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St. Mary's, Shelter Island  
Welcome!

Opening Hymn: TBD

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy  
Spirit            **And Blessed be God's  
Kingdom, both now and forever. Amen**

**The Collect for Purity**

**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.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the  
Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father:  
receive our prayer. For you alone are  
the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### The Collect

**Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious  
about earthly things, but to love  
things heavenly; and even now,  
while we are placed among things  
that are passing away, to hold fast  
to those that shall endure; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, for ever and  
ever. Amen.**

### The Collect

Lord, we pray that your grace may  
always precede and follow us, that we  
may continually be given to good  
works; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. **Amen.**

### Old Testament Isaiah 25:1-9

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet  
Isaiah:        O LORD, you are my God;  
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and  
sure.

For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify  
you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear  
you.

For you have been a refuge to the  
poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their  
distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and  
a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was  
like a winter rainstorm,  
the noise of aliens like heat in a  
dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade  
of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was  
stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts  
will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of  
well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.  
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.  
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be To God**

### Psalm 23

#### *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

### The Epistle Philippians 4:1-9

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians: My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

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. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

. The Word of the Lord **Thanks be To God**

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
R. **Alleluia, alleluia., alleluia**

## The Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

A Reading from the Gospel of Our Lord  
According to Matthew: **Glory to you Oh  
Lord**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord  
Praise to you, Lord  
Christ

## The 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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Let us recommend to the Lord all those we encounter at the crossroads of life, that they too may hear and accept the invitation to the table of the Lord. Let us say: **R/ Lord, be our life and joy.**

- For the Church, especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury. In the Anglican Cycle of prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, especially now in this time of war and conflict.. We pray for Michael our Presiding and his continuing recovery from surgery. We pray for Bishop; Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and William our local Bishops, all the people and parishes of the Diocese of Long Island, especially for those in our Deanery, and for Charles our Priest. let us pray:

### **R/ Lord, be our life and joy.**

– That the Lord may gather all peoples in one common praise of his name, let us pray:

### **R/ Lord, be our life and joy.**

– That the life of all Christians may radiate joy and hope and bring a feast of happiness to others, let us pray:

### **R/ Lord, be our life and joy.**

– That the Lord who destroys death may give consolation and strength to all those who mourn the loss of someone they love, let us pray:

### **R/ Lord, be our life and joy.**

– That the Lord in the Eucharist may be the joy and the bond of love of all our Christian communities, let us pray:

### **R/ Lord, be our life and joy.**

- For all those whose names appear on our parish's prayer list.  
For those who have departed this life, and all those who rest in our cemetery  
I invite you to share with the community gathered here any intercession or names you may wish us to pray for ...Pause.....  
For all of these we pray....

### **R/ Lord, be our life and joy.**

Lord, it is good to be with you. Let our hearts overflow with joy and make us share with one another all the good gifts with which you have enriched us. Bless us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

Instead of the joys of a truly Christian life we choose at times the sadness of sin.  
Let us ask the Lord to forgive us.  
(pause)

Lord Jesus, you offer us the joy of forgiveness and acceptance and love:  
Lord, have mercy. **R/ Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, in the name of the Father you came to invite us to the everlasting wedding feast of the Kingdom:  
Christ, have mercy. **R/ Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you invite to your feast of love the weak and the humble with the strong and the healthy:  
Lord, have mercy. **R/ Lord, have mercy.**

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 of the Lord be with you always  
**And also with you**

**Offertory Hymn Doxology**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks**

We thank and praise you loving Creator. In wisdom you guide the course of the world and cherish us with all tender care. We thank you that we can come together around this table in the name of Jesus your Son, the first born of all creation. In him all things were created, visible and invisible, and all things hold together in him. We thank you that you have sent your Holy Spirit to make of us a new community of faith to serve you within your creation. And now we give you thanks because you have given the earth into our care, and call us to praise you day by day for the marvels of your creation. And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we join in one great act of awe and adoration:

**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*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the

God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy,

and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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, All: **Our Father...**

#### **The Fraction Anthem**

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world **Have mercy on us**  
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world **Have mercy on us**  
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world **Grant us your peace.**

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

#### **Communion Musical Meditation**

##### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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**

#### ***The Blessing* EOW1**

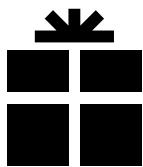
May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

#### **Closing Hymn TBD**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

#### **Thanks be to God**





## Birthdays

October 10 Guy (Rod) Griffis  
October 14 Meredith Gurney Page October 21  
Barbara Bloom  
October 27 Melanie Mitchell



## Pray for the Healing & Support:

We pray for Wendy Turgeon, Paul Mobius, Betianne Morritt, Chrissy Gross, Rod Griffis, Jane Babinski and their continued recovery. and we continue to pray for Cindy Belt's sister Susan Belt Hartson

We pray for Ukraine, for the Holy Land and the Middle East for peace and for safety. For all those suffering from extreme weather in our country and around the world.

For those grieving loved ones, for those who are ill, for all those who serve the sick, the needy and those in prison, for all those who are anxious or fearful. For all those in the midst of war or natural disasters and we pray for...  
Barbara Brigham, Sara Mundy, Jean Adams, Kathy Cogan, Jim Fancher, Diane & Nancy Fickett, Bob Fisher, Sharon Gibbs, Kathryn James, Halle Kneeland, Virginia Springsteen, Vita Stellke, Valerie Capon, Linda VanArdale, Beth Wagner, Louie Cicero, Barbara Allen, Hermance Canning, Matthew Cole, Sr. Joy Wright, and all our parishioners living with cancer, known or undetected & for all those who participate in

a 12 step group here at St. Mary's. Call in any requests or corrections to the office. (631) 749-0770



St Mary's Election Eve Dinner will take place on Monday November 6th with two seatings at 5PM & 7PM

Take-out will be available starting at 6PM

\$35 Adult/\$20 Child

Call the Office for Reservations

749-0770 ext. 2.



We will have only one service on October 29th at 9:30 AM followed by a Potluck "brunch" and our election for one vestry member and one warden



Wine tasting to choose our Communion Wine will take place on Sunday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon A simple lunch will be provided. Think of candidates,