

Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!
Third Sunday after the Epiphany—January 23, 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

#632 – *O Christ, the Word Incarnate*

Words: William Walsham How

Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu*

Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn

OPENING COLLECT

Steven Shakespeare

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant God of freedom, you break the seals and let the Spirit flow: make us impatient to greet the time fulfilled, the poor lifted up, the oppressed set free and your love made manifest in Jesus Christ, the Anointed Servant. **Amen.**

FIRST MESSAGE

Isaiah 60:1-6

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

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

GRADUAL

#628 – *Help Us, O Lord, to Learn*

Words: William Watkins Reid, Jr.

Music: *St. Ethelwald*, William Henry Monk

GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

HOMILY

The Reverend Debbie Brown

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, saintmarysepiscopal.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

Now We Are All Sent Forth

English Text: Gerhar M. Cartford
Music: *Enviado*, Anonymous,

DISMISSAL

Deacon <Deacon says the words of dismissal.>

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

SOCIAL TIME—BREAKOUT GROUPS