship services. This year during Advent, we will be using several prayers including the eucharistic prayer from Enriching our Worship, an authorized supplementary resource for the Book of Common Prayer.

GUEST PREACHER

TODAY, we welcome **The Rev. Dr. Paula Nesbitt**, former assisting clergy at St. Mary's, who is guest preacher at all three services while our rector and his family are away to attend a family wedding in the U. K.

GUEST DEACONS

TODAY AND DECEMBER 9

Over the next two Sundays, join in celebrating St. Mary's two newly-ordained deacons **Kathleen Tedrow Bean** and **Nan Slavin**. **TODAY**, Kathleen returns to St. Mary's as deacon at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. **Nan** will be deacon at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services on **Sunday, December 9**. A courtyard reception will follow the services this Sunday and next to welcome Kathleen and Nan to their new ministries.

CELEBRATION OF

LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Today at the **9:00 a.m. service**, we are celebrating with the St. Mary's children choir, a tribute to San Juan Diego and The

Virgin of Guadalupe with a lovely anthem to "Lady of the Roses" and celebratory procession in festive colors with roses. Please join us next week, Dec. 9, at the 9:00 a.m. service when we join the Children's Choir in celebrating Sankta Lucia.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and that means lessons packed with Advent people and symbols. The children will hear about the Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary, and figure out why wreaths and stars and even candy canes are among the season's symbols.

FAMILY GATHERING: Parents, today after the 9:00 service, please come to the Great Room to join the assembled Sunday School children to decorate a family take-home Reverse Advent Calendar BOX and learn why acts of generosity for people in need are an important way to celebrate Advent, a season of giving.

Here's the preview: instead of the traditional calendar with a picture or chocolate behind the window, the Reverse Advent Calendar BOX summons you to add a small "gift" -- canned food, socks, soap, underwear-- on each of the 24 days of the Advent season. After Christmas, our amassed contributions will be sorted and distributed to appropriate local organizations.

YOUTH GROUP

TONIGHT at 5:00 p.m., All Youth Groupers and their families are invited to join the **Advent Carol Singalong and Dinner in the Great Room**. A special Youth Group Table will be set aside for us to be together. **the Peanut Butter Project** the afternoon of **DECEMBER 9:** All Youth are invited to meet

at **12:00 p.m. in the Great Room** for the **Peanut Butter Project!** Bring a couple of loaves of bread, some smooth peanut butter, and some jelly, and we will put together dozens of PB&J sandwiches. We will then head to the Civic Center to hand out those sandwiches to God's hungry people, rain or shine. We should be done around 2:30 p.m., and pickup can be arranged for either church or Civic Center, depending on how late we go. Friends are always welcome to join in!

DECEMBER 16: Our last Youth Group of 2018 will be the much-anticipated **Christmadvent White Elephant Gift Exchange** in the Great Room from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** Bring a wrapped gift to open and to steal; gifts should be under \$20, and giftgiving is always encouraged. Dinner and holiday treats will be provided, and friends are always welcome.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2019 Registration is now OPEN: Our trip to New Orleans is set: **June 18-26**, and registration is now open. Follow the link (in the Highlights email and on the Parish website) to sign up and make your deposit. Fuller information about the trip is on the parish website, and you can contact Mike Stafford with questions. All parish donations are welcome!

MEET OUR NEW

ST. MARY'S ACCOUNTANT!

We welcome our new, permanent accountant, **Vicki Turk**, who will be working in the finance office on a part-time basis. Canadian born, Vicki is a 26-year San Francisco resident, married, with a nine-year-old son. She has worked in various

accounting and bookkeeping roles over the years, including working at Lexington Associates, Inc. as Project Administrator and Controller from 1993-2006 and as a contractor at real estate advisory and investment companies from 2007-2008. She was the treasurer of the Parent's Guild at her son's school for a few years and has done part-time bookkeeping from home since 2017. Vicki will handle everything finance-related at St. Mary's. Her hours will be **Mondays** and **Tuesdays** from **9:00-5:30** and **Thursdays** from **9:00-2:00**. Let us welcome Vicki to St. Mary's!

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree laden with 'ornaments' is up in the lobby of the Parish Hall and awaits your visit. Each ornament represents an opportunity to give a Christmas gift to a resident of Canon Barcus House or another supportive housing project run by Episcopal Community Services. Please **limit** your gift giving generosity to **\$50 at the most** and return wrapped gifts no later than **Wednesday December 19** with the ornament firmly attached. Mid-week deliveries can be made to the volunteer office.

At holiday events in the week before Christmas our gifts are distributed by volunteer elves to the grateful residents of the housing units.. It's very important that all gifts, wrapped and labeled, be returned to St. Mary's for pick-up by December 19.

TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY

Last year the St. Mary's Grant Team distributed more than \$54,000 to sixteen

non-profit organizations in the Bay Area. There are several ways in which you can help:

- **Become a Benefactor.** Benefactor donations are the largest source of funds, and a benefactor party will be held on Dec. 14.
 - **Contribute to the Pantry.** Contribute your baked goods and homemade goodies to the Pantry. Please contact **Anne Kieve** with any additional questions (annekieve@gmail.com/415-409-4020).
 - **Order Your Greens.** Order your Christmas wreaths, poinsettias, garlands, narcissus, or amaryllis by December 4. To volunteer on the distribution day, contact **Shila Clement** (shilaclement@hotmail.com/415-290-1911).
 - **Volunteer.** To volunteer for any of the above, please contact **John Schlesinger** at jschles99@gmail.com /415-335-6467
- Forms will also be available in the courtyard this Sunday.

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH DAY - DECEMBER 16TH

We warmly encourage you to invite a friend or colleague to St. Mary's for the December 16th **Festival of Lesson & Carols** at 9:00 or 11:00 am for a special celebration of music and readings. Or if you prefer the contemplative ambiance of the spoken 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, perhaps they would like to share in those riches. Invite your friends to experience the love and joy you have found at St. Mary's.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR

THE 2019 VESTRY!

The Vestry is the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin, a California religious corporation. This team exercises corporate and budgetary authority. The Vestry coordinates and oversees a wide range of ministries, programs, and events at St. Mary's through vestry ministry teams that oversee planning and implementation. Each nominee will be asked to agree to the following criteria:

- To have a strong personal relationship to Jesus Christ and a desire to carry out His ministry in our community.
- To be open to guidance by the Holy Spirit and be willing to use one's spiritual gifts for ministry.
- To be a communicant in good standing of the Episcopal Church and regular in prayer and worship as defined by the St. Mary's by-laws.
- To be active in the life of the parish and willing to assume leadership positions, including active participation on one Vestry Ministry Team.
- To be a pledging member of record whose pledge gives serious indication that St. Mary's is a top personal priority.
- To commit to attending Vestry meetings, including the annual Vestry retreat.

Dates for regular meetings are mutually selected by the new vestry following the Annual Meeting on January 27, 2019. The meetings are typically the 3rd or 4th Tuesday or Wednesday of the month from 6:15 – 8:30 p.m. The annual Vestry Planning Retreat is on a Saturday in early February from 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. Please

note: we provide a simple meal for one another prior to meetings and you will sign up after the Annual Meeting; you may prepare the meal or pay for it by asking the parish administrator to order it for you.

It is recommended that nominees have experience on at least one parish committee or Ministry Team and have demonstrated personal leadership skills.

In order to be considered, a completed nomination form must be received by the church office **TODAY, December 2, 2018**.

**EXPAND YOUR
WEEKDAY OFFERINGS TO GOD:
CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAYS
AND MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Consider enriching your spiritual life by including one or both of two weekly offerings at St. Marys:

- Join us on **Tuesday mornings** from **10:15 to 11:15 a.m.** in the Chapel for Centering Prayer, a time to rest in God while silently being one in community.
- Join us **Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.** for a midweek Eucharist. We are encouraging those who attend to bring lunch from home or the deli and gather together after the service for lunch in the office room.

ONLINE GIVING THROUGH BENEVITY

Have you heard of Benevity, the online giving and volunteering platform? Does your employer use Benevity? Many Bay Area employers are turning to Benevity to

facilitate and grow their corporate giving programs, and many local companies use Benevity to administer their charitable gift matching programs. Check and see if your employer matches charitable donations made through the platform. The impact of your gift to St. Mary's may be doubled or possibly tripled!

<https://www.benevity.com/>

OPEN CATHEDRAL

St. Mary's will be preparing 100 lunch bags following the **11:00 a.m.** Lessons and Carols service **December 16**. I invite you to lend your hands in assembling these lunch bags upstairs in the copy room at **12:00 noon**. Delicious breakfast treats for you will be available – so join in. Thank you for helping to feed those who would otherwise feel their hunger into the night. Contact **Deacon Nancy Bryan** at **(415) 608-8777** for questions.

FOOD AND TOILETRY DONATIONS

Thank you, St' Mary's parishioners, who generously donate non-perishable foods and unused toiletries to support folks who cannot afford the basics. Please place donations in the basket located in the Narthex. Items are delivered to various agencies in San Francisco and are received with deep appreciation.

Thank you, Deacon Nancy Bryan

LAY WORSHIP MINISTRY

Altar Guild: Yaromil Ralph, Jan Bolles, Landra Miles, Jane Standing, Valerie Mayer

Eucharistic Visitors: *Sandy Briggs, David Gibson, Alexandra Grover*

Flowers: *Steven Currier*

8:00 a.m. service

Adult Acolyte: *John Hayashi*

Usher: *Sheila Santangelo*

9:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Kathleen Murray, Stevo Gamboa, Russell Fudge*

First Crucifer: *Philip de Castro*

First Torch Bearers/Servers: *Charlotte Winn, Noelle Winn*

Second Crucifer: *George Sutton*

Second Torch Bearers: *Isabelle Landry, Sebastian Landry*

Prayer Leader: *Anne Williams*

Lector: *Sandy Briggs*

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

11:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *David Crosson, Ray Hahn, Will Long*

Prayer Leader: *Lynne Dombrowski*

Lectors: *Georgene Keeler, Alexandra Grover*

Ushers: *David Sullivan, Linda Logemann,*

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

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4; Canticle 16; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

We Pray For...

***PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES
and FRIENDS***

Rollin Woodworth

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Each name listed under "Continuing Prayers" is included in individual prayers at the 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday service.

Mason Brown
Bob Mittelstadt
Matt Sowick
Becca George
Mary Vencill
David Jeffrey
Louise Burmaster
Peresha & Priscilla Harris
André Diedrichs
Clare Herman
Judy Carmichael
Janet Faircloth
Janice Aber
Gerda Levy
Mike Medlock
Elaine Sims
Mary Francis
Ted Budach
Andrea Reid
Max Cabahug III
Michael Flannigan
Joanna Powell
Nancy Cilley
Keticia Danish
Fred Martin
Tayra Caine
Charles G. Hall III
The Rev. Corrie Lassen
Kristen Raymond
The Very Rev. Lin Knight
Hattie and John Parkinson
Bob LaFrenier
The Community at the Heritage
The Community of St. Francis
The Presidio Gate residents

The CASA foster children
San Francisco Night Ministry
RECENTLY DECEASED

George Allen Roupe
Sherry

GLOBAL CONCERNS

For those living with HIV and AIDS and equitable health care, especially for the removal of all barriers to accessing HIV testing.

For the people of war-torn Afghanistan and those who have died or continue to risk their lives in order to bring peace to this land.

THANKSGIVING

For the ordination of Kathleen Bean and Nan Slavin yesterday at Grace Cathedral.

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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9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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