



St. Mary's Episcopal Church
“To build up one another in Christ.”
Holy Eucharist Rite II
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 21, 2024~9am & 11am
The Rev. Deacon John Kendall

The Service of the Word

(The people stand)

Processional Hymn: Take up your cross (675, vs. 1,2,4)

Bourbon

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be.

Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm,

His strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart, and move your arm.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly every danger brave.

It guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you,

we give you thanks, we praise you for your Glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us:

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy one, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson—Jonah 3:1-5, 10 *Lector: A reading from first Book of Jonah.*

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62:6-14 *(The psalm will be sung by half-verse, lead by the choir)*

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

The Epistle—1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Lector: A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn at the Presentation of the Gospel: O Jesus, I have promised (655, vs. 1)
O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end.
Be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle, if thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway, if thou wilt be my guide.

Nyland

The Holy Gospel

Stand as you are able.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Recessional Hymn: O Jesus, I have promised (655, vs 2,3)
O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still.
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control.
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end.
O give me grace to follow my Master and my friend.

Nyland

The Sermon
There will be a time of meditation following the sermon.

The Rev. Deacon John Kendall

All Stand
The Nicene Creed
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 358

Prayers of the People—Form IV
Kneel as you are able.—Eucharist Minister reads.
Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love,
and reveal your glory in the world.
Silence
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Silence
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Silence
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.
Silence
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 388

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; including those on our prayer list _____ , give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the officers, residents and their families at Santa Rosa County Jail, Milton, FL

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family as we seek a priest. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 360

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements.

The Holy Communion

The Lords Supper: All are invited to come forward to the rail (or let the ushers know, and the priest will come to you). At St. Mary's both the bread and the wine are offered. You may drink from the cup or you may intinct (dip the bread into the wine).

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem: You are my witness

Betty Pulkingham

St. Mary's Choir

Stand as the gifts are being brought forward.

Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

**The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer A**

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 361

The people remain standing.

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

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.

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray,

Celebrant and People

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 364

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnis Dei: *Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

Music at Communion: *I come with joy* (304)

Lord of Rest

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free.
In awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord, His presence always near.
Is in such friendship better known: we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
And as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Spirit of the living God

Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all.
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love.

Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill us with your love.

Post communion Prayer

Let us pray,

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us
as living members of you Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

The Blessing

Hymn in Procession into the World: Here I am, Lord

Daniel Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people's cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night,
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

The Dismissal: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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Announcements

ECW & Men’s group—The Episcopal Church Women and St. Mary’s Men’s group meets TODAY, between services. All are invited to attend.

Wednesdays at St. Mary’s —Every Wednesday we have Centering Prayer at 9:45am, Bible Study (Job), 10:30am and Morning Prayer at 11:30am. Anyone is welcome to join us for any or all of these events.

Coffee hour—Please see the 2024 sign up sheet posted in the hall, to volunteer as a host/ hostess for Coffee Hour.

Outreach Meeting this week—Anyone who is interested in the Outreach Ministry of St. Mary’s is invited to a meeting Jan. 24th, at 12:15pm. If you are not available to attend the meeting, but still interested in outreach, please contact Deacon John.

Noisy Offering—Save your coins and bring them in to make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord! Coins will be thrown into metal buckets for a special offering that will go towards the Guatemala Mission in Parramos; to help build houses or to help with children in need. The Noisy Offering will be at 9 & 11am services on Jan. 28th.

A Celebration of Life service for Gary Erichsen will be Jan. 26th, 11am, at St. Mary’s. A light lunch reception will immediately follow the service, in the hall.

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Ministers for Service

Jan 21, 2024—The Rev. Deacon John Kendall
Ushers: 9am— Vicki Coogle/Shirl Rollo
11am—Caroline & Don Thompson

Lector: 9am— Mark Starr
11am—Lillian Robertson

Acolyte: 9am—Al Salinas
11am—Don Taylor

Eucharist Minister: 9am—Phillip Odom
11am—Dave Chaney

Jan 28, 2024—The Rev. Lydia Johnson
Ushers: 9am—Carol Hill/Connie Harris
11am—Don Taylor

Lector: 9am—Caroline Thompson
11am—Neil Rowe

Acolyte: 9am--Phillip Odom
11am—Grace English

Eucharist Minister: 9am—Al Salinas
11am—Vickie Dollhausen


Organist: Carol Culton
Sr. Warden: Mary Salinas
Clergy: The Rev. Deacon John Kendall—850-529-0207

Prayer Requests

Family
Carol Hill
Chatzie Massey
Dennis Bible
Jim Stoner
Jennifer Reeves
Jesse Reeves
Jim Longshore
Linda Baillie
Megan Coogle
Sam Harris
Steven Ashfield
Wanda Wadsworth
The Right Rev. Michael Curry—Presiding Bishop

Our Friends
Bobby Polk
Karen Weekley
Pat Cochran
Richard Strawbridge
Roger Smith
Sharon Brooks

Military
Anthony Cunningham
Edward Estrada
Taylor Emerson
Karl Piessens
Joshua Krause
Mary Dunn
Nick Rinaire
Shelby Childers
Tyler Richmond
Zachary Sapp



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