



*even at the grave
we make our song*

LENT AT ST. MARY'S

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2025 • 5 pm & March 23, 2025 • 10 am

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Our mission is to be a Christian community of all ages
grounded in worship, well-being and service.

We hope you will experience God's own welcome here and return again and again.
Find us online at www.smcpportsmouth.org and on Facebook.

NOTES ABOUT WORSHIP AT ST. MARY'S

- If you are our guest today, please complete a welcome card and put it in the offering plate or give it to the greeter. This will give us a chance to learn your name welcome you more personally.
- It is our pleasure to welcome children and their parents at all services. We understand that children's energy and voices are gifts they may share during worship. That is how God made them and we are grateful they are worshiping with us. Feel free to step out and step back in as needed. Sitting as close to the front as possible helps them to see.
- If you have need, restrooms are accessible on both levels of the parish house.
- Text written in **bold** in this bulletin is to be spoken by all. When printed, the ✕ indicates an appropriate time to make the sign of the cross.
- All Christians are invited to the Holy Table to receive communion. If it is difficult for you to walk, please notify a greeter, and we will bring communion to you. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. If you are interested in Holy Baptism, please speak with our rector, Jennifer or our associate rector, Meaghan. We welcome the opportunity to prepare people of all ages for baptism.
-  We have a hearing loop system to assist with hearing during worship. Please ask a greeter if you would like to use a receiver with headphone, or you may prefer to use your own ear buds. If you have hearing aids with the T-coil function, adjust to that setting.
- Music Notes:
Our music books for worship include Wonder Love and Praise, WLP & The Hymnal 1982. Both can be found in the pew. Additional music can be found in the bulletin.

To find out what's happening at St. Mary's this week and in the coming weeks, visit our on line calendar by scanning the QR code below!



An Instructed Eucharist The Holy Eucharist

Welcome and Announcements

First Instruction: We gather in the Lord's Name

Processional Hymn Creator of the earth and skies (verses 1-3) Hymnal 1982, 148

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures forever.**

If we say that 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. *1 John 1:8,9*

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All may bow or kneel as you are able. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People
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.

Celebrant 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.**

Trisagion

Holy God

R. Fabian

Unison

Ho - - ly God, Ho - ly and Migh - ty, Ho - ly Im - mor-tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Part 1

Ho - - ly God, Ho - ly and Migh - ty, Ho - ly Im - mor-tal One, have mer - cy up -

Part 2

Ho - - - ly God, Ho - ly and Migh - ty, Ho - ly Im -

on us. Ho - - - ly God, Ho - ly and Migh - ty, Ho - ly Im -

mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - - - ly God, Ho - ly and

mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us, have mer - cy up - on us.

Migh - ty, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People may be seated.

Second Instruction: Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God

on this mountain. "But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 63 *Cantor will intone the refrain. Then choir & congregation repeat the refrain.
Cantor will chant the verses followed by the choir & congregation singing the refrain.*



You have been my help - er, O my God.

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
 my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
 as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
 that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
 my lips shall give you praise. (*Refrain*)

4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
 and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
 and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
 and meditate on you in the night watches. (*Refrain*)

7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast. (*Refrain*)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All may stand for the Lenten Gospel Acclamation and Holy Gospel.

Lenten Gospel Acclamation Mass of Our Lady of Light J. Manibusan, F.Bauer

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Holy Gospel Luke 13:1-9

Gospeller ✕ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

Third instruction: Our Response to God's Word

The Sermon

All may stand for the Creed.

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.

Fourth Instruction: Prayers and Preparation

Prayers of the People

The people may offer prayers aloud during the silence following each petition.

The leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy,"

*Our response will be
Hear our prayer.*

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn When Israel was in Egypt's land (verses 1-4) Hymnal 1982, 648

If you would like to make an offering there is a plate at the rear of the church, or if electronically please use this code.



The People may stand as the gifts are brought forward.

Fifth Instruction: We Remember and Give Thanks

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant 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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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:

Sanctus and Benedictus**Holy, holy, holy Lord****Hymnal 1982, S 124**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

Sixth Instruction: Blessed, Broken, Shared

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction

Lamb of God

Hymnal 1982, S 161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Please come forward at the invitation: "The gifts of God for the people of God . . ."

Communion Hymn

What wondrous love is this (verses 1-3)

Hymnal 1982, 439

Communion Hymn

Eat This Bread

J. Berthier

Refrain



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.



Text: John 6; adapt. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942, and the Taizé Community

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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Seventh Instruction: Gratitude, Blessing and Sending in Service

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn

Rock of ages cleft for me

Hymnal 1982, 685

Liturgical Ministers

Altar Guild: 5 pm & 10 am Ruth Siebens, Ann Gizzi

Musician: 10 am Michael DiMucci

Greeters: 5 pm Deb & Jim DeVecchi
10 am Lori Rinkel, Christine Winslow

Lector and Intercessor: 5 pm Lauren Lema
10 am Carol Brierley

Crucifer/Server: 5 pm Lauren Lema
10 am Steve Downing

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Lori Rinkel

Acolytes: Isaac Nestlerode, Sam Brower, Rian Gustafson

Audio Visual: 10 am Charley Collins

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