

THE EUCHARIST OF
CHRISTMAS WITH
MUSICAL PRELUDE
2025

St. MARY'S



WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S ! MERRY CHRISTMAS! 🎄



Welcome. Please feel free to be masked if you feel more comfortable. There are masks on the table in the back of the church.

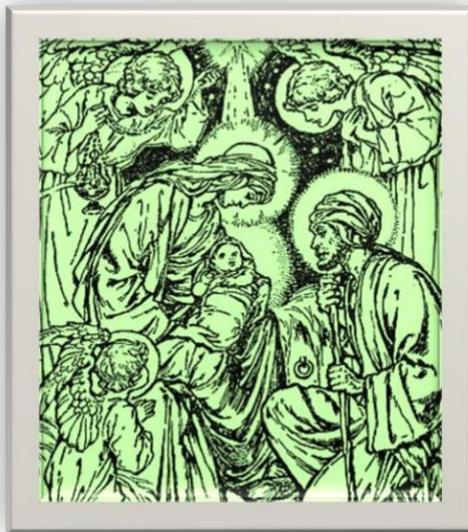
There is a small restroom in the Tower entrance, behind the door, as well as one in the far end of the Hall, and two more down the stairs at the hall entrance.



At this special and sacred time of the year, all of us at St. Mary's wish to extend to you and your loved ones Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year. We look forward with faith hope and love to 2023.

At "this most wonderful time of the year" may you and your loved ones find joy and fulfillment as surely did Joseph and Mary.

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill."



CHRISTMAS EVE – MUSICAL
PRELUDE 5:30 PM

CONGREGATION: SING-ALONG

CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

In the following service, the "People's Parts" are in Bold

Any children present are welcome to gather now, at the start, by the Tower door to join in the procession with the "Baby Jesus" to the crib

Carol for the Procession to the Crib

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

**2 God from God,
Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not
the Virgin's womb; only-begotten Son
of God the Father;**

Refrain

**3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God,
glory in the highest;**

Refrain

**6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing; *Refrain***



The Blessing of the Creche

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

V. The Word was made flesh

R. And dwelt among us.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of your Son has revealed to us the holiness of creation, be pleased to bless and hallow this image of his sacred birth, so that those who gaze upon it may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

**Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly swinging o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains**

[Chorus]

Gloria In Excelsis Deo

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[Verse 2]

Shepherds why this jubilee?

**Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?**

[Chorus]

Gloria In Excelsis Deo

Gloria In Excelsis Deo

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray

The Collect

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **All Amen.**

Old Testament

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing
plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their
oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall
grow continually, and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his
kingdom. He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The New Testament

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce
impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled,
upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of
our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might
redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for
good deeds. **Carol Before the Gospel**

1 **Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King! Peace on
earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!**
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
 **join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim Christ is
born in Bethlehem!**

Refrain ***Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn king***

2 **Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time
behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity. Pleased as man with man to dwell; Jesus, our
Emmanuel!**

Refrain



The Gospel Luke 2:14(15-20)

There were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"



**O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.**

**O Holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today**

**We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel
The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People

In peace let us pray to the Lord. saying:
Hear our prayer

Father, [in this holy night] your Son our Saviour was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Holy God **hear our prayer.**

[In this holy night] there was no room for your Son in the inn.

Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Holy God **hear our prayer.**

[In this holy night] Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who we pray for in our hearts and all who are in pain or distress. Holy God **hear our prayer.**

[In this holy night] your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world. Holy God **hear our prayer.**

[In this holy night] the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' We pray for the people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine. Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world. Holy God **hear our prayer.**

Lighting of the candle of Peace as we continue to pray for all those the threat of war

[In this holy night] shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption. Holy God **hear our prayer.**

[In this holy night] strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. Holy God **hear our prayer**

In this holy night] heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand our loved ones and all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom. Holy God
hear our prayer.

[In this holy night] Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. Holy God **hear our prayer.**

Lighting of the candle of Remembrance for all on the memorial list and all who are separated from us this Christmas night by life or by death

Priest: Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this Christmas night, fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; Holy God
hear our prayer.

Priest: Loving God,[in this holy night] angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Confession

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:

'You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

Please remain Standing

God our Father, you sent your Son full of grace and truth: forgive our failure to receive him.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus our Savior, you were born in poverty and laid in a manger: forgive our greed and rejection of your ways. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Spirit of Love, your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call; forgive the hardness of our hearts. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

Carol For The Offering and Preparation of the Gifts and Table

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give
ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass
before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls
you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself, was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us. In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Celebrant 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. *The Celebrant continues*

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.*

All: **Our Father...**

Priest: O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **grant us your peace**

Gifts of God.....

Musical Communion Meditation

Prayer after Communion

**God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on
him until the day dawns and Christ
The morning star rises in our hearts . To him be glory both now and forever, Amen.**

*All May share the Light from the Christ
Candle for the singing of "Silent Night"*

**1 Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother
and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**2 Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream
from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**3 Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from
thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

Blessing *From the Book of Occasional
Services of the Episcopal Church*

God the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children. **Amen.**

Christ who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit, by whose presence Mary became the God-bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Closing Carol

**1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**3 No more let sins and sorrows grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.**

**4 He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.**



ALL ARE INVITED TO ST. MARY'S HALL AFTER
THE SERVICE FOR REFRESHMENTS AND
COMMUNITY

Christmas Memorials



In Loving Memory of

Fr. Ronald Wickey, *given by Janet Hennig, (the arrangement on the organ)*

Ian G.M. Brownlie, *given by his family*

Catherine K. & Milton T. Becker, Carol Becker Lynch and The Rev. Henry & Alice Kupsh, *given by Regina & Donald Becker*

Peter & Virginia Turgeon and David Hawley, *given by Wendy Turgeon*

William & Rose Ferris, John & Joan Bacon, Peter MacLean and Rev. Ron Wickey, *given by William & Joan Ferris*

Our Parents, Peter Maclean and Daniel Harris, *given by Carolyn & Bob Fisher*

Robert Farrar Capon, *given by Valerie C. Capon*

Gert, Eddie, John & Freddie, *given by the Endemann Family*

Josette Schoellkopf, *given by Noelle Schoellkopf & Roger Prince*

Robert S. Abrams, *given by Theresa Kilb*

John Quigley, *given by Fannie Quigley*

Thomas Morritt & John Babinski, *given by Pam & Richie Freitag*

Keith B. Surerus, *given by Cecilia Surerus*

Ethel Mary Russell, *given by her daughter Shirley Russell*

Bob & Julie O'Connor, *given by Sandra O'Connor*

Edward, Gertrude, Frederick & John Dinkel, *given by Peter & Kathryn Dinkel*

Howard & Alma Ryder, *given by Melvin McLaughlin*

Howard Brandenstein, Beverly Giruc and Thomas Giruc, *given by Judith Brandenstein*

My Parents William & Margot Lieblein, My Brother Peter Lieblein, and My Sister
Elisa Ruruede, *given by William Lieblein*

My Father Friedrich August Mundschenk and My Mother Gertraud & Stepfather Karl
Foster, *given by Barbara Allen-Lieblein*

Our Daughter Amanda Marie Gibbs and Our Mother/Grandmother Betsy J. Gibbs,
given by Sharon & Jeffrey Gibbs

John Babinski, The Rev. Ron Wickey and Donald Babinski, *given by Jane Babinski*

Exceptional Fathers, Thomas Morritt and John Babinski, *given by Lori Morritt*

In Thanksgiving for

Our Children Will & Lindley and Their Families, *given by William & Joan Ferris*

Basil, Lorelei, Penny, Felix, Isabel & Timo, *given by Wendy Turgeon*

Our Family, *given by Cindy Belt & Mark Cappellino*

Our Family, especially Quinn, and for our island community, *given by Tom & JoAnn
Hundgen*

Bettianne Morritt & Jane Babinski, *given by Pam & Richie Freitag*

Leslie, KJ, Laina & Macall, *given by Lorraine Miller*

Our Daughter Emily Ann Gibbs, *given by Sharon & Jeffrey Gibbs*

My Husband Clint Corbett, *given by Rhonda Corbett*

In Celebration of

The joy that our entire family brings to us each and every day, *given by Sharon & Jeffrey Gibbs*





Carving in St. Mary's Hall