

8:40 a.m.

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Prelude: Veni Emmanuel..... by Marilyn Biery

Processional: Prepare The Way, O Zion Hymnal # 65

The Opening Acclamation.....BCP pg. 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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

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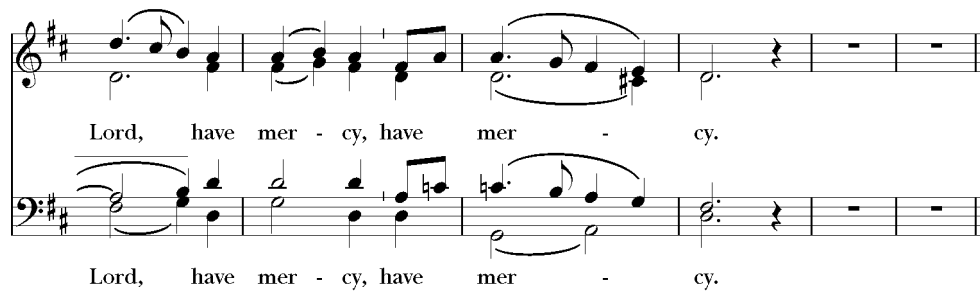
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Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

(Please be seated)

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

“Comfort, O comfort my people,” says your God. “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.” A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’ ” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:Fr. Haynes

(Please stand)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

(Please Kneel)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: As a people in darkness waiting for the coming of the light of Christ, let us pray to the Lord,

People: *Lord hear our prayer.*

Leader: For the Unity of Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, let us pray to the Lord,

People: *Lord hear our prayer.*

Leader: For Katharine our presiding bishop, Greg and Nedi our bishops, for priests, deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord,

People: *Lord hear our prayer.*

Leader: For peace, justice and freedom to all; for our armed forces and those who are deployed [especially ...]; and for the end of terrorism, war and violence throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord,

People: *Lord hear our prayer.*

Leader: For the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, the unemployed, those in prison, and for the sick and suffering; praying for all those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, especially... and for those we now name..., let us pray to the Lord,

People: *Lord hear our prayer.*

Leader: For those anticipating the birth of a child, a move, a change in employment or any new beginning; we give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for the gift

of life itself as we celebrate this week the birthday(s) of ... [and the wedding anniversary(ies) of ...] and for other blessings we now name..., let us pray to the Lord,
People: *Lord hear our prayer.*

Leader: For those who have died and now abide in Christ's presence, [remembering especially this week ...] let us pray to the Lord,
People: *Lord hear our prayer.*

The Confession

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

Absolution

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

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

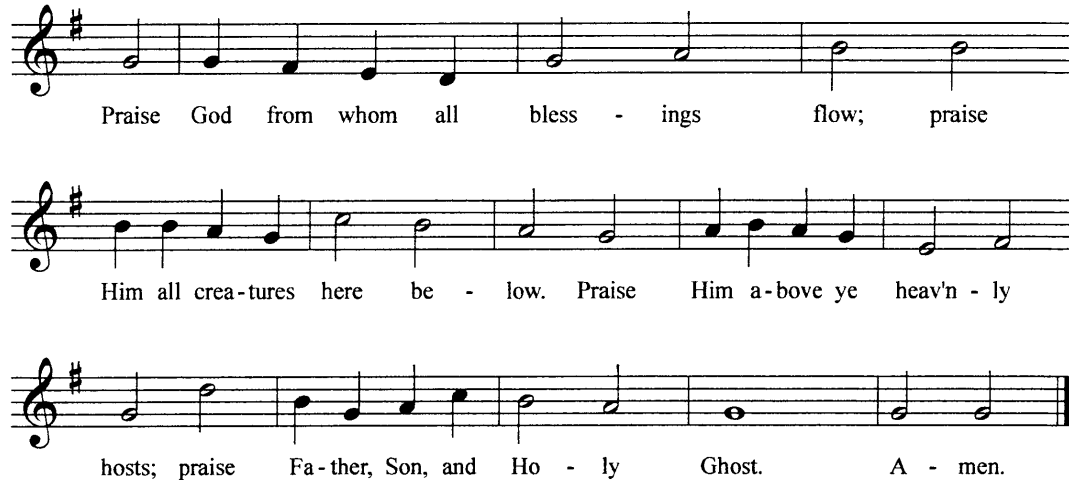
People: And also with you.

Celebration Prayer

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Offertory Anthem: Lost In the Night.....arr. Kyle Haugen

Doxology



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
Him all crea-tures here be - low. Praise Him a-bove ye heav'n - ly
hosts; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
Eucharistic Prayer B**



Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Sanctus (Schubert)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, often with long notes or rests in the bass line. The score is divided into six systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line.

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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.

Invitation to Communion

This is our Lord's Table, and He is our host. All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who have yet to be baptized are invited to come forward for a blessing and are encouraged to speak with one of the clergy after the service about becoming baptized into Christ's Body.

Communion Hymn: O Food to Pilgrims Given..... Hymnal # 309

(People remain kneeling)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

May the sun of righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn: There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying Hymnal # 75

Postlude: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers by Paul Manz

Today's Liturgy

Liturgists

8:40 a.m.

Lay Readers – Brad MacGowan, Craig Doupè
LEM's – Brad MacGowan, Teddy Mitchell, John Clancy, Terri Lolcama
Acolytes – Keegan Kelley, Brandon Vollmer, Sarah Snyder
Ushers – Terry & Walli Roarke, Pete Bartels, Harold Archibald
Greeters – Brad & Liz MacGowan

10:50 a.m.

Lay Readers – John Clancy, Amy Dunkelberger
LEM's – John Clancy, Jan Morrison, Dave Iannuzzi, Dave Johnson
Acolytes – Matt Burgess, Emily & Kayleigh Hunt
Ushers – Page Howard
Greeters – Dave & Joan Johnson

Altar Candles

The altar candles are given by Jo Jastad in loving memory of Beth Bitar and family; Venette Hagen in loving memory of her mother, Venette Maybin, on her birthday.

Altar Flowers

Terry & Walli Roarke in thanksgiving of the birthday of their granddaughters, Heather Cam and Emily Roarke. Sam Brown in thanksgiving for the birthday of his daughter, Edith Chambers.

Remembrances for the Week

Birthdays

Dec. 8 Mindy Haynes
Dec. 8 Richard French
Dec. 8 Frank McCracken
Dec. 8 Doyle Nelson
Dec. 11 Tracey Johnston
Dec. 12 Jean Kernen
Dec. 13 Jon Warr

Death Anniversaries

Dec. 8 Kenneth McDonald Russell
Dec. 9 Virginia Weightman
Dec. 9 Fredrick Karlson, Jr.
Dec. 12 Albert Hagen
Dec. 12 Shirley Dugan

Special Announcements

Congratulations to Shane Cullen Kernen and Aimee Oswald Kernen on the birth of their son, Blake Anthony Kernen (great-grandson of Jean Kernen)

Holy Land Gift Boutique Today after both services

There will be a Holy Land Gift Boutique in the narthex following each worship service today. Jeanne Fowler will have a fine selection of beautiful handmade Palestinian crafts, both embroidery and olive wood, available for purchase.

Share Christmas Love with others through St. Mary's

With the Giving Tree we have placed in the narthex. How to participate: Choose a card from the Giving Tree, purchase the requested gift, wrap the gift and attach the card, bring the gift to the church by December 17th.

School News

Dear Parishioners,

This past Tuesday, the children from Grades One and Two under the direction of Mrs. Barbie Gonzalez, sang three songs at the **Classics' Luncheon**. It was also an occasion to introduce the fifth graders. It was a wonderful intergenerational experience. I want to thank our parishioners for being so welcoming, hospitable and affirming to these young disciples.

On Wednesday of this past week, **Father Haynes' homily** spoke to the daily Gospel which described the *Miracle of the Fishes and Loaves*. One of his points of emphasis addressed the gift of faith. Father Haynes' example of parental love helped the children to more clearly understand the deeper meaning of faith.

As good Stewards, we have the opportunity to come from a 'place of abundance'. The *Miracle of the Fishes and Loaves* provides us with a glimpse of Heaven, here on earth as a people who cultivate, develop and share God's blessings. Your response to the **Coat Drive** is one of many examples.

Progressing through our week, we also practiced for an **earthquake**. The children continue to prepare for emergencies such as a fire, a stranger on campus and an earthquake. I am proud of the children and staff in taking seriously the responsibility of keeping everyone safe.

Finally, remember to think about making a **donation to the auction before January 1**. This could come in the form of an item or service; a corporate ad or even a cash donation. Take advantage of this philanthropic opportunity before the new tax season! Tickets are now on sale in the school and parish offices. The tickets are the same price as last year, \$35 each. The auction is scheduled for Saturday, February 7. School is in session until December 19 so this is a good opportunity to purchase tickets. They make great stocking stuffers. ☺

Advent Blessings,
Glen Lutz, Principal

Adult Cate-WHAT??

Introducing the Adult Catechumenate! Beginning the first full week of January 2009, our Adult Catechumenate will explore with great depth and lively engagement topics such as Holy Scripture, Salvation History, Church History, the Book of Common Prayer, and much, much more. Whether you are new to the Church or old, seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Reception into the Church or just interested in growing more in your faith, come and enjoy.

Please contact Fr. Haynes:
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Daytime and evening classes are forming!

