



THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF

St. MARY
the VIRGIN

The Holy Eucharist

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 a.m. Sunday, August 11, 2019

*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.*

*This liturgy is adapted from various sources of Celtic
worship tradition and has been approved for our use by the
Diocese of California.*

GREETING AND WELCOME

all stand

Presider Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Creator and Christ Jesus be
with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider The world belongs to God:

People **The earth and its people.**

Presider How good it is, how wonderful,

People **To live together in unity.**

Presider Love and faith come together,

People **Justice and peace join hands.**

CONFESSION

Presider My sisters and brothers, believing that God is faithful to forgive us, let
us let go of all that holds us back and damages our friendship with
God and with one another: Forgiving God, thank you that you love us
and care for us all the time. We have not always lived the way you tell
us to.

People **Forgive us when we have done wrong things.**

Presider When we have not done the good things we should have done.

People **Forgive us, and help us to live as your friends once more.**

Presider Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Presider Be joyful; the hand of God stretches out, reaching out towards us, to announce a loving forgiveness. All who are truly sorry, all who forgive, will be forgiven.

Be at peace—God’s pardon makes us whole once more.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Presider Let us prepare ourselves to hear God’s word, as it comes to us in Scripture.

People **Open our hearts and minds to your word.**

FIRST READING

all sit

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an

abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation-- I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the

orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 50:1-8, 23-24

read responsively by half verse

Deus deorum

- ¹ The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- ² Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- ³ Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
**before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.**
- ⁴ He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
- ⁵ "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
**those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."**
- ⁶ Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.
- ⁷ Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.
- ⁸ I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.
- ²³ Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- ²⁴ Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
**but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation
of God."**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself

was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

all stand

Luke 12:32-40

Gospeler Hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth

destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those slaves whom the

master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Gospeler For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,
People **Praise to Christ the Word.**

THE SERMON

all sit

The Rev. Marguerite Judson

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

all stand

Ionian Creed

**We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth,
of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, he died alone and
forsaken.**

**He descended into the earth
to the place of death.**

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

**He ascended into heaven,
to be everywhere present throughout all ages, and His kingdom will
come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the
Church,**

**Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of all resurrection and of eternal life. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Reader* With all our hearts and minds we pray to God, who looks upon the earth with compassionate love.
We pray for peace and tranquility in our time and for your Church from one end of the earth to another asking for faith enough to boldly proclaim your Word.
Christ be with us,
- People* **Christ be within us.**
- Reader* We pray for the bereaved, the dispossessed, the troubled and those who seek refuge asking for courage enough to tackle barriers and bring forth the fruits of compassion. We pray especially for (N.) and for other needs we name either aloud or in our hearts.
Christ in danger,
- People* **Christ in quiet.**
- Reader* We pray for the earth and all living beings seeking resolute courage to denounce and change harmful actions that violate your creation.
Christ behind me,
- People* **Christ before me.**
- Reader* We pray for those who suffer with illness and concerns that are too heavy to carry alone. We ask for the will and desire to share their burden, especially with those who have requested our prayers, including (N.) and for others we name either aloud or in our hearts.
Christ to comfort us
- People* **And restore us.**
- Reader* We pray for those who have gone before us and those who mourn them, that this ending of life as we know it is only a glorious beginning. We pray for those who recently died, (N). We also remember others who have died that we name either aloud or in our hearts.
Christ beneath us,
- People* **Christ above us.**
- Reader* We give thanks for our blessings and those unexpected pleasures that are the bonds of human love and signs of your goodness and grace. We give thanks especially for (N.) and for others we name either aloud or in our hearts.
Christ in hearts of all that love me.
- People* **Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.**

The celebrant continues with.....

Giver of all gifts by whom all nature is created, may we who offer ourselves before you this day, be graced with your comfort, held together in your story, and made one in the boundless community of your being. **Amen.**

all stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant Jesus handed on his gift of peace to his people; they in turn handed it on to others; let us hand it on to one another now.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

all sit

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

all stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

TABLE PRAYER

Presider Glory be to God who flows through all creation, blessing us with gifts to share.

People **May we learn to give generously, receive graciously and judge not those who do neither.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider The Lord is with us.

People **God's Spirit is here.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to our God.

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

The presider continues....

It is good to praise you, God of all creation, for you made the world and everything in it; and you made Heaven in which, through Christ, we have a place for ever.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their beginnings in you, O God; all this is lovely, all who are loving, point to you as their source. And, above all, we

praise you for coming to earth, in Jesus, and living as one of us. His life is our pattern; his compassion changes our hearts, his clear speaking contradicts our confusion. For his distributing presence, and innocent suffering, for his fearless dying, and for his rising to life, breathing forgiveness:

We praise and worship you.

We thank you for the promise of the Holy Spirit: she attracts us to your goodness. Therefore, we gladly lay aside the cares of this life, uniting our voices with the song of the Church, on earth and in heaven, for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy is God,
Holy is the God almighty,
who was and is and is to come
Holy, holy, holy is God.**

As we gather at this table, we remember Jesus' table. We remember the friends gathered round. We remember the celebration and the sadness. We remember the love. There Jesus recommitted himself to your love, and to his people. He took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Each time you do this, remember me.

We remember him.

After the meal was over, he took the cup of blessing gave you thanks, gave it to his friends, and said: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, poured out for you and for all, so that sins may be forgiven. Each time you drink this, remember me."

We remember him.

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle upon this bread and wine and bless them with the fullness of Christ.

And let that same Spirit rest on us, too, converting us from the patterns of this world, until we become more like Jesus, whose food we now share. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider God's love reaches out to us.

People **Our Father in heaven.**

Presider This place is sacred ground.

People **Hallowed be your name.**

Presider May our lives reflect God's glory:

People **Your kingdom come.**

Presider May our thoughts reflect God's thoughts.

People **Your will be done.**

Presider We long for deep peace:

People **On earth as it is in heaven.**

Presider Love blesses life, knowing earth will provide.

People **Give us this day our daily bread.**

Presider Where love falls short:

People **Forgive our sins.**

Presider Let justice prevail.

People **As we forgive those who sin against us.**

Presider Prevent the chaos that leads to wrong-doing:

People **Save us from the time of trial.**

Presider For grace is strong where freedom is found.

People **And deliver us from wrongdoing.**

**For the Kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in one bread.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider This is the table, not of the church, but of God. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So, come, you who have faith and you who have little; Come, not because it is I who invites you---it is the invitation of God. It is God's will that those who want to, meet God here. **Amen.**

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

all stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life: strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus 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

DISMISSAL

Deacon The Eucharist is ended, our service must now begin. Go in peace to love and serve God.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

WELCOME VISITORS and GUESTS

August 11, 2019

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.

2019 SUMMER IN THE CITY PROGRAM:

TODAY

MIRACLES AND JOY

A REPORT FROM

ST. MARY'S ASYLUM TEAM

From today's scripture (*Isaiah, 1:17*):

"seek justice, rescue the oppressed."

Through a remarkable series of miracles and just plain hard work, a dedicated group of St. Mary's parishioners secured asylum in May for a young refugee from Guatemala and obtained his release from Adelanto ICE Detention Center. He now is living with one of our very special St. Mary's parishioners. Many of you have warmly welcomed the asylee into our community and know what a delightful young man he is. This Summer in the City program will introduce the team that secured his freedom, share the work and miracles that made it possible, express the joy it brought, and invite you into the work.

Please join us in the **Great Room between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.** worship service for this presentation.

UPCOMING 2019 SUMMER IN CITY

EXPLORING OUR FAITH

9:00 A.M. IN THE GREAT ROOM

MOST SUNDAYS

August 18

- **Open Thou Our Lips: Music in The Episcopal Church,**
Music Director Eric Choate

August 25

- **Pray Without Ceasing: an Introduction to the Breath Prayer,**
The Rev. Marguerite Judson

WORSHIPPING IN

THE CELTIC TRADITION

During **August and until September 1** we are worshipping with liturgy of the Celtic tradition. As Rev. Marguerite aptly said last Sunday, "(Celtic tradition) is the mother of our mother church speaking to us." The ancient Celtic Church of the lands of Wales, Ireland, and Scotland was of a very different spiritual nature than the Roman Church that Augustine brought to Canterbury. Celtic liturgy resonates from the premise that there are no bounds between heaven and earth. J. Philip Newell, authority on Celtic spirituality, writes, for Celts, "the universe

comes out of the womb of the Eternal.”
Therefore, every animate and inanimate thing in the material world possesses “a holy and living energy born from the hidden depths of God. The universe . . . is a body with one heartbeat.”

At its best, liturgy makes all things whole, bringing Oneness in heaven and on earth through words, music and symbols. The “now” of the liturgy that we celebrate today exists because of tradition and within tradition that praised all of God’s creation. We hope you hear new or amplified voices in the Ionian Creed, the call and response format of the Lord’s prayer and Prayers of the People inspired by the Bidding Prayer of St. Martin and St. Patrick’s breastplate/The Deer’s Cry. The liturgy team welcomes your thoughts or questions about our liturgy this summer and throughout the year.

**FAMILY GATHERING
AT OFF THE GRID IN THE PRESIDIO
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**

Please join other St. Mary’s families for an easy picnic lunch and fun at Off the Grid in the **Presidio** on **Sunday, August 18!** We will meet after the 10:00 a.m. service at the north end of the Presidio Parade Ground - closest to the Bay - where there is plenty of space for children to run around and parents can get to know one another. Select the food and beverages of your choice from more than 30 food trucks. You can meet us there at noon if coming directly from St. Mary’s. No need to RSVP, just show up! We hope to schedule another date after school begins, so if you miss this one, please come the next time. More details about the location can be found in our website. **www.smvsf.org**

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR FAMILIES
WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

All families with children are invited to our annual Ice Cream Social, hosted by the Children's and Youth Choirs. This is an opportunity to learn more about our music program and how your children can be involved. Please join us in the Great Room on Thursday, **August 22 from 4:00-5:00 p.m.** Contact Music Director Eric Choate (eric@smvsf.org) or Music Associate Marla Perkins (marla@smvsf.org) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS.

Volunteers needed to assist in refreshing St. Mary’s buildings and grounds. On **Saturday, August 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** volunteers will engage in cleaning, window washing, light repairs, etc. All are welcome to come at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to help out. Lunch will be provided. Look for a **sign-up sheet** at the Welcome table in the courtyard beginning **today, August 4, to volunteer.**

Questions, comments and suggestions may be directed to
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or David Sullivan, david@djsully.net .
Thank you.

WEAR BLUE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

On **Sunday, August 25** we will be celebrating St. Mary the Virgin at our morning services. Although her feast day falls on August 15, we are delaying our celebration of our matron saint until Rev. David returns from his vacation so that we

may celebrate together as one beloved community.

Please wear blue on August 25! Blue is the color that is most associated with Blessed Mary. It is a color of transcendence, mystery, the divine and , of course, the sky.

Associated with sacredness, blue reminds us of Mary's faithfulness (think: true blue) and her unique role in our salvation story.

EXPAND YOUR WEEKDAY OFFERINGS TO GOD:

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.

FOOD DONATIONS

Food donations are delivered to various communities that serve those in need. Please continue filling our **donations basket** found in the **Narthex**. Contact **Deacon Nancy Bryan**, @ nhbsf@me.com with any questions or suggestions.

LAY WORSHIP MINISTRY

Altar Guild: *Kim Regan, Nancy Clothier, Gloria Powell, Gretchen Lintner*
Eucharistic Visitors: *Georgia Lu, Steve White*
Flowers: *Steven Currier*

8:00 a.m. service

Server: *John Hayashi*
Usher: *David Sullivan*

10:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Ashley Clark, Dick Bryan, Michael Stafford*
Lectors: *Georgene Keeler, Guy Kornblum*
Prayer Leader: *Kim Regan*
Ushers: *John Walsham, Pat Nishita, Anne Williams*

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

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-18

Hebrews 11:29-12:2, 8-16; Luke 12:49-56

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

Tina Puccino
The Perkins family
Margaret Veatch
Mark Young
Rob Noeller

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

Michael Flannigan
Joanna Powell
Nancy Cilley
Keticia Danish
Tayra Caine
Charles G. Hall III
The Rev. Corrie Lassen
Kristen Raymond
Steve Leslie
André Diedrichs
Carol Norton
Rev. Christie Fleming
Patricia Okimoto
David Lu
Mike Lusse
Lance Minor III
Quinn Charles Fay
Tim Eland
Erika Coughlan
Phyllis Shepherd
The Community at the Heritage
The Community of St. Francis
The CASA foster children
San Francisco Night Ministry

RECENTLY DECEASED

Dave Sanchez
Rollin Woodworth
Frank Maynard
Sarah Doggett
Bob LaFreniere
Dr. Harold Jackson Perkins
Jennifer Novak
Helen Stefanik
Elaine Noeller Pratt

GLOBAL CONCERNS

For an end to the epidemic of hate, violence and systemic racism that is crippling our country.

THANKSGIVING

For first responders especially in El Paso, Dayton and Chicago last weekend.

For the life of Toni Morrison, a distinct and inclusive voice of God's people.

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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