



THE EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH OF

St. MARY  
the VIRGIN

# The Holy Eucharist

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 a.m. Sunday, September 1, 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* Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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*

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord:  
What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?  
They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"  
I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods?  
But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.  
Be appalled, O heavens, at this,

be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

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

**PSALM 1:1, 10-16**

*read responsively by half verse*

***Exultate Deo***

- <sup>1</sup> Sing with joy to God our strength \*  
**and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.**
- <sup>10</sup> I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, \*  
**"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."**
- <sup>11</sup> And yet my people did not hear my voice, \*  
**and Israel would not obey me.**
- <sup>12</sup> So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, \*  
**to follow their own devices.**
- <sup>13</sup> Oh, that my people would listen to me! \*  
**that Israel would walk in my ways!**
- <sup>14</sup> I should soon subdue their enemies \*  
**and turn my hand against their foes.**
- <sup>15</sup> Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, \*  
**and their punishment would last for ever.**
- <sup>16</sup> But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat \*  
**and satisfy him with honey from the rock.**

**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in

prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge

fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,  
"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you;

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

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

consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*all stand*

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host

comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

*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.

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. We pray especially for (N.) and for other needs we name either aloud or in our hearts.

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.**

## **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, give 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

September 1, 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.

## GUEST ORGANIST DENNIS HENKELMAN

We welcome back guest organist Dennis Henkelman who is covering for Eric whilst he is on vacation. Eric returns next week for the start of choir rehearsals and the program year.

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

St. Mary's offices will be closed **Monday, September 2** in observance of Labor Day. Regular office hours resume **Tuesday, September 3**.

## CREATIONTIDE OBSERVANCE DURING SEPTEMBER

St. Mary's is joining with Diocese of California and Christians of all faith traditions to observe the Season of Creation from **Sunday, September 1**, the Day of Creation, and runs through the Feast of St. Francis that we will celebrate on **Sunday, October 6**. Faith leaders, including our own bishop, The Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus, who serves on the Advisory Committee for this interfaith initiative, encourage the faithful to participate in prayer and action to protect

creation on our pilgrimage to become better stewards to all creation.

## RETURN TO THREE SERVICES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

We return to our academic year Sunday schedule of services at 8 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on **Sunday, September 8**. Sunday school will resume that day as well.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is coming soon! On **Sunday, September 8**, we'll kick-off Sunday School with accompanying registration in the courtyard.

Here's what to expect on September 8. The Pre-School will meet as usual--same time, same place, same teachers. Pre-Schoolers, 3 to 5-year-olds, will leave church right after the children's homily and head to the Pre-School room for welcoming 'getting to know you' activities.

Children in all other grades will remain in the church through Communion. After receiving Communion, they are invited to the Great Room for a group gathering and special activities led by Mike Stafford.

On **September 15** all classes - Pre-School through Confirmation - will be up and running. Watch this space for full details. Meanwhile, don't forget to fill out a registration form on-line or a hard copy in the Courtyard.

### **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

A big thank you, to all the volunteers who signed up -and even more who showed up- for the Work Party last Saturday, August 24. They cleaned, washed windows, and did light repairs within the church facility. We appreciate all your hard work in keeping St. Mary's grounds beautiful!

### **REMINDER**

#### **PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAG**

As a friendly reminder, we ask you to please continue to wear your nametag throughout the Summer and into the Fall. Nametags provide a good chance to mingle and get to know others, especially as we hold parish events and adult formation opportunities. If you have lost or misplaced your nametag and need another, simply fill out a "New Nametag Request" at the table in the courtyard near the Lychgate. Thank you!

### **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.

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## LAY WORSHIP MINISTRY

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

**Eucharistic Visitors:** *Natalie Hala, Georgia Lu, Steve White*

**Flowers:** *Steven Currier*

### 8:00 a.m. service

**Server:** *John Hayashi*

**Usher:** *John Adair*

### 10:00 a.m. service

**Chalice Bearers:** *Dick Bryan, Fran Hegeler, Jeff Landry*

**Lectors:** *Alexandra Grover, Sandra Gary*

**Prayer Leader:** *Anne Williams*

**Ushers:** *Phil Albert, Anne Williams, David Sullivan*

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

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

*Jeremiah 18:1-11*

*Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17*

*Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33*

## We Pray For...

### ***PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS***

Rob Noeller  
Jackie Schroeder  
Craig  
Erich

### ***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  
Paul Dolak  
Fred Sherman  
The Community at the Heritage  
The Community of St. Francis  
The CASA foster children  
San Francisco Night Ministry

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Bob LaFreniere  
Dr. Harold Jackson Perkins  
Jennifer Novak  
Helen Stefanik  
Elaine Noeller Pratt  
Marc Young  
Phil Taylor

### **GLOBAL CONCERNS**

For the Amazon rainforest that is ablaze and the indigenous people fighting against this attack on their land.

### **THANKSGIVING**

For the Celts and the Irish missionary-monks that inspired our summer liturgy.

### ***TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS***

Names may be submitted to our prayer request email at [office@smvsf.org](mailto: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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