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and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for  
ever and ever. Amen.

- Collect for the Nation

## **Prelude**

**Opening Hymn: Opening Hymn:**

**For This Land in All Its Wonder**

*Tune CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7 (God of Grace and God of Glory) by Caroline Winfrey Gillette*

**For this land in all its wonder, for each city, farm and town,  
For each mountain filled with splendor, for each place where love is  
found,**

**For the freedoms we enjoy here,**

**God, may thanks to you abound! God, may thanks to you abound!**

**For your peace and love unending, breaking barriers that divide;**

**For the joy of cultures blending as we live here side by side;**

**God, we thank you and we pray now:**

**May we all be unified! May we all be unified!**

**For your hand to lead and guide us, for your work in history,**

**For your vision born inside us of a just society,**

**God, we thank you and we pray now:**

**May this vision come to be! May this vision come to be!**

**May we be a nation seeking ways that are both wise and fair,**

**May our living and our speaking serve your purpose everywhere.**

**May we follow where you lead us;**

**God, this is our hope and prayer! God, this is our hope and prayer!**

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**

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Old Testament**

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### Deuteronomy 10:17-21

The LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

### The Response

Pslam145:1-9 Exaltabo te, Deus

**1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \* and bless your Name for ever and ever.**

**2 Every day will I bless you \* and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

**3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \* there is no end to his greatness.**

**4 One generation shall praise your works to another \* and shall declare your power.**

**5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \* and all your marvelous works.**

**6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \* and I will tell of your greatness.**

**7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \* they shall sing of your righteous deeds.**

**8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \* slow to anger and of great kindness.**

## **9 The LORD is loving to everyone \* and his compassion is over all his works.**

### The Epistle

Hebrews 11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Gospel Matthew 5:43-48

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

### **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**

Let us pray to the God who calls us to love beyond boundaries, whose Son taught us to pray for our enemies and to seek the perfection of mercy. On this weekend when we give thanks for the gift of this nation, we remember that true freedom is found not in isolation but in the holy interdependence of all God's children. Hear us, O Lord, as we offer the longings of our hearts and the needs of your world by saying "Lord hear our prayer"

- For the Church, especially for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, GERALYN, and William our Bishops, Adam our Bishop-Elect; all the people and parishes of the Diocese of Long Island, and for Charles our Priest.

This week the Diocese prays for the Center for Spiritual Imagination, St. Paul's, Patchogue and the Church of the Atonement, Quogue

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For this nation, and for all who serve the common good, that we may be instruments of your reconciling love, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the healing of the divisions that wound our country, and for the courage to see your image in those we name as adversary, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those who suffer from violence, injustice, or oppression, and for all who long for freedom and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For this parish family of St. Mary's, Shelter Island, and for all our neighbors, that we may love one another as Christ has loved us, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: - For all those whose names appear on our parish's prayer list or petitions written on our prayer wall. For those who have died in the service of this nation, and for all the departed, especially those who rest in our cemetery. I invite you to share with the community gathered here any intercession or names you may wish us to pray for ...*Pause.....* For all of these we pray....

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: Gracious God, you have called us to be perfect as you are perfect—not in flawless power, but in the fullness of love that embraces friend and enemy alike. Hear the prayers we have offered, and by the Spirit of your Son, shape us into a people who reflect your boundless mercy. May our liberty be lived in service, our independence in interdependence, and our nation a sign of your peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

**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**

## Hymn for the Preparation of the Table and Gifts

**Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow  
Praise God all Creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer 3 *The Episcopal Church USA's Enriching Our Worship*  
*1\_(EOW1)*

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. He spoke to us a message of peace and taught us to live as sisters and brothers. Christ's message took form in the vision of our founding generations as they fashioned a nation where we might live as one. This message lives on in our midst as our task for today and a promise for our tomorrows. And so, with hearts full of love, we join the angels today and every day of our lives, to sing your glory as we acclaim:

*Presider 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Presider continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them

from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,aid the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

***Presider and People***

**Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Mary, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

***Presider and People***

**Blessed are you 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 *Agnus Dei* Jesus Lamb of God have mercy  
on us Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us  
Jesus Redeemer, Redeemer of the world, Giver us your peace, Give  
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**

#### **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 EOW1***

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ  
born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world  
as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

#### **Closing Hymn**

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 who has been diagnosed with advanced abdominal cancer. We also pray for Bill Ferris' brother-in-law, John G. Bacon, who has been Diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. For the continuing recovery of Mary Ann Blados, Andy Visconti, Margaret MacLean, Joanne Calabro, Joe Canning, John Stadenraus, Walter Brigham, Steve Giannitelli, Betianne Morrirt, Mark Capellino's Parents, Cindy Belt's mother, Lois Corbett, Barbara Brigham for continued recovery , for Bob Fisher, Sharon Gibbs, Barbara Allen Lieblein, Kathryn James, Peter Gulluscio, Bob and Virginia Springsteen, Ethan Pae, Valerie Capon, Louie Cicero, Linda Armbruster, Andrew Kuhn, Sr. Joy Wright***

***We pray for, Ukraine, and the countries of the Middle East for peace and for safety. For all those in the midst of war or natural disasters. For all those suffering from extreme weather in our country this week..***

***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. Email any requests or corrections to [FrMcCarron@aol.com](mailto:FrMcCarron@aol.com)***

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*We hold these truths*  
to be *self-evident*,  
that **ALL MEN** are created equal,  
that they are endowed by their **CREATOR**  
with certain unalienable rights,  
*that among these are*  
**life, liberty,**  
and the  
*pursuit of happiness.*

Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776

