

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - SEXAGESIMA
FEBRUARY 23, 2025
SUNDAY, 9:00 A.M. CHORAL EUCHARIST

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Welcome!

Whether you attend regularly or are a visitor, we're glad you're with us this morning.

If you're not familiar with St. Mary's, please see the back of this service leaflet for additional helpful information—or ask a parishioner!

Most of what you will need for this service will be found in the service booklet. Hymns can be found in the book stamped "Hymnal," located in the book rack.

Please observe the time before the service begins as a period of quiet reflection and preparation.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand for

The Procession: Hymn 494 "O holy city, seen of John" *Morning Song*

The Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity - (*Service Booklet, p. 1*)

"Lord, have mercy upon us" (*threefold*) *John Merbecke, 1550*

"Glory be to God on high" *Merbecke*

The Collect of the Day - (*see insert*)

Please be seated for the readings from Scripture:

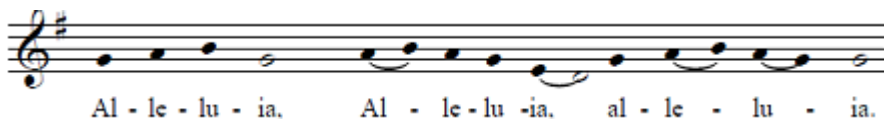
The First Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 21-28 (*see insert*)

The Gradual: Psalm 37:3-10 (*see insert*)

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 (*see insert*)

Please stand for

The Sequence: Hymn 493 "O brother man, fold to thy heart" *Intercessor*



The Cantor sings a verse: O Lord my God, in thee have I put my trust:

save me from them that persecute me and deliver me.

(Repeat Alleluia.)

The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 6:27-38 (*see insert*)

The Sermon - The Rector

The order of service continues on the opposite page.

Please stand for

The Nicene Creed – (*Service Booklet, p. 4*) Merbecke

The Prayers of the People, Form V – (*Service Booklet, p. 11*)

The Penitential Devotions – (*Service Booklet, p. 12*)

The Peace

(*Greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*)

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory sentence

Offertory Anthem: *O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace* Christopher Tye

Celebrant: “Pray, brothers and sisters, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father Almighty.”

Response: “May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name; both to our benefit and that of all His holy Church.”

The Great Thanksgiving

“Lift up your hearts” & Preface of the Epiphany – (*Service Booklet, p. 14*)

“Holy, holy, holy” Merbecke

Please kneel for

The Canon of the Mass & The Lord’s Prayer

“O Lamb of God” Merbecke

The Communion of the Faithful

Baptized Christians who recognize the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, and who are prepared to receive Communion, are welcome to do so at this service.

Voluntary: *Arioso* George F. Handel

Hymn 190 “Let thy Blood in mercy poured” Luise

Please kneel for

The Post Communion Prayer (*Unison*) – (*Service Booklet, p. 19*)

The Epiphany Blessing

Please stand for

The Closing Hymn 542 “Jesus shall reign where’er the sun” Duke Street

The Dismissal (*Response: “Thanks be to God!”*)

The Closing Voluntary *Voluntary in F Major* Thomas Attwood Walmisley

Assisting in the Liturgy today

Lorraine Fazekas, *Lay Reader*

Robert Bacon, *Chimer*

ADDITIONAL HELPFUL INFORMATION

- ☞ Restrooms are located in the front left corner of the church building, downstairs; please feel free to ask an usher for directions.

ST. MARY'S HISTORY AND MISSION

St. Mary's was founded in 1702 as the first American parish of the Church of England's missionary Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The Old Church, standing at the corner of Broad and Wood Streets, was built in 1703 and continued in use as the parish church until 1854. The building is now used for occasional worship services and meetings and for Sunday services during the summer months.

Construction of the New Church was begun in 1846 and completed in 1854. Richard Upjohn, a pioneer in the revival of Gothic architecture in the United States, designed the new St. Mary's as a cathedral church for the second Bishop of New Jersey, George Washington Doane. The church was severely damaged by fire in 1976, but has been restored in keeping with its original design. New St. Mary's was designated in 1979 as

A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

St. Mary's seeks to express, in worship and parochial life, the Catholic faith as it has been received by the Episcopal Church. In the 323rd year since our founding, we pray that we may continue to be an extraordinary community of faith, in which



*Excellent worship is offered to God;
The Gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed;
The Faith of the Apostles is taught;
The people are nurtured in
Christian living; and
Care is offered to the suffering and the poor.*