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Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.



#### 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;

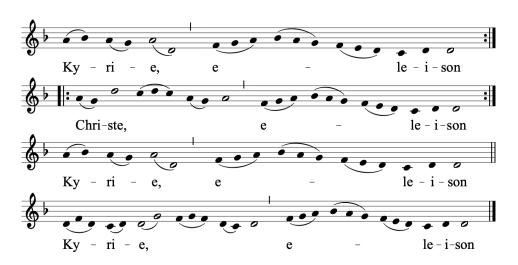
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

#### People Amen.

### Kyrie

#### Missa Orbis Factor



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. Grá-ti - as á - gi - mus ti - bi Gló-ri - fi - cá-mus te. pro-pter ma-gnam gló-ri-am tu-am. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Rex cae-Pa-ter lé - stis, De-us, 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, Qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun - di, - re no-bis. sú-sci-pé de-pre-ca-ti-ó-Qui tol - lis pec-cá - ta mun - di, Qui se - des ad déx-te-ram Pa-tris, nem no stram. mi-se-ré-re no - bis. Quó - ni - am tu so - lus San - ctus. Tu so-lus Dó - mi - nus. Tu so-lus 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.

men.



### First Reading

Wisdom 18.6-9

The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage. Your people awaited the salvation of the just and the destruction of their foes. For when you punished our adversaries, in this you glorified us whom you had summoned. For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 



#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33.1, 12, 18-19, 20-22



R. Bless-ed the peo-ple the Lord has cho-sen, cho-sen to be his own.

Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting.
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield.

May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

Brothers and sisters: Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well attested.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age — and Sarah herself was sterile — for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

All these died in faith. They did not receive what had been promised but saw it and greeted it from afar and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth, for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land from which they had come, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

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#### Gospel Acclamation



Stay awake and be ready!

For you do not know on what day your Lord will come. Response.

Gospel Luke 12.32-48

Deacon: The Lord be with you. **People: And with your spirit.** 

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

"Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Then Peter said, "Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?" And the Lord replied, "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant in charge of all his property. But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely and assign him a place with the unfaithful. That servant who knew his master's will but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was ignorant of his master's will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

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

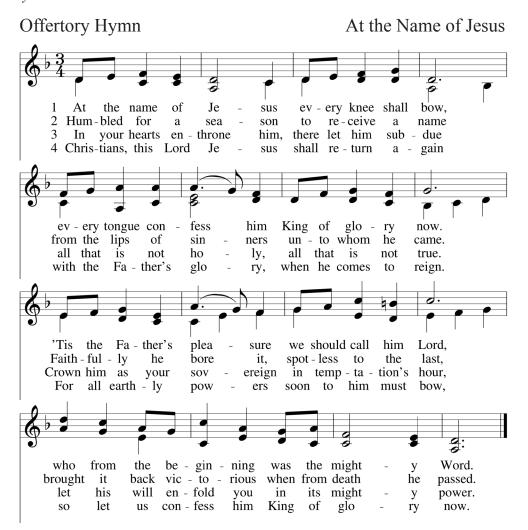
The offering is for the support of the parish, and for Disaster Relief.

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#### Offertory Antiphon

#### Psalm 31.15

In you, O Lord, I have placed my hope; I said, You are my God; my times are in your hands.



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#### Offertory Anthem

Exultate Justi in Domino

Lodovico Viadana

(From Psalm 33)

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the upright. Give praise to the Lord on the harp; sing to him with the psaltery, the instrument of ten strings. Sing to him a new canticle, sing well unto him with a loud noise. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the upright.



Priest Pray, brethren,

that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

**People** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands

for the praise and glory of his name,

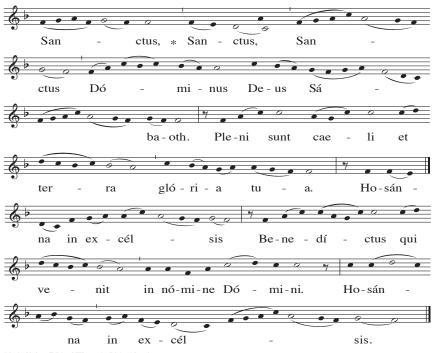
for our good

and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer Over the Offerings

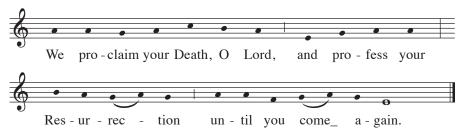
#### Sanctus

### Missa de Angelis



Music: Vatican Edition VIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

## Mystérium Fídei (The Mystery of Faith)



## 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

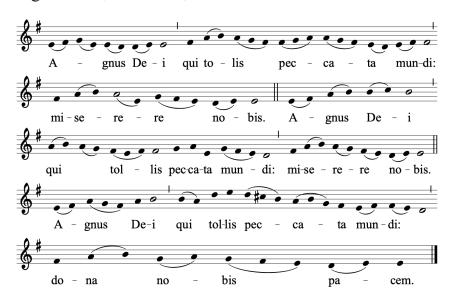
in accordance with your will.

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.

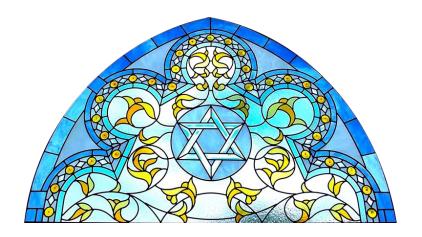




Priest Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



#### 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 Motet

Hail, Thou Once Despiséd Jesus

text: J. Bakewell; OMNE DIE

Hail, Thou once despiséd Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean king! Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, Thou agonizing Savior, bearer of our sin and shame! By Thy merit we find favor; life is given through Thy name. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on Thee were laid; by almighty Love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made: all Thy people are forgiven through the virtue of Thy blood; opened is the gate of heaven; peace is made 'twixt man and God. Jesus, hail, enthroned in glory, there forever to abide! All the heav'nly host adore Thee, seated at Thy Father's side. There for sinners Thou art pleading; there Thou dost our place prepare; ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear. Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing Thou art worthy to receive; highest praises, without ceasing, meet it is for us to give. Help, ye bright angelic spirits, bring your sweetest, noblest lays; help to sing our Savior's merits; help to chant Immanuel's praise!

#### *Psalm* 116

Anglican Chant; Tune: Lewis

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow. Then I called upon the Name of the LORD; "O LORD, I pray you, save my life." Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought very low, and he helped me. Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well. For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the LORD — in the land of the living. I believed, even when I said, "I have been brought very low." In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted." How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things he has done for me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his servants. O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of vou, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

#### Communion Hymn To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King 1. To Je -Christ, our sov - 'reign King, Who sus 2. Your reign O King be nign, To ex tend, 3. To We you, and to your church, great King, All tion, the world's sal praise and hom-age is va King-dom, ev - 'ry land tion; For in your and na pledge our heart's fore your ob tion; Un til be la bring tion. do we And thanks and ad Lord di - vine, Α lone find tion. we sal va throne we sing In end - less ju bi tion. la Christ Christ Je - sus, Vic tor! Je - sus, Ru ler!

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Priest The Lord be with you.People And with your spirit.

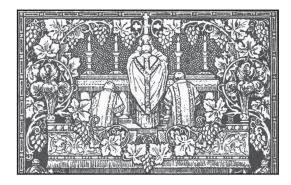
*Priest* May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Deacon Go in peace.

People Thanks be to God.

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, smcgvl.org, and look in the section called *Parish Links* for the essay entitled *Facing East to Pray*.



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# from the office of readings for the pineteenth sanday of the year

My sweet Lord, look with mercy upon your people and especially upon the mystical body of your Church. Greater glory is given to your name for pardoning a multitude of your creatures than if I alone were pardoned for my great sins against your majesty. It would be no consolation for me to enjoy your life if your holy people stood in death. For I see that sin darkens the life of your bride the Church — my sin and the sins of others.

It is a special grace I ask for, this pardon for the creatures you have made in your image and likeness. When you created man, you were moved by love to make him in your own image. Surely only love could so dignify your creatures. But I know very well that man lost the dignity you gave him; he deserved to lose it, since he had committed sin. Moved by love and wishing to reconcile the human race to yourself, you gave us your only-begotten Son. He became our mediator and our justice by taking on all our injustice and sin out of obedience to your will, eternal Father, just as you willed that he take on our human nature. What an immeasurably profound love! Your Son went down from the heights of his divinity to the depths of our humanity. Can anyone's heart remain closed and hardened after this?

We image your divinity, but you image our humanity in that union of the two which you have worked in a man. You have veiled the Godhead in a cloud, in the clay of our humanity. Only your love could so dignify the flesh of Adam. And so by reason of this immeasurable love I beg, with all the strength of my soul, that you freely extend your mercy to all your lowly creatures.

- From a dialogue *On Divine Providence* by Saint Catherine of Siena, virgin (b. 25 March 1347; d. 29 April 1380)



## from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Being accountable to other people is not something most of us enjoy, but there is zero possibility of living a life of authentic Christian discipleship apart from such accountability – both of our beliefs and of our behaviors. One essential component of being a faithful Catholic is attending Mass each Sunday, and except for times of travel away from home, this should ordinarily be done at one's own parish church. Claiming to be a parishioner of one parish while regularly attending another parish or not attending Sunday Mass at all is an impossible contradiction, and from time to time, a parish priest has the uncomfortable duty of pointing this out. The following observations are offered in the hope of clarifying some of the consequences of being a true parishioner here or not.

Please remember that no matter how often you come to Mass at Saint Mary's, you are not considered an active member of the parish unless you are registered here, attending Mass here each Sunday, and using the stewardship envelopes to fulfill two separate purposes: a) making your offertory contributions and other gifts, and b) establishing an attendance record. Fulfilling these requirements is essential for those who plan to seek endorsement to serve as a sacramental sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation and for those who intend to ask to receive Baptism, Confirmation, or Marriage for themselves or their children and for those who want to receive parishioner tuition and/or financial aid for our parish school.

Establishing the fact of Mass attendance by use of the stewardship envelopes is not in any way an imposition on those who say that they are members of the parish in order to request a life changing sacrament or reduced tuition in the school. Being a member of any family automatically brings with it both privileges and duties, and expecting the privileges without fulfilling the duties is the mark of an adolescent. Being a mature disciple of the Lord Jesus also requires us to be accountable members of a parish family, and that in turn entails both worshipping with the parish family and helping the parish family pay its bills, each household according to its means.

If you use electronic transfer to make your offertory contribution and other gifts, you can still use the stewardship envelopes to establish an attendance record which is essential for all the purposes described above. Just check the box for EFT on the envelope and then drop it in the collection plate. All envelopes in the collection are recorded in our parish database, and I can tell with a key stroke who has been to Mass on any given Sunday.

How seldom can I come to Mass and how little can I give to receive what I want? That is minimalism, and it is the death of the soul. The Lord Jesus asks of us a total gift of self and a willingness to follow him in the Way of the Cross, and responding to his call with generosity is what frees us from the tyranny of our own disordered self-love. Let us resolve to surrender everything to Christ in the obedience of faith and in so doing to find the freedom of the children of God.

Father Newman