

November 8, 2026 Proper 27
St. Mary's, Shelter Island Community Welcome!

Opening Hymn: #490

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
And Blessed be God's Kingdom, both now and forever. Amen

The Collect for Purity
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.

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.

The Collect

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom:. Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought. The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Response *Wisdom Of Solomon 6:17-20*

The beginning of wisdom is the

most sincere desire for instruction,

and concern for instruction is love

of her,

and love of her is the keeping of her

and giving heed to her laws is

assurance of immortality,

and immortality brings one near to

God;

so the desire for wisdom leads to a

kingdom.

The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians: We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Alleluia

The Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

A Reading from the Gospel of Our Lord
According to Matthew: **Glory to you Oh Lord**

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

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.

Prayers of the People

God of light and truth, we come before you with hearts seeking to remain vigilant. As we reflect on the parable of the bridesmaids, we ask that you stir within us a spirit of readiness, that we may not grow weary in our watch for your kingdom.

- For the Church, especially for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury. In the Anglican Cycle of prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, especially now in this time of war and conflict. We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop. We pray for Lawrence and Geralyn, our local Bishops, all the people and parishes of the Diocese of Long Island, especially for those in our Deanery, and for Charles our Priest.
For the Church throughout the world, that it may be a community of steady faith. Grant us the wisdom to nurture the "oil" of our spiritual lives through consistent prayer, study, and service, so that our lamps are always trimmed and burning, ready to welcome your presence in our midst.

- **Keep our lamps burning, O Lord, and our hearts awake for your coming.**

- For the leaders of our nations and communities, that they may be guided by the light of your justice. Give them the foresight to look beyond immediate concerns and work toward a future where all people are prepared to receive the blessings of your peace.

- **Keep our lamps burning, O Lord, and our hearts awake for your coming.**

- For those who dwell in the shadows of doubt, grief, or exhaustion. May they find in your people a source of encouragement and support, and may they experience your light breaking through the darkness of their circumstances, reminding them that they are never forgotten or left in the night.

- **Keep our lamps burning, O Lord, and our hearts awake for your coming.**

- For ourselves, as we navigate the distractions of this world. Help us to cultivate a discipline of the heart that keeps us centered on your promises. When we are tempted to fall asleep or lose sight of our purpose, awaken our spirits and renew our commitment to living in the light of your coming.

- **Keep our lamps burning, O Lord, and our hearts awake for your coming.**

- For those who have gone before us, who now live in the fullness of your eternal day. May their examples of faithfulness inspire us to keep our own lamps filled and our hearts prepared.

- **Keep our lamps burning, O Lord, and our hearts awake for your coming.**

- - For all those whose names appear on our parish's prayer list.
For those who have departed this life, and all those who rest in our cemetery I invite you to share with the community gathered here any intercession or names you may we us to pray for …*Pause……* For all of these we pray….

- **Keep our lamps burning, O Lord, and our hearts awake for your coming.**

Receive these prayers, O Lord, and keep us watchful, that we may be ready to greet you with joy whenever and however you appear in our lives. **Amen.**

The Confession

If only we had been more aware in our lives how often we meet the Lord every day!

Let us ask God to forgive us. **(pause)**

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 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 of the Lord be with you always
And also with you

Offertory Hymn The Doxology

In this Eucharist we remember how Jesus sacrificed himself for us because he loved us without limits. Let us thank the Father for this love and offer him our willingness to live for him and for people.

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

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for your mysteries well up from ancient depths,
assuring us that we will be with you forever.

In the first of your mighty works,
you created the earth and filled it with life.
You rescued a people from slavery
and called them to choose between wisdom and foolishness, between serving you and making their own gods.

In your child, Jesus, you have again called us to choose -
to live in readiness
for the promised return
of the one who died and rose again,
or to waste our opportunities
and squander what you have given us.
We choose to serve you,
and with hearts full of gratitude
we trust in your protection and look for the day
when at the trumpet's sound the dead will arise
and all will be embraced in the marriage of earth and heaven.

Therefore with .....And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of praise:

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,

Then the Celebrant continues

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the
Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 say, All:
Our Father...

The Fraction Anthem
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 your peace.

The gifts of God for the People of God, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith

Communion Musical Meditation Thank God I'm Free

Prayer after Communion Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

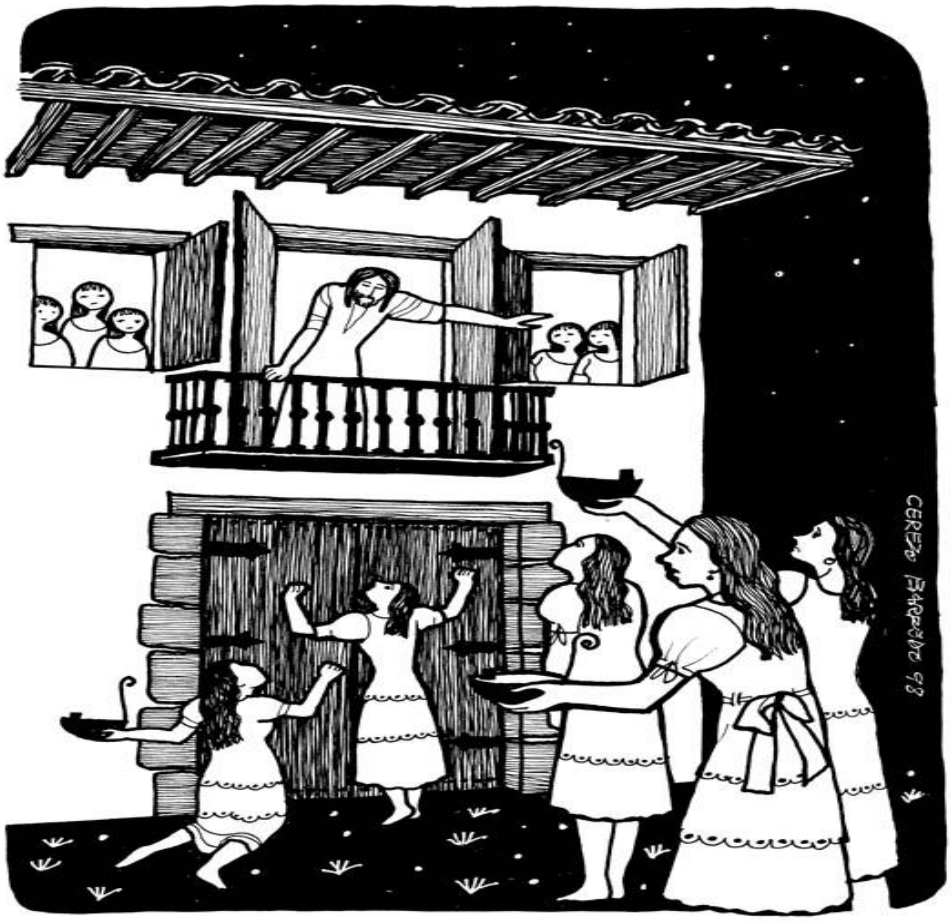
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

The Blessing EOW

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always, in the name of God our Creator our Redeemer and our Sustainer.
Amen.
(source: from Saint Clare)

Closing Hymn #Thyis Little Light of Mine (Black/Green/Red LEVAS Hymnal)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord **Thanks be to God**



Pray for the Healing & Support:

We continue to pray for Judy Hoffman, Daria Serkov, Mary Katherine Griffing and John G. Bacon,

For Seunghwan Bang, Joaquin Ortiz, John Holmes, Mary Ann Blados, Margaret MacLean, Joanne Calabro, Joe Canning, John Stadenraus, Walter Brigham, Steve Giannitelli, Betianne Morritt, Mark Capellino's Parents, Cindy Belt's mother, Lois Corbett, Barbara Brigham, for Bob Fisher, Sharon Gibbs, Barbara Allen Lieblein, Kathryn James, Bob and Virginia Springsteen, Ethan Pae, Valerie Capon, Louie Cicero, Andrew Kuhn, Sr. Joy Wright

We pray for, Ukraine, the Sudan, Syria and the countries of the Middle East for peace and for safety. For all those in the midst of war or natural disasters.

We pray for peace and the end of divisions in our own country
For those grieving loved ones, especially those interred in our cemetery, for those who are ill, for all those who serve the sick, the needy and those in prison, for those who are anxious or fearful.

For all our parishioners living with cancer, known or undetected & for all who live with addictions, for those who participate in a 12 step group here at St. Mary, and those who have visited our Prayer Wall.

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