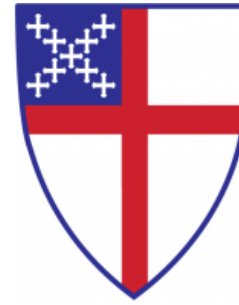


# St. Mary's Episcopal Church Welcomes You



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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 25: 1-9

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
***let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.***

Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
***let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.***

Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
***and teach me your paths.***

Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
***for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.***

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
***for they are from everlasting.***

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
***remember me according to your love***  
***and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.***

Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
***therefore he teaches sinners in his way.***

He guides the humble in doing right \*  
***and teaches his way to the lowly.***

All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
***to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.***

## A Reading from the Book of Genesis

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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 First Letter of Peter

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

## A Song of Penitence

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \*  
***God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
and of all their righteous offspring:***

You made the heavens and the earth, \*  
***with all their vast array.***

All things quake with fear at your presence; \*  
***they tremble because of your power.***

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*  
***it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.***

O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*  
***long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.***

You hold back your hand; \*  
***you do not punish as we deserve.***

In your great goodness, Lord,  
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*  
***that they may repent of their sin and be saved.***

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*  
***and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.***

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*  
***and I know my wickedness only too well.***

Therefore I make this prayer to you: \*  
***Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.***

Do not let me perish in my sin, \*  
***nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.***

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
***and in me you will show forth your goodness.***

Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
***and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.***

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
***and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.***

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

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.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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.***

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan:  
Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know  
the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus  
Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for 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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