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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 WORD OF GOD

Please kneel for

Introit/procession: "Mine eyes are ever looking"

Plainsong, Tone VII

The Penitential Order (*Service Booklet, p. 1; kneel*)

"Lord, have mercy upon us"

Missa Penitentialis

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

Please be seated for the readings from Scripture:

The First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15 (*see insert*)

The Gradual: Psalm 103:1-11 (*see insert*)

The Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 10:1-13 (*see insert*)

Please stand for

The Sequence: Hymn 415 "Jesus, lover of my soul"

Aberystwyth

The Cantor sings a verse:

Behold, now is the acceptable time;

behold, now is the day of salvation.

The Holy Gospel: St. Luke St. Luke 13:1-9 (*see insert*)

The Sermon - The Rector

Please stand for

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

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

The Peace (*Service Booklet, p. 12*)

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

Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory sentence

Offertory Anthem *Praise the Lord, O my soul* William Child

Celebrant: “Pray, brethren, 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 Lent – (*Service Booklet, p. 13*)

“Holy, holy, holy” *Missa Penitentialis*

Please kneel for

The Canon of the Mass

The Lord’s Prayer

“O Lamb of God” *Missa Penitentialis*

The Prayer of Humble Access (*Unison*) – *Service Booklet, p. 18*

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: “Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sin of the world.”

Response: “*Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.*”

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.

Communion Voluntary *Air in E Minor* Johann Mattheson

Hymn 451 “Lord, forever at thy side” *Song 13*

Please kneel for

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

The Solemn Prayer the People

Please stand for

The Recessional: Hymn 409 “Just as I am, without one plea” *Saffron Waldon*

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

During the penitential season of Lent the role of the organ is more subdued. There are no elaborations during hymns, or closing Voluntaries.

Assisting in the Liturgy today

Daniel Martin, *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.*