

Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany—January 30, 2022
Eucharist Service

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/TRANSITION TO WORSHIP

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION *Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant Blessed be the one holy and living God.
People **Glory to God forever and ever.**

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OPENING COLLECT Steven Shakespeare

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Provoking God, calling us through the face of the Other: free our fickle hearts from our need to divide and exile the foreign and the misfit; lead us though the storms of rage to a clean and new beginning; through Jesus Christ, whom hatred cannot touch. **Amen.**

FIRST MESSAGE 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Lay Leader Let us prepare ourselves to hear the Word of God.
People **Our hearts and minds are open.**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Lay Leader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Come Light of Lights* tr. from a Celtic chant of the Céile Dé order
Music: Ruth Cunningham

GOSPEL Luke 4:21-30

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

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, and began to say, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say,

'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

HOMILY The Reverend Susan Moss

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND BAPTISMAL PROMISES *A New Zealand Prayer Book*

Lay Leader Please join together in affirming our faith.
People **You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are God. We worship you.**

Lay Leader And now we join together with members of the worldwide Anglican/Episcopal Communion in translating the beliefs in our hearts into action in our lives, in these baptismal questions. Please respond to each promise by saying, "I will with God's help."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *The Book of Common Prayer, Church of England*

Lay Leader God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.
We pray for your church, for our diocese, bishops, clergy and all people.

People **Flame of abundant love, be our joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world.**

Lay Leader We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith.

People **Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples.**

Lay Leader We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch, especially those for whom our prayers are especially desired...

People **Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service.**

Lay Leader We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby.

People **Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation.**

Lay Leader We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life and waters around us.

People **Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation.**

Lay Leader God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them and our needs before we ask.
Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SAINT MARY'S COMMUNITY PRAYERS: CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Everyone is invited to offer concerns and thanksgivings.

Lay Leader Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Light of the World!
May your Holy Spirit continue to guide and illumine the discerning hearts and minds of the Saint Mary's Search Committee and rector candidates, in the search for a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for ministries in your name. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT *The Book of Common Prayer*

Lay Leader Lord our God, accept the prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you, we give glory, Father, Son and Holy spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Eucharistic Prayer

OFFERTORY PRAYER parishresources.org.uk

Celebrant Loving God, we follow the Magi in giving you gifts, praying that as you receive our acts of offering, you would shine the light of Christ in our hearts to lead us in lives which serve you more deeply. **Amen.**

*You are welcome to make an online offering by pressing the "contribute" button
on our website, saintmarysepiscope.org.*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Eucharistic Prayer 3, *Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant and People worshipping virtually

**Gracious God, You stand at the door of our hearts and knock. You wait for us and we only can let you in.
We believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill us with your presence. Nourish us with your body and
unite us in your blood, that we may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As Jesus taught us we now pray:

People **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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER 9 am Liturgy Team from 2019

Celebrant Let us pray together.

Loving God, thank you for all the blessings of this life and especially for your presence in the bread and wine. As Jesus sent the disciples, send us from this table brimming with hope, joy and good news for the whole world. Amen.

CELEBRANT BLESSING

CLOSING SONG *An Epiphany Halle, Halle, Halle* Words: v. 1-traditional
v. 2 by Mia McDavid & Conie Borchardt
Music: Caribbean Traditional

DISMISSAL

Deacon <Deacon says the words of dismissal.>
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

SOCIAL TIME—BREAKOUT GROUPS