

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



*twenty-first sunday of the year
23 august 2026*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 86.1-3

*Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.*

Entrance Hymn

From All That Dwell Below the Skies



1. From all that dwell be - low the skies,
 2. E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord;
 3. Your loft - y themes, all mor - tals, bring;
 4. In ev - ery land be - gin the song;

Let the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise;
 E - ter - nal truth at - tends your word:
 In songs of praise di - vine - ly sing;
 To ev - ery land the strains be - long;

Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung,
 Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
 The great sal - va - tion loud pro - claim,
 In cheer - ful sounds all voic - es raise,

Through ev - 'ry land by ev - 'ry tongue.
 Till suns shall rise and set no more.
 And shout for joy the Sav - ior's name.
 And fill the world with loud - est praise.

Text: Psalm 117; St. 1-2; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; St. 3-4, Anon.
 Tune: DUKE STREET, LM; John Hatton, c.1710-1793

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 is written for four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second staff begins with a repeat sign and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

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

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

Isaiah 22.19-23

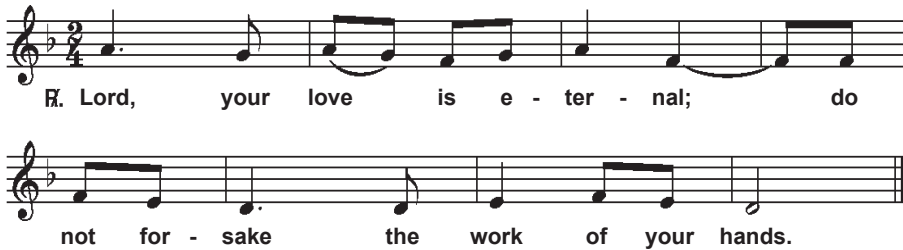
Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: “I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim’s shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138.1-2, 2-3, 6, 8



I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple.

I will give thanks to your name,
because of your kindness and your truth:
when I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees,
and the proud he knows from afar.
Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

Second Reading

Romans 11.33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! *For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?* For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation



You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. *Response.*

Gospel

Matthew 16.13-20

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 went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

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Offertory Antiphon

Psalm 40.2, 3, 4

With expectation I have waited for the Lord, and he had regard to me, and he heard my prayer, and he put a new canticle into my mouth, a hymn of praise to God.

Offertory Hymn

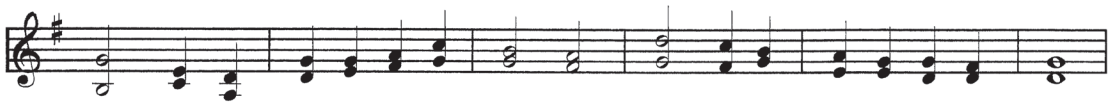
Father, We Thank Thee

Greek, from the *Didache*, c. 110
Trans. by F. Bland Tucker, b. 1895

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Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510 - c. 1561



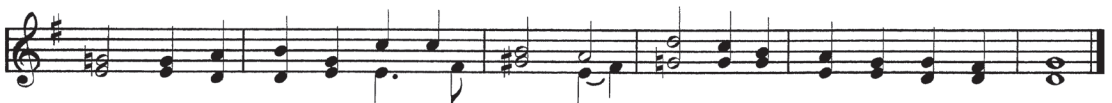
1. Fa - ther, we thank thee who has plant - ed Thy ho - ly Name with-in our hearts.
2. Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, Save it from e - vil, guard it still,



Knowl - edge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy Son to us im - parts.
Per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, Cleansed and con-formed un - to thy will.



Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure, Didst give man food for all his days.
As grain, once scat - ter'd on the hill - sides, Was in this bro-ken bread made one,



Giv - ing in Christ the Bread e - ter - nal; Thine is the power, be thine the praise.
So from all lands thy Church be gath - er'd In - to thy king-dom by thy Son.



Offertory Anthem

Christus Vincit

*Christus vincit. Christus regnat.
Christus imperat. Gloria Patri et
Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat
in principio et nunc, et semper, et
in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

Joseph Noyon, arr. Hancock

*Christ conquers. Christ reigns.
Christ commands. Glory be to the
Father and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit. As in the beginning, is
now and always and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*



Sanctus

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.**

Agnus Dei

Missa Orbis Factor

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.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



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

Tu es Petrus

*Tu es Petrus et super hanc petram
aedificabo ecclesiam meam et
portae inferi non praevallebunt
adversus eam. Et tibi dabo claves
regni caelorum.*

GP da Palestrina

*You are Peter, and upon this Rock I
will build My Church: and the gates
of hell shall not overcome it. And I
will give you the keys to the kingdom
of heaven.*

Psalm 138

Anglican Chant

*I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing
your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name,
because of your love and faithfulness; For you have glorified your Name — and
your word above all things. When I called, you answered me; you increased my
strength within me. All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they
have heard the words of your mouth. They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that
great is the glory of the LORD. Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; he
perceives the haughty from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me
safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand
shall save me. The LORD will make good his purpose for me; O LORD, your love
endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.*



Communion Hymn

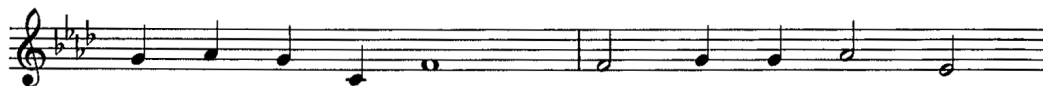
Come, Labor On



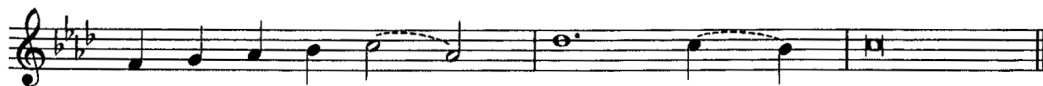
1	Come,	la - bor	on.	Who	dares stand	i - dle
2	Come,	la - bor	on.	The	en - e - my	is
3	Come,	la - bor	on.	A -	way with gloom - y	
4	Come,	la - bor	on.	Claim	the high call - ing	
5	Come,	la - bor	on.	No	time for rest,	till



1	on the	har - vest	plain,	while	all a - round	us
2	watch - ing	night and	day,	to	sow the tares,	to
3	doubts and	faith - less	fear!	No	arm so weak	but
4	an - gels	can - not	share—	to	young and old	the
5	glows the	west - ern	sky,	till	the long sha -	dows



1	waves the	gold - en	grain?	And	to each ser -	vant
2	snatch the	seed a -	way;	while	we in sleep	our
3	may do	ser - vice	here:	by	feeb - lest a -	gents
4	Gos - pel	glad - ness	bear:	re -	deem the time;	its
5	o'er our	path - way	lie,	and	a glad sound	comes



1	does the	Mas - ter	say, "Go	work	to -	day."
2	du - ty	have for -	got, he	slum -	bered	not.
3	may our	God ful -	fill his	right -	eous	will.
4	hours too	swift - ly	fly. The	night	draws	nigh.
5	with the	set - ting	sun, —	"Ser -	vants, well	done."

Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt.
 Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)



✠ 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.**

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, for the essay entitled *Facing East to Pray*.



Page one: Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Greenville, SC. (20th century).

Page ten: Christopher Webb. Church of All Saints, Clifton, Bristol, UK. (1967).

Page fourteen: Detail of window by Hiemer Studio. Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Greenville, SC. (20th century).

Page fifteen: Lorenzo Monaco. Codice Corale 8, folio 134. (c.1395).

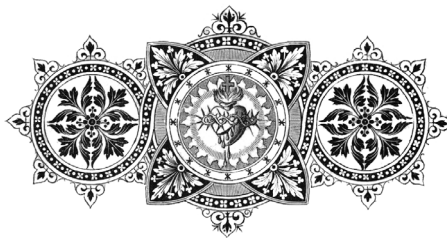
*from the office of readings
for the twenty-first sunday of the year*

We do not know the time when earth and humanity will reach their completion, nor do we know the way in which the universe will be transformed. The world as we see it, disfigured by sin, is passing away. But we are sure that God is preparing a new dwelling place and a new earth. In this new earth righteousness is to make its home, and happiness will satisfy, and more than satisfy, all the yearnings for peace that arise in human hearts. On that day, when death is conquered, the sons of God will be raised up in Christ; what was sown as something weak and perishable will be clothed in incorruption. Love and the fruits of love will remain, and the whole of creation, made by God for man, will be set free from the frustration that enslaves it.

We are warned indeed that a man gains nothing if he wins the whole world at the cost of himself. Yet our hope in a new earth should not weaken, but rather stimulate our concern for developing this earth, for on it there is growing up the body of a new human family, a body even now able to provide some foreshadowing of the new age. Hence, though earthly progress is to be carefully distinguished from the growth of Christ's kingdom, yet in so far as it can help toward the better ordering of human society it is of great importance to the kingdom of God.

The blessings of human dignity, brotherly communion and freedom – all the good fruits on earth of man's co-operation with nature in the Spirit of the Lord and according to his command – will be found again in the world to come, but purified of all stain, resplendent and transfigured, when Christ hands over to the Father an eternal and everlasting kingdom: "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." On this earth the kingdom is already present in sign; when the Lord comes it will reach its completion.

- From *Gaudium et Spes* (the Pastoral Constitution on the Church
in the Modern World of the Second Vatican Council)
Promulgated by Pope Paul VI, 7 December 1965



from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Second Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: “The Gospel of Jesus Christ is divine revelation, not human wisdom, and the Gospel is given to us in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition which together constitute a single divine deposit of faith transmitted authentically and authoritatively by the Bishops in full communion with the Bishop of Rome. We must surrender our private judgments in all matters of faith and morals to the sacred teaching authority of the Church’s Magisterium if we are to receive the whole Gospel.”

Suspicion of authority is one of the hallmarks of our time, and the rejection of all authority except for one’s own thoughts and feelings is usually considered an essential condition of intellectual maturity and personal autonomy. Moreover, when this skepticism is married to the cynicism that now suffuses our entire culture, then people despair of the very possibility of a truth we can know with certainty and by which we can shape our lives without irony. But into this chaos the Lord Jesus speaks a divine word of saving truth: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28.18-20)

In the First Principle of Evangelical Catholicism, we saw that saying “Jesus Christ is Lord” changes our lives in every way, and this Second Principle shows one of the most fundamental ways in which Christians are different from all others. We do not live in radical doubt of the fundamental truths about the origin and purpose of human life because the God who made us from nothing has shown Himself to us and explained His plan for our lives. He began this revelation through Israel and her inspired writings, and He completed this revelation in the life, death, and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ a sure and certain guide that frees us from the skepticism and cynicism that lead so many people into the despair of nihilism. And we receive this Gospel with complete certainty of its truth only in the Catholic Church, in which the Bishops who stand in apostolic succession bear in its fullness the authority of the Savior to teach: “He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me.” (Luke 10.16) Jesus gave His messianic authority to the Apostles, who were thus made authentic and authoritative teachers of the Gospel, and the Bishops who succeed the Apostles in every age do not teach from their own authority, learning, or wisdom. Rather, they teach only in the name of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, and this is why we can surrender our private judgments about all matters of faith and morals to the teaching of the Church without any loss of our legitimate autonomy and intellectual maturity: the Gospel transmitted in and by the Church is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe.

Father Newman