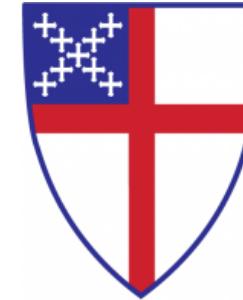


# St. Mary's Episcopal Church Welcomes You



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During the Lenten Season  
We Enter and Leave this Service  
In Silent Reflection



If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

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.

Lord, open our lips

***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

***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***

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; Come let us adore him

Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

***let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.***

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

***and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.***

For the Lord is a great God, \*

***and a great King above all gods.***

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

***and the heights of the hills are his also.***

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

***and his hands have molded the dry land.***

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

***and kneel before the Lord our Maker.***

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

***Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!***

Psalm 22:22-30

Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
***stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;***  
***all you of Jacob's line, give glory.***

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
***but when they cry to him he hears them.***

My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
***I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.***

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
***"May your heart live for ever!"***

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
***and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.***

For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
***he rules over the nations.***

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
***all who go down to the dust fall before him.***

My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
***they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.***

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
***the saving deeds that he has done.***

## A Reading from the Book of Genesis

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

The word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

Psalm 67:1-5

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
***show us the light of your countenance and come to us.***

Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
***your saving health among all nations.***

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
***let all the peoples praise you.***

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
***for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.***

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
***let all the peoples praise you.***

## A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

## A Song of Faith

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*

***by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;***

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \*

***we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.***

The ransom that was paid to free us \*

***was not paid in silver or gold,***

But in the precious blood of Christ, \*

***the Lamb without spot or stain.***

God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \*

***so that we might have faith and hope in God.***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord

***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

## The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,*

*creator of heaven and earth;*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.*

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

*He descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again.*

*He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,*

*the holy catholic Church,*

*the communion of saints,*

*the forgiveness of sins*

*the resurrection of the body,*

*and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Lord be with you  
***And also with you***  
Let us pray

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.

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
***And grant us your salvation.***

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
***Let your people sing with joy.***

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
***For only in you can we live in safety.***

Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
***And guide us in the way of justice and truth.***

Let your way be known upon earth;  
***Your saving health among all nations.***

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
***Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.***

Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
***And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.***

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### Prayers of the People

Lord, in your Mercy

***Hear our Prayer***

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

*Amen.*

## The General Thanksgiving

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

*Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God***

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Amen.*



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