

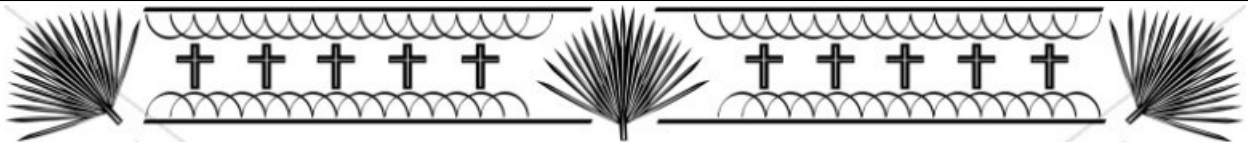


Saint Hilary's Episcopal Church

WELCOME

ALL IN PERSON AND STREAMING WORSHIPPERS

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us at St. Hilary's today.
If you have been looking and praying, hoping and searching for a place to belong, for opportunities to serve God and to make a difference in the world,



The Mission of St. Hilary's Episcopal Church is to make known the love and kindness of Jesus Christ to all people, within our congregation and in the wider community, through worship, service, and compassion.

RITE II, 9:00AM HOLY EUCHARIST
EPIPHANY
JANUARY 10, 2021

Saint Hilary's Episcopal Church

5011 McGregor Boulevard

Fort Myers, Florida 33901

(239) 936-1000

office@sainthilarys.org

Phase II Office Hours: M-F, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

NOT CLOSED FOR LUNCH

St. Hilary's prayer list is published once a week, and included in the "Stay Connected" email. If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please send a request to prayers@sainthilarys.org or call 239-936-1000 by Wednesday before 2:30 PM.

VESTRY

Margi Ehle, Senior Warden, Ruth Walters, Junior Warden, Margaret Lane, Treasurer, Marie Vidrine, Clerk, Steve Barchers, Stefani Dougherty, Kristina Hodge, Ray LaGrange, Ro Mathews, Joann Oxender, Clay Spikes, Bev Swanson, Jim Walter

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Prelude: Pastorale BWV590

by J. S. Bach

Procession - #128, We Three Kings of Orient Are

Three Kings of Orient

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star.

Refrain

Oh, star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense own a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising gladly raising,
Worship him, God Most High.

Myrrh is mine, it's bitter perfume
Breaths a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Heaven sings alleluia;
Alleluia the earth replies.

Refrain

Oh, star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light.

The Word of the Lord

Officiant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.***
Amen.

The Collect for Purity *offered by the Celebrant*

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.***

Gloria— S280, Glory to God

Robert Powell

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth
2. Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord, God, Lamb of God,
4. you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us;
5. You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
Receive our prayer.
6. For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
7. you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect for the Day

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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

A Reading from the book of Genesis
Genesis 1:1-5

Bill Mehall

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

People: The Word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God

Psalm 29

Sybil Edgar

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

People The Word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God

The Sequence Hymn - #121, Christ When For Us You Were Baptized

Caithness

Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God’s Spirit on you came,
As peaceful as a dove and yet
As urgent as a flame.

God, called you his beloved Son,
Called you his servant true,
Sent you his kingdom to proclaim,
His holy will to do.

Baptize us with your spirit, Lord,
Your cross on us be signed,
That, likewise in God’s service
We may perfect freedom find.

The Gospel

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
 Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 1:4-11

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.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Sermon

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 worshiped 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

Lester Erich

Deacon

As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time.

Intercessory Prayer leader

By the wedding of the human and divine natures in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place.

Especially we pray for the leaders of the three branches of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church: for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Francis, the Bishop of Rome and for Bartholomew, the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Dabney, the Bishop of Southwest Florida, Charles our Rector, all priests and all deacons – especially we pray for our own deacons: Cynthia and Anne, who serve the poor in Christ's name, and for all who minister to the holy people of God in every place.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, especially for Donald our President, Joe our President-elect and Ron our Governor and for peace and justice.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the conversion of the whole human race to our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Hilary our Patron, Blessed John the Evangelist, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord.***

Presider

Source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we come to see the true light who shines throughout the world and who is God for all eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Offertory Solo: The Three Kings

Peter Cornelius

Three kings from Persian lands a-far To Jordan followed the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travelers three, Where the newborn King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King: gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with steadfast ray: The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee, As Mary's child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King, Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem The kings are trav'ling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace, Shall lead thy heart to its resting place
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; Offer thy heart to the infant King!

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.

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

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for
us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made
perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so
that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and
receive power to become your children.

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:

***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

The people stand or kneel. Then 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,

Memorial Acclamation

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, Blessed Hilary our Patron 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,

Celebrant and People

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem S164

Franz Peter Schubert arr. by Richard Proulx

***Jesus Lamb of God have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our sins; have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world;
Give us your peace.***

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion.
Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Solo - : Saw You Never In The Twilight *Mark Schweizer*

Saw you never, in the twilight,
When the sun had left the skies,
Up in heav'n the clear stars shining
Through the gloom, like silver eyes?
So of old the wise men, watching,
Saw a little stranger star,
And they knew the King was given,
And they followed from afar.

Heard you never of the story
How they crossed the desert wild,
Journey'd on by plain and mountain,
Till they found the Holy Child?
How they opened all their treasure,
Kneeling to that infant King;
Gave the gold and fragrant incense,
Gave the Myrrh in offering?

Know ye not that lowly baby
Was the bright and morning Star?
He who came to light the Gentiles,
and the darkened isles afar?
And we, too, may seek his cradle;
there our hearts' best treasures bring;
Love, and faith, and true devotion
For our Savior, God and King.

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Celebrant: Let us pray.

People and Celebrant say

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Form for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

The Celebrant offers this blessing

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon says

Alleluia, alleluia, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude - Rondo attributed to John Bull

arr. by S.Drummond Wolff

Happy Birthday

Shelby Ernst, Bill Akerly,
Morgan Holman, Claire Sloss

Happy Anniversary

Martie and Ron Danielson,
Dan Maltbie and Garry Houston

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 2020 Financials

Year-to-Date
Revenue: \$441,685
Expenses: \$391,067

Month-To-Date
Revenue: \$77,307
Expenses: \$58,360

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER:

In Person Worship: 57	Live Stream Worship: 173	Total: 230
CHRISTMAS EVE ATTENDANCE		
In Person Worship: 83	Live Stream Worship: 510	Total: 593
CHRISTMAS DAY ATTENDANCE		
In Person Worship: 15	Live Stream Worship: 133	Total: 148

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY DUE TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY, 17, 2021 9:00 AM VIA ZOOM

You will receive an invitation via email at 8:30 AM on January 17
If you do not receive the email by 8:35 AM
Please email the office and you will receive another email with the link

Tuesday Morning Bible Study The Tuesday Morning Bible Study class will resume their study of the Book of GENESIS on Tuesday, January 5, at 9:30 a.m. on ZOOM. The subject of the first class will be “GENESIS 24 – A Bride for Isaac”. David Myers will give us background information and lead the discussion. Participants will also be able to view a video on their own computer or cell phone. New members are always welcome but this is a particularly good time for them to join the class as they have just had a break over the holidays. Anyone interested in participating in this group should contact Mary Richardson at 239-281-2049 or e-mail her at mcrichardson@comcast.net.

2021 Vestry: There are four open Vestry positions for 2021. We currently have two candidates, so there will be no election at the Annual Meeting: appointment to the Vestry will be by proclamation. If you are considering serving on the Vestry for this coming year, you need to inform the office by Thursday, January 14, 2021

Pastoral Counseling: Fr. Charles is available Monday through Thursday to talk face to face (by appointment and with face mask) to help mend your hearts through confidential Pastoral Counseling. Please call Church Office 239-936-1000 to schedule

Adopt -A-School: Tice Elementary. Tice Elementary is in desperate need of school supplies, and many of the families cannot afford to purchase them. For a complete list of items needed, see News from the Pews, or call the office. You can bring your donations to the service on Sunday morning; there will be a collection bin in the narthex. Or, you may bring them to the office on Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. If you are not comfortable going to the store, or coming to the office, you can order the supplies on Amazon (use Amazon Smile! See below) and have them sent to the church. Just send them to the attention of “Christine Bielski – school supplies”. Alternately, you may send a check to the church, marked “school supplies” and someone will do the necessary shopping. There is no deadline: this outreach is ongoing. Thank you for your generosity.

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Amazon Smile is a simple way for you to support St. Hilary’s every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com. Just choose St. Hilary’s as your charity of choice. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you will find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to St. Hilary’s.

Youth and Families News: YOSH will continue to meet on Zoom for games and prayers up to twice a month. We are beginning small group gatherings for campfires and movies. Schedules are sent via email – please contact the office or youth@sainthilarys.org if you wish to be informed of the next Zoom or gathering.

The Quilt Project is a new outreach ministry for Saint Hilary’s. The goal is to provide quilts to non-profits in the Fort Myer’s area. If you know how to sew and would like to assist in piecing backs or adding labels, your assistance would greatly be appreciated. Also if you have a contact at a local charity that would use quilts in their work, please contact Ray LaGrange, Margi Ehle or Margaret Lane, or just contact the office

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candles are still available. Cost for Altar Flowers are \$50; Candles are \$20. If you would like to remember a loved one, contact the office at 239-936-1000 or office@sainthilarys.org by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday.

St. Hilary’s Streaming Service on St. Hilary’s Facebook page, <https://m.facebook.com/OfficeSaintHilarysFM/live/>

Tuesday: 9:00 AM Morning Prayer

Thursday: 12:00 noon Healing Prayer

Lay leaders are sought to take over the leadership of the prayers. It is simple and a huge blessing. If you are interested in leading the service through Facebook, Fr. Charles would love to hear from you 239-936-1000 to discuss.

Volunteer opportunities are available working with our Sunday School aged members (once we get the OK from the CDC, state, and local authorities) – please contact Fr. Charles (239)-936-1000 to discuss.

Readers & Acolytes all ages, someone **interested in learning how** to manage our Audio-Visual system and live-streaming, and **Greeters** are sought to help our Sunday Morning 9 am service. Please contact Fr. Charles (239)-936-1000 to discuss.

St. Hilary’s St. Mary Garden, and Columbarium: Located just off the patio side of Browning Hall, The Mary Garden and Columbarium is the final resting place for many parishioners. It is a place of peaceful rest, with lovely plantings and benches for meditation or prayer. Each columbarium niche holds the cremains of two people. The cost is \$1,000 and includes two brass urns and two plaques. Many people order them “pre-need” and payment plans can be arranged. For more information, contact the office at 239-936-1000 or office@sainthilarys.org

