

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 AM



FEBRUARY 23, 2025

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF THE HARBOR
PROVINCETOWN

Where the Land, the Sea, and the Sacred Meet

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude
Welcome

Ayre

G.P. Telemann (1681-1767)

Gathering Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Hymnal #470

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

People: **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria

GC2 #253

Sung 2X

1. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 2. in ex - cel - sis De - o!
3. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 4. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Collect of the day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *Genesis 45:3-11,15*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Read responsively by full verse.

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

Put your trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

**Take delight in the Lord,
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,
and he will bring it to pass.

**He will make your righteousness as clear as the light
and your just dealing as the noonday.**

Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him.

**Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

**For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.**

In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

**But the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace.**

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord;
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

**The Lord will help them and rescue them;
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.**

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50*

A Reading from the 1st Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

GC2 #261

2X before the Gospel/1X after



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ia! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Gospel: *Luke 6:27-38*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Christ

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Brian Raiche

1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all
 2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and
 3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the

things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens,
 cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied—
 saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly,

Keep - er of the sky and sea. I be - lieve in
 True Life there had tru - ly died. I be - lieve that
 where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's

God's son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it
 on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed
 res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's

and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
 to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
 ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Presider: Sustaining God, you have promised to turn our hearts from stone to flesh, to give us life through the power of your love and hear our hopes and needs. Answer these prayers lifted to you.

Reader: For the people of God everywhere, that they may be beacons of hope whose light shines forth to dispel fear and hate.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For those with authority over our lives, that they might wield their power for the common good and with respect for the dignity of all people.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For those in our lives who have caused us pain and hurt; lead them to an awareness of their impact and lead us to a path of forgiveness where those hurts have no hold on us.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For our local communities – our neighbors, our co-workers, and our classmates, help us to sow the seeds of your kingdom in our daily interactions.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For our beleaguered earth, the garden where you have placed us; grant us wisdom as we discern how to be worthy stewards of this gift and give us strength and courage to persevere in its preservation.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who live in pain, in sickness, in fear or dread; sustain them with your grace that they might bear their suffering and grant us an awareness and a willingness to be their companions and caregivers. Especially we pray for: Lisa Pate, Mark Ward, Joan Boudreau, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Priscilla McChesney, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Chelsea Diaz, Steve Moore, Nick Craciun, William Goodbody, John Kelly, Courtney Davey, and for those who are known to us in our hearts, those known only to you, and for those whose names are spoken on our lips. *(You are invited to offer your own intentions aloud or silently).*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hold in your care those who have died and welcome us into your eternal arms when our time comes, and let us all rise together in your new age. We remember especially Anthony Jackett in whose memory the sanctuary lamp is lit.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Presider: Almighty God who is the Sower of love, mercy, and hope; let us be the seeds of your salvation; growing in love ourselves that through us your hopeful mercy might be known and established everywhere, and hear our prayers, those spoken and those held quietly in our hearts that we might know grace and live into the people we were created to be. All this we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The prayers are concluded with hymn # 608, verse 1

**Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Enriching Our Worship 1

All:

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you
have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and
the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our
Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.
Amen.**

Presider: 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.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

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LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Invitation:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Preparation of the Table

Andante

P. Nardini (1722-1793)

Presentation of the Gifts

For the Healing of the Nations

GC2 #712



1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
2. Lead us now, Lord, in - to free - dom, From de - spair your
3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, Let it from the
4. You, cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten Your great name on



one ac - cord; For a just and e - qual shar - ing
world re - lease; That re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
earth be banned; Pride of stat - us, race or school - ing,
hu - man - kind; For our grow - ing in your like - ness



Of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of
All may come and go in peace. Show us how through
Dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
Bring the life of Christ to mind: That by our re -



love and ac - tion Help us rise and pledge our word.
care and good - ness Fear will die and hope in - crease.
quest for jus - tice May we hal - low life's brief span.
sponse and serv - ice Earth its des - ti - ny may find.

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Tune: ST. THOMAS, 8 7 8 7 8 7; John Wade, 1711-1786

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

And so, God our Creator, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Rachel; God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Traditional Form

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**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Breaking of the Bread

1. 2.

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

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Food for a Holy People. In this house which bears the name Mary, all are welcome to share the one she bore, Jesus the Bread of Life.



1. Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; Come to me with
 2. Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; Do not fear, my
 3. Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; Take my yoke and
 4. Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; Rest in me and



your dis - tress; Come to me, you heav - y bur - dened;
 bur - den's light; Do not fear the path be - fore you;
 come with me. Take my yoke, I am be - side you;
 do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle;



Come to me and find your rest.
 Do not run from me in fright.
 Take and learn hu - mil - i - ty.
 Rest and cast a - way your care.

Post Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship

Presider: Let us pray

People: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and with one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymnal #657

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Please join us in Nicholson Hall for Coffee Hour

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Singspiraton! Sunday, February 23rd at 2:00 PM

Join our local churches for a hymn sing at the U.U. Church (236 Commercial Street, Provincetown) today at 2. Each church will lead a hymn and an anthem (vocal or instrumental). St. Mary of the Harbor will be participating! All are welcome.



Mardi Gras Brunch and Potluck: Sunday, March 2nd

On Sunday, March 2nd we will host a "Mardi Gras" Pancake Breakfast and Potluck Brunch after church complete with festive beads and a King Cake.

We provide the pancakes and bacon, you bring fruit, muffins, pastries, quiche, OJ, real maple syrup. Sign up in Nicholson Hall. Come dressed for the party!

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday March 5th at 12:00 Noon.

Lent is fast approaching! We will celebrate a simple Eucharist and Distribution of Ashes on Wednesday, March 5th at 12:00 Noon. Ashes available upon request if you are unable to attend.

Wednesdays in Lent: 7PM Compline: Beginning March 12th

We will celebrate Compline each Wednesday Evening at 7:00 PM via zoom. Compline descended from the night prayers said before bed at the end of the monastic round of daily prayer. Compline is a simple office including a confession of sins, one or more psalms, a short reading from scripture, versicles and responses, the Lord's Prayer, collects which ask for God's protection during the night to come, and the canticle Nunc dimittis.

Last Year's Palms

If you have palms from last Palm Sunday, you may drop them off at the church. There is a basket at the entrance way into the church.

Parish Prayer List

In addition to the names listed in the Prayers of the People, we pray for healing and comfort for: *Family and Friends:* Roger Ashe, Joan Russell, Jim Neely and Ann English, Kent Taylor, Margo Kent, Michael Mason, Donna Pickener, Marcia McClure, Marsha Davies, Carol Studley, Marge and Donna, Patty Davenport, Scotty Townsend, Barbara Crawford, Christian Hagerty, Steven Moore, Barbara Hammond, Elizabeth Mason

Strength for the Journey

As a strong outreach for St. Mary of the Harbor, Our Strength for the Journey service is emailed through the country or we meet in person during the summer season. For further information, please contact Carolyn Smith at carjans@charter.net or Gerri Spinella at gerri.spinella@gmail.com.

A.A. Support Groups

Nicholson Hall: Monday 7:00 P.M.; Tuesday 6:00 P.M.; Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

UU Food Pantry

On the first Sunday of each month, we collect donations for the “Little Free Pantry” hosted by our friends at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House. That pantry provides non-perishable grocery and toiletry items for anyone in need. Items may be left in the basket by the baptismal font at any time. We could use additional volunteers to deliver the food. We are extending the usual first Sun of each month's ingathering of food for the UU's food bank for an additional 2nd Sunday. Thanks for your continuing support.

Sanctuary Lamp

Memorial opportunities are available to honor a deceased love one with the sanctuary lamp. Their name will be published in the bulletin. Suggested donation: \$20. Contact the parish office to reserve the date.

Stay in touch with St. Mary's

Many of our most active members do not live here full-time. There are several ways to participate and keep in touch throughout the year: Sign our guest book with your contact information; Watch our weekly livestream on YouTube; Sign up for our Weekly e-newsletter.

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This Sunday's Leadership

- Music Minister: John Thomas
- Crucifer: Brendan O'Neill
- First Reader (First Reading and Psalms): Chris Rodenhaver
- Second Reader (Second Reading): Mary-Jo Avellar
- Healer: Khristine Hopkins
- Ushers: Pat and Phil Penza
- Altar Guild: Priscilla Jackett
- Livestream: John Carroll-Yagel

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF THE HARBOR

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Welcome to St. Mary of the Harbor

Here at St. Mary's, we welcome you with open arms and open hearts, to share with you the love with which Christ has welcomed us. Whoever you are, wherever you may be in life, there is a place for you here. In this beautiful place, you will find sojourners like yourself who are searching for truth, meaning, and purpose. And we invite you to explore and experience the gift of God's love in this place where the land, the sea, and the sacred meet.

Everything you need to guide you through today's service will be found in this bulletin, or in the hymnals in the chair just in front of you.

Land Acknowledgement

At St. Mary's, we remember the Nauset and Wampanoag people on whose unceded land we now gather. We acknowledge the injustice done to them. We give thanks for their witness to living honorably and in balance with the sacred order. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all relatives in life. Help us to be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, particularly the original Indigenous inhabitants.

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