

# St. Mary & St. John – Live-Streamed Holy Eucharist

## March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

*All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community*

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,  
*All* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent*

Almighty God,  
through the waters of baptism  
your Son has made us children of light.  
May we ever walk in his light  
and show forth your glory in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The Readings

**First Lesson:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13

**Psalm: # 23**

THE LORD is my shepherd; \* **therefore can I lack nothing.**

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture, \* **and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.**

3 He shall convert my soul, \* **and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.**

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; \* **for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.**

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; \* **thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.**

6 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; \* **and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; \* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen**

## Second Lesson (Epistle): Ephesians 5:8-14

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*All* *Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

**Gospel:** John 9:1-41

*Celebrant* The Gospel of Christ

*All* *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

## Sermon

*A silence for reflection will follow.*

## The Nicene Creed

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*All* **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from 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.  
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.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Please respond to the petition "Lord, in your mercy..." with "...Hear our prayer"*

### Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*All* **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as  
ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm  
and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### The Preparation of the Gifts

*Celebrant* God of light,  
your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory.  
Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness.

Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow  
and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled,  
debts forgiven  
and strangers made welcome

Your Spirit frees us  
to live as sons and daughters  
in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power  
follow the way of the Cross,  
sharing the joy of his obedience,  
now offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,  
most loving Father,  
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.  
Lifted on the Cross,  
his suffering and forgiveness  
spanned the gulf our sins had made.  
Through that dark struggle  
death was swallowed up in victory,  
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
recalling the night of Israel's release,  
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,  
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life.  
At supper with his disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread,  
and gave it to them, saying:  
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks,  
and gave it to them saying:  
"Drink this, all of you.  
This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage  
in the company of the Virgin Mary,  
the apostles, and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages,  
world without end.  
**Amen.**

*Celebrant*  
*All*

And now, as our Saviour 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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Silence*

*Celebrant* every time we eat this bread and drink this cup  
*All* **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof.  
But say the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

## **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

*If you cannot be present to receive Holy Communion, we welcome you to pray this prayer at the time in the service you would come forward to receive.*

*Privately* Heavenly Father, together with the faithful at every Altar of your Church where your Son's Body and Blood are being offered to you, I desire to offer you my praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and my body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you in Communion, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. --Amen.

*Celebrant* Father,  
through your goodness  
we receive your Son in word and sacrament.  
May we always have faith in him,  
Jesus Christ the Lord.

*Celebrant* All your works praise you, O Lord.  
*All* **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
May we, who share his body,  
live his risen life;  
we, who drink his cup,  
ring 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 that we and all your children shall  
be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing & Dismissal**

**Thank you for being with us today.**