

November 15, 2026 Proper 28
St. Mary's, Shelter Island
Welcome!

Opening Hymn: TBA

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah:
Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
“The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;

for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth. The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Psalm, 90:1-8, (9-11), 12

Domine, refugium

**1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.**

**2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.**

**3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."**

**4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.**

**5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.**

**6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

**7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.**

**8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

**9 [When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.**

**10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

**11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?]**

**12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians **:** Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come

upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, they sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

The Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew **Praise to you Lord Christ**
Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’” 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

We are not like those who have no hope, for we have a Savior who rose from the dead. We look forward to him in hope as we pray: R/ *Lord of glory, in you we hope.*

- 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 Adam 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. That the Church, the People of God, may never cease to remind people of the eternal dimension of life and lead us with wisdom, patience and vigilance, let us pray: **R/** ***Lord of glory, in you we hope****.*

Beloved, we are stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to our care—our lives, our island home, and the talents we bear. Trusting in the One who calls us to be faithful, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who struggle to find their way.

Petitions

For the church, that we may be bold in our witness, not burying our gifts in fear, but investing them in the service of your kingdom. May we be a community that encourages one another to grow in love and generosity.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For our island home, surrounded by the vastness of your creation. Grant us the wisdom to be good stewards of these waters and this land, that we may preserve their beauty and bounty for generations to come.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who live in fear—of failure, of scarcity, or of the future. Remind them that they are known by name and gifted by grace. Give them the courage to step out in faith, trusting that you are with them in every risk they take.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the lonely, the weary, and those who feel their contributions are small or unnoticed. Help us to see them as you see them, and to remind them that every act of kindness is a precious treasure in your sight.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the sick and the suffering, that they may find healing, comfort, and the strength of your sustaining presence in their time of need.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect

O God, whose grace is sufficient for all things, you have entrusted us with the riches of your love and the talents of your Spirit. Grant that we may not be paralyzed by fear or hindered by doubt, but may instead labor with joy and faithfulness in your vineyard. May we hear your voice when our work is done, calling us into the fullness of your joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever**. Amen.**

We have used God's gifts too easily
as if they had been given us for ourselves alone,
so we did not serve God and our sisters and brothers.
We ask the Lord to forgive us.-

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

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Offertory Hymn Doxology

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you**.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Pr*esider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks**

We thank and praise you loving Creator. In wisdom you guide the course of the world and cherish us with all tender care. We thank you that we can come together around this table in the name of Jesus your Son, the first born of all creation. In him all things were created, visible and invisible, and all things hold together in him. We thank you that you have sent your Holy Spirit to make of us a new community of faith to serve you within your creation. And now we give you thanks because you have given the earth into our care, and call us to praise you day by day for the marvels of your creation. And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we join in one great act of awe and adoration:

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 *EOW1*

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 TBA

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.

Call in any requests or corrections to the office. (631-749-0770)



Birthdays

November 3 Bruce Jernick, November 6 Robert Fisher
November 7 Joan Ferris November 11 Russell Bloom Fr Charles
November 14 Diane Kilb, November 16 Rebecca Mundy
November 21 Matthew Belt-Cappellino

Plenty Good Room

On Being Invited

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

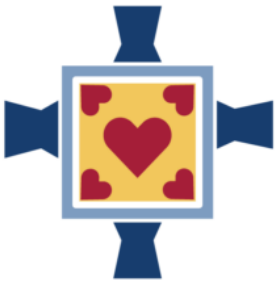
Questions for Reflection:

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?



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TENS THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP



Plenty Good Room

Jesus said, “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places,” John 14:2, NRSV. This promise of abundance and welcome lies at the heart of our stewardship theme: *Plenty Good Room*.

In recent weeks, you have read in our leaflets how we are called to share our resources and nurture our relationships. Now it is time for our response. Stewardship is our faithful reply to God’s generosity. It is gratitude put into action.

We invite you to prayerfully consider your response and return your pledge next Sunday, November 22, on the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of our Church’s year. Every gift matters. Every commitment sustains our worship, our learning, our fellowship, and our outreach to those in need.

This is not only an appeal for funds - it is an invitation to claim your place in God’s household, to make room for others, and to live into God’s abundance. When we respond together, we become the church God is calling us to be: a community with *plenty good room* for all.

Thank you for your faithful and generous response to this call.