

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 AM



FEBRUARY 9, 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

Gathering Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Hymnal #362

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
Sung 2X

GC2 #253

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:

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-13

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

Read responsively by full verse.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;**

For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

**When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.**

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.**

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

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

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.


For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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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 5:1-11*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Christ

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Scott Bellows

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: God of promises, we come before you, acknowledging our limitations, but also giving voice to our hopes and needs that your promises might live within us, offering the desires of our hearts as we say, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for the people of God, called to witness and to serve; that we might persevere in taking up and continuing Jesus's own earthly ministries.

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

We pray for those holding the authority of governance over us; that you might inspire and lead them to always choose the greatest good and to respect the dignity of all people.

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

We pray for all the places we make our homes; that they might be places where the gospel is known and followed and that we might be powerful icons of your love.

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

We pray for the created world, for the right and sustainable uses of the earth's resources; that all generations might know your intended abundance.

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

We pray for all who suffer and all who tend to their needs; let your healing presence be manifest in their lives. Especially we pray for: Nevest Fontenot, 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, Nevest Fontenot, 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.**

We pray for all who have died and for those who grieve. Keep them in your care and let us all rise together in your new age. We remember especially those parishioners who have died in the past year and in whose memory the sanctuary lamp is lit.

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

Presider: Almighty God, your steadfastness and devotion are beyond our understanding. Help us to see your works in our midst and to accept your invitation to abundant life, and all these we ask through your beloved, Christ Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, world without end. **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

Lord, When You Came

GC2 #678

Presentation of the Gifts

Christ for the World We Sing!

Hymnal #537

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. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save. I who made the
 They turn a - way. I will break their
 My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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

Come Thou Font of Every Blessing

Hymnal #686

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). Each church will lead a hymn and an anthem (vocal or instrumental). St. Mary of the Harbor will be participating! All are welcome.

Forward Day by Day

Forward Day by Day is a daily meditation booklet that inspires us to deeper discipleship. Each day has a short scripture quote and reflection. They are available at the entrance to the church and in Nicholson Hall. The current booklet is for February-April.

Winter Lunches

Winter lunches for our hungry neighbors are being offered on Saturdays in January and February. Your help is welcome. A sign-up sheet is located on the credenza near the bulletin board. Come even if you have not signed up – we always need people to help serve the plates and to help clean-up afterward. And you sitting at the table and sharing a hot lunch with our neighbors is also an important part of the gift to the community.

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

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

- Guest Presider: The Rev. Scott Bellows
- Music Minister: John Thomas
- Crucifer: Tim Brown
- First Reader (First Reading and Psalms): Priscilla Jackett
- Second Reader (Second Reading): Scott Yagel
- Healer: Kathy Bachman
- Ushers: Brendan O'Neill and Bob Crooks
- Altar Guild: Priscilla Jackett
- Livestream: John Carroll-Yagel

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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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