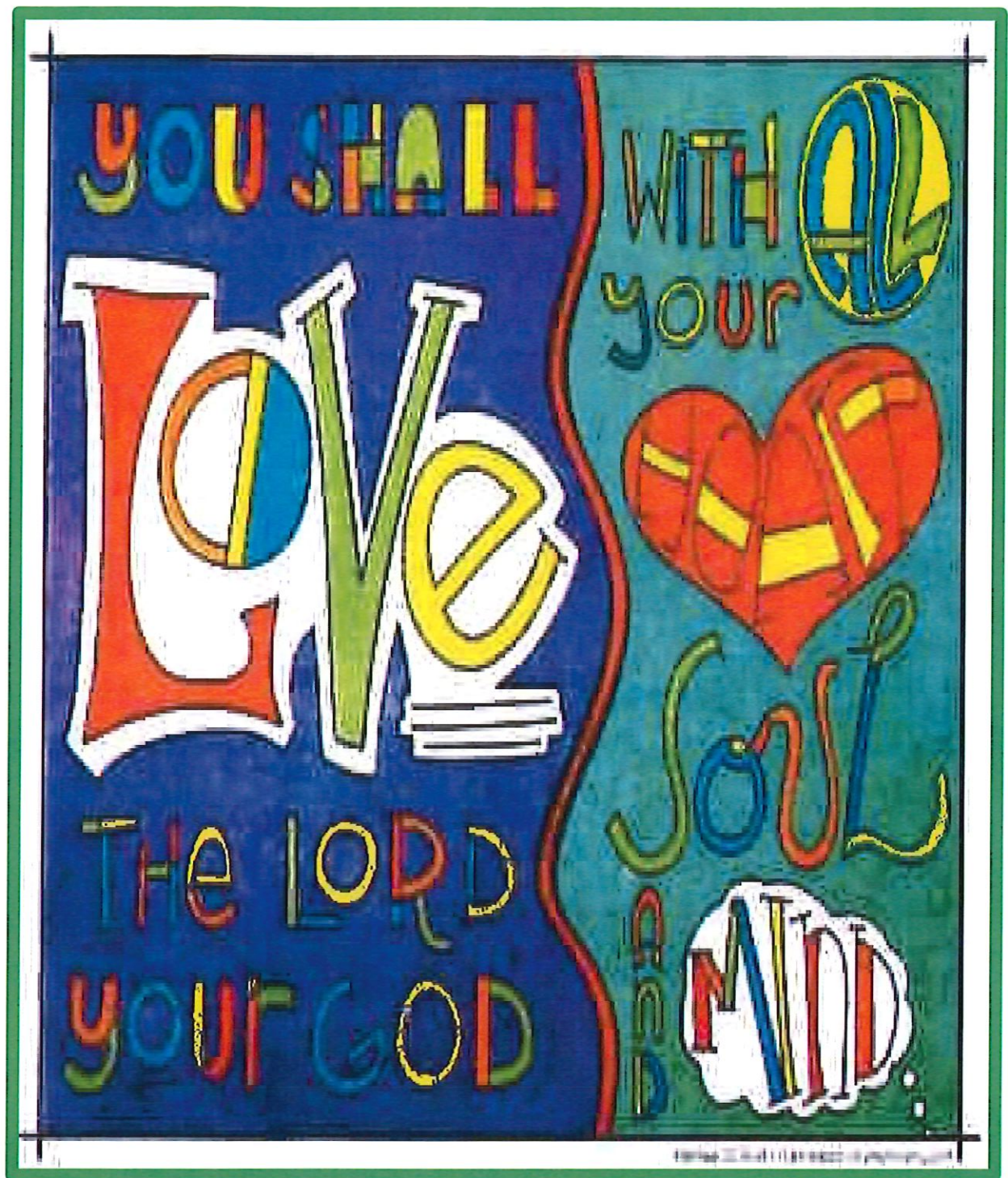




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St. Mary's, Shelter Island Community Eucharist and Brunch w Elections
Welcome!

Opening Hymn:

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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 Leviticus. The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

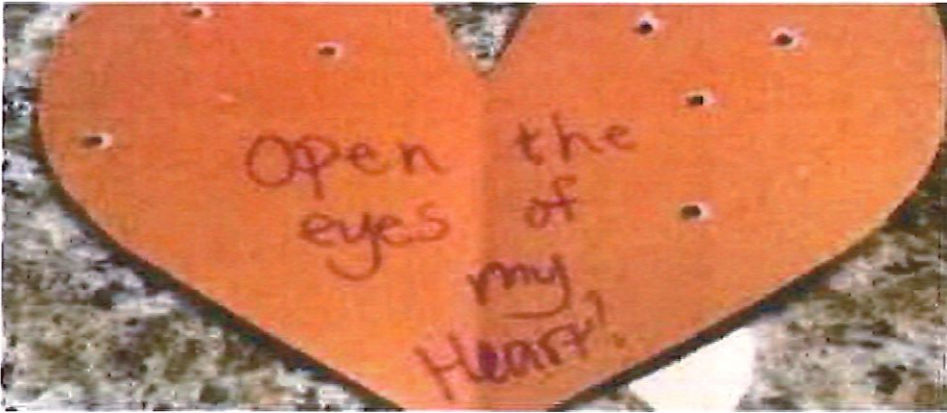
Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



The Psalm Psalm 1 Beatus vir qui non abiit

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and
night.**
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.**
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor
the sinner in the council of the righteous.**
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is
doomed.**

The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians: You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray to our kind and merciful God that his love for us may animate all we do and that our love may become contagious. Let us say: R/ Lord, make us instruments of your love.

For the Church, especially for Justin, 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, Daniel, and William 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.

- That the Church, the People of God, may never cease to proclaim by its teaching, life and liturgy that love of God and neighbor is the heart of the Gospel and that people are God's gift to us, let us pray:

- **R/ Lord, make us instruments of your love.**

— That people may not lose their hearts in today's economic systems of profit, efficiency, production and competition, but that they may keep giving first place to human relationships of friendship and respect, let us pray:

- **R/ Lord, make us instruments of your love.**

- That we may have room in our hearts and lives for refugees and strangers, that we may learn to share our goods and ourselves with the little people loved by God — the poor and the lonely and those who suffer, let us pray:

- **R/ Lord, make us instruments of your love.**

- That those who don't know how to forgive, those who have not experienced much happiness in life or whose longings have not been fulfilled may encounter a bit of God's goodness in our attention and care, let us pray:

- **R/ Lord, make us instruments of your love.**

— That in our Christian communities we may uplift one another rather than tear down, accept each other with trust and affection, forgive one another from the heart and go forward together in hope and love, let us pray:

— **R/ Lord, make us instruments of your love.**

- 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 wish us to pray for ...Pause... For all of these we pray

- **R/ Lord, make us instruments of your love.....**

God, you display your almighty power in loving us without regret. In the human heart of Jesus your Son you have shown us how far love can go. Give us a love that is forgiving, generous and gentle like his, that we may recognize and welcome him in our brothers and sisters. And may our hearts reach out first to the poorest and the least lovable, with the gratuitous love you have given us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

The Confession

It is difficult to love God in people. Let us ask the Lord and the people to forgive us where we have failed.

(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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.
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

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

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



Birthdays

October 14 Meredith Gurney

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October 21 Barbara Bloom

October 27 Melanie Mitchell



Pray for the Healing & Support:

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

For 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

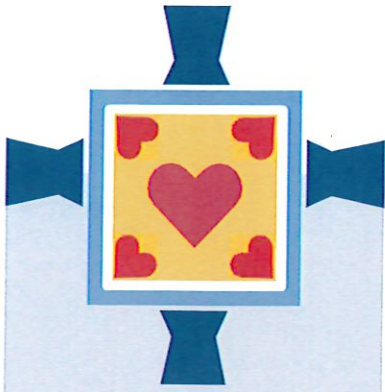
We pray for, Ukraine, the Sudan, Syria and the countries of the Middle East for peace and for safety. For all those in the midst of war or natural disasters.

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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Plenty Good Room

On Being Invited

Questions for Reflection:

Take a moment to thank God for all those who made plenty good room for you in the Church. How has that shaped who you are today?



The Rev. Ramiro (Ram) Lopez serves as rector of St. George's

Church in San Antonio and serves on the board of TENS.

Growing up in Corpus Christi, Texas I spent more time fishing in the surf of Padre Island than in going to church. Our Latino family roots were in Roman Catholicism but our church was the Gulf of Mexico shoreline.

How, then, did I grow up to become an Episcopal priest?

Thinking back I will say that my life today is the result of someone taking the time to invite me to Christ's table. First invitation was to the local Canterbury group (college ministry). Next came an invitation to attend worship at Church of the Good Shepherd followed by an invitation to serve at the Diocesan camp, Camp Capers.

One after another, the invitations kept coming. Each one led me to a community which always made room for me. I found belonging in a spiritual family. They made plenty good room for me and for my family and friends. Over and over again, the graciousness of Christ was extended to me. I found fellow travelers on the spiritual journey. More importantly, I found the gifts of God within me.

I suppose that I am an Episcopal priest because of all the people along the spiritual way who invited me into communities in which there was plenty good room. Plenty good room to discover myself. Plenty good room to discover God. Plenty good room to discover and discern how God was calling me to serve and lead.

I cannot imagine any other life than the one I have now - serving as an Episcopal parish priest! I am ever grateful for all the wonderful, lifelong friendships I have made. I cannot imagine any other job that would be so wonderful, so exciting and energizing as the ministry I have today.

I am so grateful for all the invitations and all those who made plenty good room for me! TENS.org