

# St. Mary's Episcopal Church Welcomes You

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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 us, forgive us all our sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us 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***

***Alleluia***

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

Jubilate

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
***serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.***

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
***he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.***

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
***give thanks to him and call upon his Name.***

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
***and his faithfulness endures from age to age.***

## Psalm 119:129-136

Your decrees are wonderful; \*  
***therefore I obey them with all my heart.***

When your word goes forth it gives light; \*  
***it gives understanding to the simple.***

I open my mouth and pant; \*  
***I long for your commandments.***

Turn to me in mercy, \*  
***as you always do to those who love your Name.***

Steady my footsteps in your word; \*  
***let no iniquity have dominion over me.***

Rescue me from those who oppress me, \*  
***and I will keep your commandments.***

Let your countenance shine upon your servant \*  
***and teach me your statutes.***

My eyes shed streams of tears, \*  
***because people do not keep your law.***

## A Reading from the Book of Kings

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## 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.***

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God***

## The Third Song of Isaiah

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
***and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.***

For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
***deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.***

But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
***and his glory will appear upon you.***

Nations will stream to your light, \*  
***and kings to the brightness of your dawning.***

Your gates will always be open; \*  
***by day or night they will never be shut.***

They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
***The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.***

Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
***ruin or destruction within your borders.***

You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
***and all your portals, Praise.***

The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
***by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.***

The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
***and your God will be your glory.***

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.***

## A Reading from Matthew

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## 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, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### Prayers of the People

Lord, in your Mercy

***Hear our Prayer***

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

***Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.***

*Let us bless the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

*Amen.*

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