



8:45 a.m.

The Book of Common Prayer

**Prelude:** Noel for the Flute Stops ..... by D'aquin

**Processional:** Hark! The glad sound! The savior comes. .... Hymnal # 72

**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

The musical score for the Kyrie is presented in three systems, each with a Soprano and Bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

System 1:  
Soprano: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Bass: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

System 2:  
Soprano: Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,  
Bass: Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

System 3:  
Soprano: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,  
Bass: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



### Collect of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Word of God

*Please be seated*

#### First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

**The Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Canticle 9** (*sung by the Choir*) ..... The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me;  
 I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
 and he will be my Savior.  
 Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
 from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
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 Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Gradual:** Rejoice! Rejoice, believers..... Hymnal # 68

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

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**Gospel: Luke 3:7-18**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to

gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Please be seated*

**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*

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

*Lord hear our prayer.*

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

*Lord hear our prayer.*

For Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Benedict XVI, Bishop of Rome, Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 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,

*Lord hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, especially Barack our President in the ways of justice and peace; 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,

*Lord hear our prayer.*

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,

*Lord hear our prayer.*

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,

*Lord hear our prayer.*

For those who have died and now abide in Christ's presence, [remembering especially this week ...] let us pray to the Lord,

*Lord hear our prayer.*

### **Confession of Sin**

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:** Rejoice in the Lord Always..... by Purcell

## Doxology

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4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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*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

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.

*Gluten free hosts are available on request at the rail.*

### 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 Anthem**

**Cantor:** *Say to those who are of a fearful heart: "Be strong and fear not. Behold, the Lord our God will come and he will save us."*

**Communion Hymn:** Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding ..... Hymnal # 59  
*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:** Lift up your heads ..... Hymnal # 436

**Postlude:** Rejoice, Rejoice Believers ..... by Paul Manz

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*Please join us for the Adult Forum and coffee following the Mass.  
We are so glad you are here!*

## Today's Liturgy

### Liturgists

#### 8:45 a.m.

Lay Readers – Pat Nordgren, Monty Tolman  
LEM's – Jean Gray, Jean Kernen  
Usher's –  
Acolytes – Tanner Bush, Katie Howard, Katie Dunkelberger  
Greeters – Terry & Walli Roarke

#### 10:45 a.m.

Lay Readers - Lucinda Williams, Amy Wilburn  
LEM's – Donna P. Snyder, Dave Johnson  
Usher's – Paul Bocchi  
Acolytes – Matt Burgess, Kayleigh Hunt, Braden Bowen  
Greeter – Dave & Joan Johnson

### Altar Candles

The altar candles are given by Venette Hagen in loving memory of her father, E. R. Maybin, on his birthday.

### Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given by James & Nancy Cameron in thanksgiving and Glory to God; Nicki Adams in loving memory of Michael, on his birthday. Barbara Johnston in thanksgiving for the birthday of her grandson, Jayson Baughan. Peter and Marylu Wallerich in loving memory of their mothers, Ellen Ruth Wallerich and Myrtle Oakland.

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## Remembrances for the Week

### Birthdays

17 Charles Hall  
17 Linda Finkas  
17 Linda Rutledge  
17 Kellum McInelly

### Wedding Anniversaries

18 Bob & Terri Lolcama

### Death Anniversaries

15 John Aram  
19 Barbara Jean Ripley

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## Special Announcements

### **Tonight - Advent Lessons & Carols – 7:00 pm**

*Our prayers are offered to Mike Qunell and his family for his sister, Lana Ostrander, who died on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. May she rest with the saints in light.*

### ***Regarding Fr. Macharia***

It is with great joy that we call Fr. John Macharia as a Pastoral Associate of St. Mary's. Fr. Macharia comes to us a priest from the Anglican Church in Kenya and is licensed to serve in the Diocese of Olympia. Fr. Macharia will serve St. Mary's through June 2010 in a ¼ time capacity assisting with pastoral visitations and occasionally preaching and celebrating the Sunday liturgies. This position provides not only the benefit of some pastoral relief to the current clerical staff, but it also sets into motion preparations for the development of a full-time Associate Rector/Curate position, which Fr. Macharia may or may not fill. He and his wife Veronica have made a home here in Lakewood and are the proud parents of seven nearly grown children who live in Kenya, the United States and Canada. Please be sure to welcome Fr. Macharia to our growing family here at St. Mary's.

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### **Poinsettia Donors**

This is the last day that you can sign up for your Poinsettia dedication. The signup sheets are in the narthex.

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### **Adult Forum Schedule – Sundays @10:10 a.m.**

Today– Advent 3 – “Joy” – John Koisch  
December 20<sup>th</sup> – Advent 4 – “Love” – Barbara Johnston

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### **School News**

On behalf of the Staff, I would like to invite you to the St. Mary's Christian School **Children's Christmas program** which will be held this Wednesday, December 16 in the church, beginning at 6:00 pm. A reception, sponsored by the PTA, will follow in the Narthex. The children and their Music teacher, Ms. Janet Dizney, have been working hard to prepare for this special evening.

Please consider attending the **Auction on Saturday, February 6**. You can reserve your tickets now by calling Shirley or Stephanie. This year's theme is *Go for the Gold* in honor of the Winter Olympics. If you are interested in donating an item, basket, or service; or purchasing an ad or corporate sponsorship, please contact the school office or email the Auction Coordinator, Susan Glaser at [swampqueen6@gmail.com](mailto:swampqueen6@gmail.com) with any of your questions.

I want to thank you for the support that you are giving the PTA through the purchase of church & **school clothing**; samples are located in the Narthex in the corner. Feel free to shop! These are great Christmas gifts! Please be sure to contact the PTA President, Christine Munari at [Colette625@aol.com](mailto:Colette625@aol.com) if you have any questions.

A big thank you goes out to all of you for your tremendous support of the **Coat Drive**. This is proving to be the most successful one, yet. The Coat Drive concludes on Thursday, January 17. If you have any questions, please contact Tracie Davis at [tdlexie67@aol.com](mailto:tdlexie67@aol.com).

Advent Blessings, Glen, Principal

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**Freedom Fund Update** - \$10,425.82! Thank you for your support!