

ST MARY'S

HOLY COMMUNION

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GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

HYMN

**When morning gilds the
skies**

My heart awaking cries:
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair:
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

The night becomes as day
When from the heart we say;
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'
The powers of darkness fear,
When this sweet chant they hear
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

In Heaven's eternal bliss
The loveliest strain is this;
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'
Let air, and sea, and sky,
From depth to height, reply:
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

Be this while life is mine
My canticle divine:
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'
Be this the eternal song,

Through all the ages long:
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

INTRODUCTION and CONFESSION: invitation

**Father eternal, giver of light
and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and
done,
through ignorance, through
weakness, through our own
deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in
us.
We are sorry and ashamed
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son
Jesus Christ, who died for
us, forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from
darkness to walk as
children of light. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

COLLECT: Lent 3

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not
up to joy but first he suffered
pain,
and entered not into glory
before he was crucified:

mercifully grant that we,
walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the
way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with
you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

EPISTLE: Galatians 5

13 You, my brothers and sisters,
were called to be free. But do
not use your freedom to indulge
the flesh^[a]; rather, serve one
another humbly in love. **14** For
the entire law is fulfilled in
keeping this one command:
"Love your neighbor as
yourself."^[b] **15** If you bite and
devour each other, watch out or
you will be destroyed by each
other.

16 So I say, walk by the
Spirit, and you will not gratify
the desires of the flesh. **17** For
the flesh desires what is
contrary to the Spirit, and the
Spirit what is contrary to the
flesh. They are in conflict with
each other, so that you are not
to do whatever^[c] you
want. **18** But if you are led by

the Spirit, you are not under the
law.

19 The acts of the flesh are
obvious: sexual
immorality, impurity and
debauchery; **20** idolatry and
witchcraft; hatred, discord,
jealousy, fits of rage, selfish
ambition, dissensions,
factions **21** and envy;
drunkenness, orgies, and the
like. I warn you, as I did before,
that those who live like this will
not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, forbearance,
kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, **23** gentleness and
self-control. Against such things
there is no law. **24** Those who
belong to Christ Jesus have
crucified the flesh with its
passions and desires. **25** Since
we live by the Spirit, let us keep
in step with the Spirit. **26** Let us
not become
conceited, provoking and
envying each other.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GRADUAL
There's a quiet understanding

GOSPEL: read by president:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you O Lord

13 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. **2** Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? **3** I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. **4** Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? **5** I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. **7** So he said to the man who took care of the

vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

8 "Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. **9** If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen & 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;**

was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 worshipped 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**

INTERCESSIONS:

THE PEACE: *Introduction, then*
The peace of the Lord be
always with you:

And also with you.

HYMN

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own
ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame
bestowing.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be
And lowliness become mine
inner clothing
True lowliness of heart
Which take steeh humbler part
And o'er its own short comings
weeps with loathing

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat
consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while
my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of
human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
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THANKSGIVING PRAYER

The Lord is here:

his Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts:

we lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the
Lord our God:

**it is right to give him
thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and
praise
through your beloved Son Jesus
Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have
created all things;
who was sent by you in your
great goodness to be our
Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the
blessed Virgin,

he lived on earth and went
about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us
on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying
for us;
and revealed the resurrection
by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won
for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and
archangels,
and with all the company of
heaven,
we proclaim your great and
glorious name,
for ever praising you and
saying:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of
your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the
source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your
Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and
blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he
was betrayed,
took bread and gave you
thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his
disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you
thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is
risen: Christ will come
again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind
his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty
resurrection and glorious
ascension,
and looking for his coming in
glory,
we celebrate this memorial of
our redemption.
As we offer you this our
sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread
and this cup and we thank you
for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and
serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your
people and gather into one in
your kingdom all who share this
one bread and one cup, so that
we, in the company of all the
saints, may praise and glorify
you for ever, through Jesus
Christ our Lord; by whom, and
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father,

for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily
bread.**

**Forgive us our sins - as we
forgive those who sin
against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now
and forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

**We break this bread to share in
the body of Christ:**

**Though we are many, we
are one body because we all
share in one bread.**

INVITATION to communion

POST-COMMUNION:

**Father of all we give you
thanks and praise, that
when we were still far off
you met us in your Son
and brought us home.**

**Dying and living, he
declared your love, gave us
grace,
and opened the gate of
glory.**

**May we who share Christ's
body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring
life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope
you have set before us,
so we and all your children
shall be free,
and the whole earth live to
praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

NOTICES & BLESSING

HYMN

**Jesus shall reign where'er
the sun**

**does its successive journeys
run,
his kingdom stretch from shore
to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane
no more.**

To him shall endless prayer be
made,
and praises throng to crown his
head.
His name like sweet perfume
shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every
tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest
song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his
name.

Blessings abound where'er he
reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their
chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are
blest.

Let every creature rise and
bring
the highest honours to our
King,
angels descend with songs
again,
and earth repeat the loud
Amen.

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace to love serve the
Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.