



The Holy Eucharist

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m. Sunday, December 23, 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 are you, holy and living one.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Reader God of light and our salvation, in your name we light these candles. Open our hearts that we may receive your love and spread it to this love-starved 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.

TRISAGION

said three times

Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
People **Have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

all sit

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of
Judah, from you shall come forth
for me one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old, from
ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up
until the time when she who is in
labor has brought forth; then the
rest of his kindred shall return

to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his
flock in the strength of the Lord, in
the majesty of the name of the Lord
his God.
And they shall live secure, for now
he shall be great to the ends of the
earth; and he shall be the one of
peace.

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

CANTICLE 15
Magnificat

read responsively by half verse

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
**the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his
Name.**
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have

neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

all stand

Luke 1:39-45

Response after the introduction of the Gospel

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among

women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Response at the end of the Gospel reading

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

all sit

SERMON

all stand

The Rev. David Erickson

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 have touched ours.

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

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

*The Deacon 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 reverberating 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

all stand

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

**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 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 St. Mary the Virgin and 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,

**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.

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

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.**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, December 24

2:00 pm **Christmas Petting Zoo**

3:00 pm **Christmas Pageant: Family Nativity and
Parade of Animals**

5:00 pm **Festival Eucharist for Christmas Eve**

10:00 pm **Pre-Service Carols and Anthems**

10:30 pm **Festival Choral Eucharist**

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 25

10:00 am **Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols**
(no incense)

LITURGICAL STAFF

The Rev. David Erickson
Rector

The Rev. Marguerite Judson
Associate Rector

Natalie Hala
Verger & Liturgist

Eric Choate
Director of Music

Marla Perkins
Music Associate

The Rev. Nancy Bryan
Deacon

The Rev. Tim Smith
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Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

WELCOME VISITORS and GUESTS

December 23, 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.

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.

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE DEC. 30

A reminder that next Sunday, **December 30, there will be two services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.** We will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Name at these services during the joyful season of Christmastide. The nursery will be closed this Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There are no Sunday School classes today. Classes will **resume January 6, 2019**, when we usher in the season of Epiphany with a visit from the Three Kings.

YOUTH GROUP

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!

2019 PLEDGE RETURNS

\$691,732

As of December 19, 2018

of Pledges: 167

Pledge Goal: \$850,000

FAMILY MINISTRY AT ST. MARY'S

January 6, 2019

10:20 to 10:50 in the "Copy Room"

Join Rev. Marguerite and other parents of St. Mary's to discuss the opportunities and possibilities of ministries with and for families. Bring your best ideas and biggest hopes as we explore how God is inviting us to best serve the families of St. Mary the Virgin - and those who are yet to arrive here!

THE WAY OF LOVE: PRAY

January 13 and 20, 2019

10:20 to 10:50 in the Great Room

We continue exploring the Way of Love in January as we discuss dwelling intentionally with God each day, using a variety of tools - individually or with others - when we invite and abide in the loving presence of the Holy One.

THE GOOD BOOK CLUB

Our Presiding Bishop is inviting us to dive into The Letter to the Church in Rome (aka "Romans") during Epiphany. His invitation video is here. A suggested schedule of reading Mondays through Saturdays starts **January 7th** and takes us through the book before Lent. For the perennially curious, additional resources are also suggested. Join St. Mary's clergy in this adventure, exploring St. Paul's loving letter about how the newly developing Christian community - and we - can experience and share God's grace.

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/>

VESTRY NOMINATED SLATE

The parish by-laws require that the vestry is to nominate a slate of four people for the class of 2022. By January, this new class, if elected, will start on the St. Mary's vestry and the four members from the class of 2019 will retire. The vestry nominated slate for 2022, by acclamation, includes the following people:

- Cynthia Harper - attends the 9:00 a.m. service
- Sheila Santangelo - attends the 8:00 a.m. service
- Will Long - attends the 11:00 a.m. service
- Arthur Perkins - attends (mostly) the 9:00 a.m. service

SELF NOMINATIONS: The Vestry's procedure is to offer the opportunity for you to self-nominate until January 2. The form can be found at St Mary's website: www.smvsf.org. If no further nominations are put forward, the slate will be inducted as nominated above.

**DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF
50+ COUPLES**

Bishop Marc cordially invites couples who have been married or partnered for 50 years or more to celebrate their years together. On **Sunday, February 10 at 2 p.m.** a Choral non-eucharistic service will be sung by the **Grace Cathedral Camerata**. During the service, couples are invited to renew their wedding vows and the Bishop will pronounce a special blessing. A celebratory reception follows the service. You may submit couple information (your own or others you may know) at **gracecathedral.org/50plus** by **January 7, 2019** in order for the couple to receive a personal invitation. (**RSVP deadline** for couples who wish to attend is **February 1, 2019.**)

**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.

POCKET PRAYER CARDS

We gather at St. Mary's Church on Sundays and for special events as we pray, sing, share Communion and fellowship together. As we leave St. Mary's, we begin a new week of work, play and all the parts of our busy lives. We need to remember, though, that God is with us, not just on Sundays, but every day and night, always. And to remind us of God's love and presence with us, we will have available "Pocket Prayers" to carry with you in your pocket, post somewhere at home or to share with a friend or stranger. They will be available on the Narthex table, and at the Newcomer's table following the Sunday services.

Any questions or suggestions, contact **Deacon Nancy Bryan** at **nhbsf@me.com**

FOOD AND TOILETRY DONATIONS

I want to offer my HUGE THANKS to all of you who have generously filled our Donations Basket located in the Narthex. Each week, the items are checked and then delivered to a variety of agencies that are so thankful for the generosity of St. Mary's parishioners. The recent donations of cereals, canned goods and toiletries were delivered to Nina Pickerell, Deacon at Grace Cathedral, for the families she serves in the Bayview Hunter's Point district. Other deliveries have supported St. Paulus Lutheran Church on Polk St., Canon Barcus Family Residence, Delancey Street Residents and Edward II. Keep that basket filled!
Thank you, Deacon Nancy Bryan

LAY WORSHIP MINISTRY

Altar Guild: *Deborah Franklin, Mary Hill, Alisa Fisher, Elizabeth Falcon*

Eucharistic Visitors: *David Crosson, Georgia Lu, David Gibson*

Flowers: *Steven Currier*

8:00 a.m. service

Adult Acolyte: *Georgene Keeler*

Usher: *Sheila Santangelo*

9:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Kathleen Murray, Steven Currier, Stevo Gamboa*

First Crucifer: *Hunter Magher*

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

Second Crucifer: *Johnny Dahlem*

Second Torch Bearers: *Hovey Clark, Henry Magher*

Prayer Leader: *Lisa Reynolds*

Lector: *Sandy Stadtfeld, Todd Reynolds*

Ushers: *Pat Nishita, Sandy Stadtfeld, David Sullivan*

11:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Roulhac Austin, Tom Austin, Alisa Fisher*

Lector: *Steven Currier, Mari Coates*

Prayer Leader: *Fran Hegeler*

Ushers: *Guy Kornblum, Robert Manette*

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

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

First Sunday After Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 147:13-21; Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7; John 1:1-18

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

James Truher
Lynn McFadden
Carol Douglas
Cesar Vicente
Andrew Richmond and family
Juliet and Don Pesce

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
Hattie and John Parkinson
Bob LaFrenier
Laurie Martin
The Community at the Heritage
The Community of St. Francis
The Presidio Gate residents
The CASA foster children
San Francisco Night Ministry

RECENTLY DECEASED

President George H.W. Bush
Alla Zelenko
Gloria Hocking
Leonard Baxter
Parker Hornbeck
Nicholas Milos
Suzanne Wells
Donald J. Tate
Carol Ann Kirkland

GLOBAL CONCERNS

For those who suffer from intolerable burdens of illness, hunger, poverty and depression during the holiday season.

THANKSGIVING

For the birth of Mary Young Smith, granddaughter of Ilia and Tim Smith.

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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Church Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday

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

Vestry

Roulhac Austin, *Senior Warden*

Ron Clark, *Junior Warden*

Laura Akel, Matt Bartlett, Christian Cebrian, Martha Daetwyler, Deborah Franklin,

Molly Irwin, Allan Jergesen, Georgene Keeler, Ruth Tatum, Debbie Veatch

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There is always a clergy person on call.

To reach him or her at off hours, call the office at **415.933.9050**.