

*st mary's catholic church  
greenville, south carolina*



*thirteenth sunday of the year  
28 june 2026*

# Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 47.2

*All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!*

## Entrance Hymn

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our  
2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your  
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or  
4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are

hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the  
saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your  
earth re - ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing  
like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that

storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home.  
arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
you are God, To end - less years the same.  
ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. Time like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

# Penitential Act

## Confiteor

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*All strike their breast, saying:*

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*Priest* May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**People** Amen.

## Kyrie

## *Missa Orbis Factor*

The musical score consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a repeat sign at the end. The second staff has a repeat sign at the beginning and end. The third and fourth staves have repeat signs at the end.

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son  
Chri - ste, e - le - i - son  
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## Gloria

## Missa VIII

Gló-ri - a in ex-cél-sis De - o. Et in ter-ra pax ho-mí-ni-bus  
bo - nae vo - lun - tá - tis. Lau-dá - mus te.  
Be-ne-dí-ci-mus te. A-do-rá - mus te.  
Gló-ri - fi - cá-mus te. Grá-ti - as á - gi - mus ti - bi  
pro-pter ma-gnam gló-ri - am tu - am. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Rex cae-  
lé - stis, De-us, Pa-ter om - ní - po - tens.  
Dó-mi-ne Fi - li u - ni - gé - ni - te, Je - su Chri - ste.  
Dó-mi-ne De-us, A-gnus De - i, Fí-li-us Pa - tris.  
Qui tol - lis pec-cá-ta mun - di, mi-se-ré - re no-bis.  
Qui tol - lis pec-cá - ta mun - di, sú-sci-pé de-pre-ca - ti - ó -  
nem no - stram. Qui se - des ad déx-te-ram Pa-tris,  
mi-se-ré-re no - bis. Quó - ni - am tu so - lus San - ctus.  
Tu so - lus Dó - mi - nus. Tu so - lus Al - tís - si-mus,  
Je - su Chri - ste. Cum San - cto Spí - ri - tu,  
in gló-ri - a De - i Pa - tris. A - men.

First Reading

2 Kings 4.8-11, 14-16a

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, “I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there.” Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.

Later Elisha asked, “Can something be done for her?” His servant Gehazi answered, “Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years.” Elisha said, “Call her.” When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, “This time next year you will be fondling a baby son.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89.2-3, 16-17, 18-19



R. For - ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever,  
 through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.  
 For you have said, “My kindness is established forever;”  
 in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;  
 in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.  
 At your name they rejoice all the day,  
 and through your justice they are exalted.

You are the splendor of their strength,  
 and by your favor our horn is exalted.  
 For to the LORD belongs our shield,  
 and the Holy One of Israel, our king.

## Second Reading

Romans 6.3-4, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Acclamation



You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;  
announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness  
into his wonderful light. *Response.*

## Gospel

Matthew 10.37-42

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his apostles: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple — amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily



## Profession of Faith *(spoken slowly and reverently)*

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*Bow profoundly during these two lines:*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Bidding Prayers

### The Collection

*The offering is for the support of the parish and for Peter's Pence.*

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Offertory Antiphon

Daniel 3.40

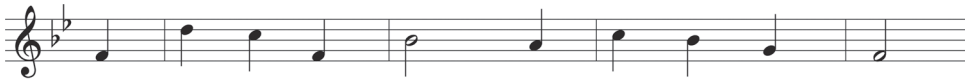
*As in holocausts of rams and bullocks, and as in thousands of fat lambs; so let our sacrifice be made in your sight this day, that it may please you: for there is no confusion to them that trust in you, O Lord.*

Offertory Hymn

Sing Praise to the Lord



1. Sing praise to the Lord! Praise God in the height!
2. Sing praise to the Lord! Praise God on the earth,
3. Sing praise to the Lord, all things that give sound,
4. Sing praise to the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song



Re - joice in his word, you an - gels of light.  
 In tune - ful ac - cord, you saints of new birth.  
 Each ju - bi - lant chord, re - ech - o a - round.  
 To him be out - poured all a - ges a - long.



You heav - ens, a - dore him by whom you were made,  
 Praise him who has brought you his grace from a - bove.  
 Loud or - gans, his glo - ry tell forth in deep tone,  
 For love in cre - a - tion, for heav - en re - stored,



And wor - ship be - fore him in bright-ness ar - rayed.  
 Praise him who has taught you to sing of his love.  
 And trum - pets, the sto - ry of what God has done.  
 For grace of sal - va - tion, sing praise to the Lord!

Text: Psalm 150; Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877, alt.  
 Tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM, 10 10 11 11; Charles H. H. Parry, 1840–1918

## Offertory Anthem

*All My Hope on God is Founded*

MICHAEL

*All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew. Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true. God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own. Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray his trust; what with care and toil he buildeth, tower and temple, fall to dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower. God's great goodness aye endureth, deep his wisdom, passing thought: splendour, light, and life attend him, beauty springeth out of naught. Evermore from his store new-born worlds rise and adore. Daily doth th' Almighty giver bounteous gifts on us bestow; his desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command. Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.*



Sanctus (11.00 am Mass)

Missa Orbis Factor

San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus Do - mi - nus  
De - us Sa - ba - oth. Ple - ni sunt cae - li  
et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a  
Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.  
Be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit in no - mi - ne  
Do - mi - ni.  
Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.

Mystérium Fídei (The Mystery of Faith)

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your  
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come\_ a - gain.

 COMMUNION RITE 

*Priest* At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

***People* Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

*Priest* Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

***People* For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

*Priest* Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

***People* Amen.**

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

***People* And with your spirit.**

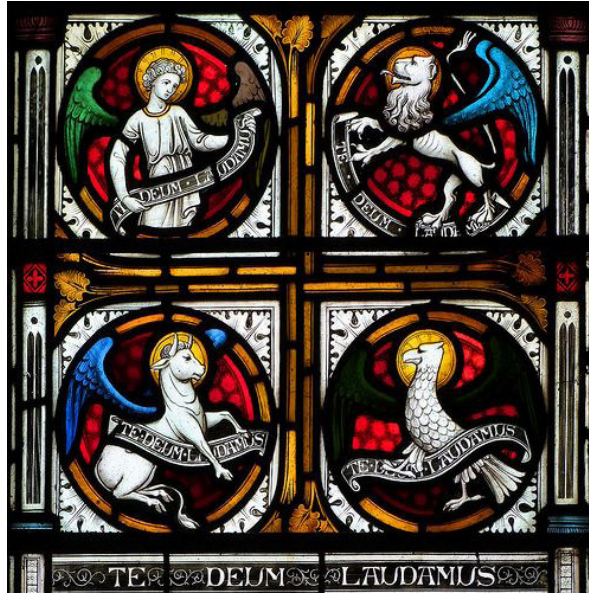
A - gnus De - i qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di:  
 mi - se - re - re no - bis. A - gnus De - i  
 qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis.  
 A - gnus De - i qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di:  
 do - na no - bis pa - cem.



*Priest* Behold the Lamb of God,  
 behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*People* Lord, I am not worthy  
 that you should enter under my roof,  
 but only say the word  
 and my soul shall be healed.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, bless his holy name.*



*AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION*

LORD JESUS, I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS.  
HOW I LONG TO RECEIVE YOU WITH MY BROTHERS  
AND SISTERS AT THE TABLE YOU HAVE PREPARED.  
BUT SINCE I CANNOT AT THIS MOMENT RECEIVE YOU IN  
THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF YOUR BODY AND BLOOD,  
I ASK YOU TO FEED ME WITH THE MANNA OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT  
AND NOURISH ME WITH YOUR HOLY PRESENCE.

I UNITE MYSELF COMPLETELY TO YOU;  
NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOUR LOVE.

AMEN.

## Communion Motets

*Laudate Dominum*

WA Mozart

*Translation:*

*O praise the Lord all you nations: praise him all you peoples. For strong is the Lord's kindness to us: God's faithfulness endures forever. Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

*Psalm 89*

Adam Pajan

*Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness. For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. Happy are the people who know the festal shout! they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence. They rejoice daily in your Name; they are jubilant in your righteousness. For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted. Truly, the LORD is our ruler; the Holy One of Israel is our King.*



# Communion Hymn

# How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in  
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and  
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my  
 4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, my

a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the  
 shield and hid - ing place, my nev - er - fail - ing  
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, my Lord, my life, my

heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.  
 hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.  
 trea - sury filled with bound - less stores of grace.  
 way, my end, ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,  
 how cold my warmest thought,  
 but when I see you as you are,  
 I'll praise you as I ought!

6 Till then I would your love proclaim  
 with ev'ry fleeting breath;  
 and may the music of your name  
 refresh my soul in death.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.  
 Tune: Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877; setting: *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861  
 Text and music: public domain

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Mt 1:21; 12:21; Ac 4:12

✻ CONCLUDING RITES ✻

*Priest*    The Lord be with you.

***People***    **And with your spirit.**

*Priest*    May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

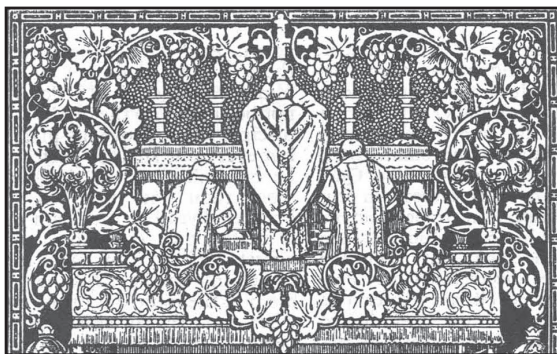
***People***    **Amen.**

*Deacon*    Go in peace.

***People***    **Thanks be to God.**

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**During Mass at St Mary’s, the priest and people face the same direction at the altar, a custom that was once universal in the Catholic Church but is now rare in the celebration of the modern liturgy. For an explanation of this practice, please visit our parish website, [smcgv1.org](http://smcgv1.org), and look in the section called *Parish Links* for the essay entitled *Facing East to Pray*.**



*Page one:* Tissot. *Pater Noster*. (19th century).

*Page six:* Peter Paul Rubens. *The Apostle Paul*. (c. 1615).

*Pages ten & fifteen:* Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. Photo by Fr Lawrence Lew, OP.

from the office of readings  
for the thirteenth sunday of the year

*Not to preach the Gospel would be my undoing*, for Christ himself sent me as his apostle and witness. The more remote, the more difficult the assignment, the more *my love of God spurs me on*. I am bound to proclaim that Jesus is Christ, the Son of the living God. Because of him we come to know the God we cannot see. *He is the firstborn of all creation; in him all things find their being*. Man's teacher and redeemer, he was born for us, died for us, and for us he rose from the dead.

All things, all history converges in Christ. A man of sorrow and hope, he knows us and loves us. As our friend he stays by us throughout our lives; at the end of time he will come to be our judge; but we also know that he will be the complete fulfillment of our lives and our great happiness for all eternity.

I can never cease to speak of Christ for he is our truth and our light; *he is the way, the truth and the life*. He is our bread, our source of living water who allays our hunger and satisfies our thirst. He is our shepherd, our leader, our ideal, our comforter and our brother.

He is like us but more perfectly human, simple, poor, humble, and yet, while burdened with work, he is more patient. He spoke on our behalf; he worked miracles; and he founded a new kingdom: in it the poor are happy; peace is the foundation of a life in common; where the pure of heart and those who mourn are uplifted and comforted; the hungry find justice; sinners are forgiven; and all discover that they are brothers.

The image I present to you is the image of Jesus Christ. As Christians you share his name; he has already made most of you his own. So once again I repeat his name to you Christians and I proclaim to all men: Jesus Christ is the beginning and the end, the alpha and the omega, Lord of the new universe, the great hidden key to human history and the part we play in it. He is the mediator – the bridge, if you will – between heaven and earth. Above all he is the Son of man, more perfect than any man, being also the Son of God, eternal and infinite. He is the son of Mary his mother on earth, more blessed than any woman. She is also our mother in the spiritual communion of the mystical body.

Remember: [it] is Jesus Christ I preach day in and day out. His name I would see echo and re-echo for all time even to the ends of the earth.

- From a homily by Pope Paul VI  
(June 1963 - August 1978)

## *from the pastor*

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Declaration of Independence was promulgated 250 years ago this Saturday, and July the Fourth is conventionally reckoned to be the birthday of our nation, but is it? The Continental Congress may have declared our independence from Great Britain, but this did not become a military fact until October 1781 with the surrender of British forces at Yorktown. And even then, the Crown did not renounce all claims on the American Colonies until the Treaty of Paris in 1783, nearly two years after Yorktown. Even after the war, the former British Colonies did not of course immediately become one nation. In fact, there was a very real possibility of thirteen sovereign nations emerging from the Revolutionary War, and the Articles of Confederation of 1781 proved to be unsatisfactory, in part, for this very reason. The Constitutional Convention adopted the proposed Constitution of the United States of America on 17 September 1787 but it was not ratified until 21 June 1788, and the first ten amendments, which constitute the Bill of Rights, were not complete until 1791. And everything that seemed so clear when George Washington became our first president in 1788 was tested almost beyond endurance in the War Between the States which started 73 years after the Constitution was ratified. So, when is the birthday of our nation?

The complexity of our history reminds us, as the Founding Fathers knew, that this Republic is merely an experiment in liberty and that there is no guarantee that our children and their children shall live free in a place called the United States of America simply because we did. The power of this nation and the strength of our institutions can create the illusion of perpetual vigor and permanence, but a visit to Rome in the days of Caesar Augustus would have conveyed exactly the same illusion. Human history has never known of a permanent political order, and so we can never assume that the present shape of our nation is a simple fact of life that we can take for granted. We are engaged in an experiment, and experiments can fail. So how can we help insure the success of our ongoing experiment in liberty?

The capacity of “the People” to be sovereign, to govern themselves through freely elected representatives, depends directly on the capacity of each person to govern himself. In other words, we must each be virtuous if we are all to be free. The cultivation of personal virtue is hard work, and it requires discipline and the acceptance of a standard of virtue beyond one’s own desires and choices. This is why the culture of radical autonomy which is now used to justify moral degradation of every conceivable sort is, in truth, a greater threat to the liberty of our nation than any external enemy or armed force. Making our own desires the measure of goodness is a sure path to individual vice and national servitude, and on the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we can best serve the cause of our nation’s freedom by resolving to cultivate virtue in our own lives.

Father Newman