

Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!
Second Sunday after the Epiphany—January 16, 2022
Morning Prayer

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/TRANSITION TO WORSHIP

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Enriching Our Worship

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

SONG OF PRAISE

An Epiphany Halle, Halle, Halle

Words: v. 1-traditional
v. 2 by Mia McDavid & Conie Borchardt
Music: Caribbean Traditional

OPENING COLLECT

Steven Shakespeare

Officiant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Lord of the wedding day, passion of joining and spirit of festival: take our hearts of stone
and flood them with new wine that we might savor ordinary miracles given to sense and
taste, through Jesus Christ, the Winemaker. Amen.

Please be seated.

CHANTED PSALM 36:5-10 (*choir only*)

FIRST MESSAGE

I Dream a World

Langston Hughes

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

(adapted to include everyone)

I dream a world where [each person]
No other [person] will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn.
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.

A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every [person] is free;
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all [humanity]—
Of such I dream, my world!

Officiant Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL John 2:1-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers (video from St. Mark's)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND BAPTISMAL PROMISES

A New Zealand Prayer Book

Officiant Please stand as you are able and 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.

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You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.

You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed your love for us in love.

You have revealed your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now.

You are with us now.
You are God.

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's Word.

You are God. We worship you.

Officiant Please turn and face the middle aisle as we make our promises to each other and to God. 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 bye saying, "I will with God's help."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Book of Common Prayer, Church of England

Officiant 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.**

Officiant 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.**

Officiant 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.**

Officiant 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.**

Officiant 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.**

Officiant God of radiant light, your love illuminates 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.

Officiant 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

Officiant O 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

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Officiant 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.**

*We are not passing the offering plates at this time.
You are welcome to place your offering in the plate at the entrance to the sanctuary or make an online offering by pressing the "contribute" button on our website, saintmarysepiscopal.org.*

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

The Book of Common Prayer

Officiant 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.**

BENEDICTION

Officiant & People **Life is short and we haven't much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us along the way. So, be quick to love, make haste to be kind—and the blessing of God goes with us. Amen.** *(adapted from 19th century Swiss philosopher Henri Amiel)*

CLOSING SONG

We All Are One in Mission

Words: Rusty Edwards
Music: Nyland, Finnish folk melody
adapt. And harm. David Evans

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world and know that there are deeds of hope and healing that will never be done unless you do them, and words of hope and healing that will never be spoke unless you speak them. *(adapted from Frederick Buechner)*

POSTLUDE