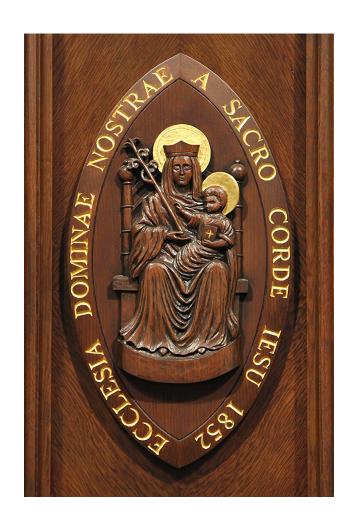
# st mary's catholic charch greenville, south carolina



twenty-fourth sunday of the year 17 september 2023



## **Entrance Antiphon**

#### Sirach 36.18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people, Israel.

#### Entrance Hymn

## Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven



#### 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:

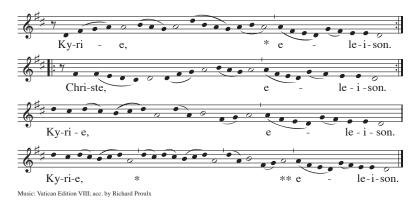
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

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





#### Gloria





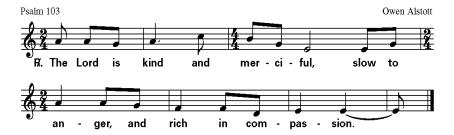
## First Reading

Sirach 27.30-28.7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the Lord's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

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





Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

## Second Reading

Romans 14.7-9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

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

#### Gospel Acclamation



I give you a new commandment, says the Lord; love one another as I have loved you. *Response*.

Gospel Matthew 18.21-35

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.

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

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

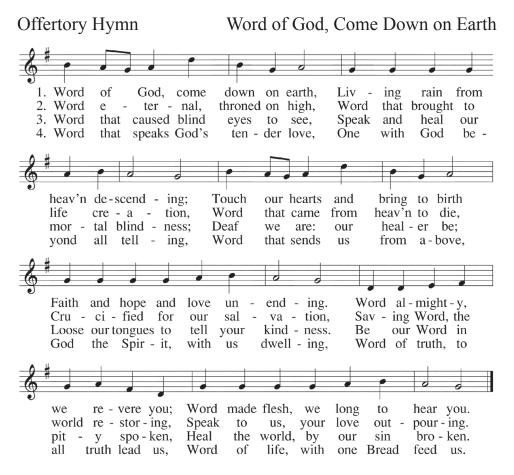
#### The Collection

The offering is for the support of the parish, and envelopes for the Bishop's Annual Appeal may also be placed in one of the collection plates found at each door of the church.

## Offertory Antiphon

Exodus 24.4, 5

Moses consecrated an altar to the Lord, offering upon it holocausts, and sacrificing victims. He made an evening sacrifice to the Lord God for an odor of sweetness, in the sight of the children of Israel.



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#### Offertory Anthem

If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father that he shall bring you another comforter. That he may 'bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.



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.

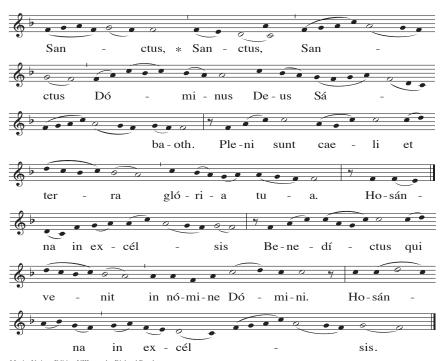
## Prayer Over the Offerings

# Eucharistic Prayer

## Preface Dialogue

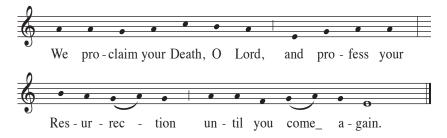


#### Sanctus



Music: Vatican Edition VIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

## Mystérium Fídei (The Mystery of Faith)



## The Great Amen

arr. by Judy Franzen





# 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.

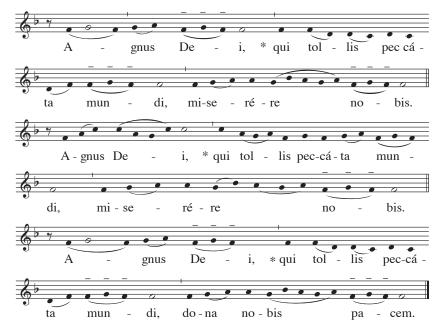
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People Amen.

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

People And with your spirit.

## Agnus Dei



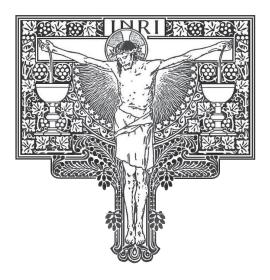
Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx



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.

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



#### 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

Immense is the Wisdom of the Lord Sirach 15.18-19

Chant; Emily Cortes

Immense is the wisdom of the Lord! He is mighty in power and all seeing. The eyes of God are on those who fear Him; He understands man's every deed. Amen.

#### Psalm 1

Anglican Chant; Tune: Elizabeth

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; — everything they do shall prosper. It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.



## Communion Hymn

## Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Based on Psalm 87: 3; Isaiah 33: 20-21 John Newton, 1725-1807

AUSTRIA 87. 87. D. Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809



- 1. Glo rious things of thee are spo ken, Si on, cit y of our God;
- 2. See, the streams of liv ing wa ters, Spring ing from e ter nal love, 3. Round each hab i ta tion hov 'ring, See the cloud and fire ap pear
- 4. Blest in hab i tents of Si on, Washed in the Re deem -er's blood!



He whose word can Well sup - ply thy For a glo - ry Je - sus, whom their not be bro - ken, sons and daugh-ters, and a cov - 'ring, souls re - ly on, Formed thee for his And all fear of Show -ing that the Makes them kings and own a - bode; want re - move. Lord is near. priests to God.



On the Rock of Who can faint, when Thus de - riv - ing 'Tis his love his

A - ges found - ed, such a riv - er from their ban - ner, peo - ple rais - es

What can thy sure shake re - pose? as - suage? Ev - er will their thirst Light by night, and shade by day, O -ver self to reign as kings:



With sal - va - tion's Grace which, like the Safe they feed up And as priests, his

walls sur-round-ed, Lord, the giv - er. on the man - na sol -emn prais - es Thou mayst smile on all thy foes.

Nev - er fails from age to age.

Which he gives them when they pray.

Each for a thank - of-f'ring brings.





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, <a href="http://smcgvl.org">http://smcgvl.org</a>, and look in the section called *Parish Links* for the essay entitled *Facing East to Pray*.



*Page one:* Michael P. McDunn. Detail of reredos, Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Greenville, SC. (21st century).

*Page five*: Royal Bavarian Stained Glass Works for Glasgow Cathedral. Archives of Historic Environment Scotland. (19th century).

Page ten: Pantocrator. Cathedral of Cefalù, Sicily. (12th century).

Page fifteen: Basilica of Saint Apolinare in Classe, Ravenna, Italy. (6th century).

*Page seventeen:* Hubert and Jan Von Eyck. Saint Bavo's Cathedral, Ghent, Belgium. (1432).

# from the office of readings for the twenty-fourth sanday of the year

You have often learned that all our hope is in Christ and that he is our true glory and our salvation. You are members of the flock of the Good Shepherd, who watches over Israel and nourishes his people. Yet there are shepherds who want to have the title of shepherd without wanting to fulfill a pastor's duties; let us then recall what God says to his shepherds through the prophet. You must listen attentively; I must listen with fear and trembling.

The word of the Lord came to me and said: Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel and speak to the shepherds of Israel. We just heard this reading a moment ago, my brothers, and I have decided to speak to you on this passage. The Lord will help me to speak the truth if I do not speak on my own authority. For if I speak on my own authority, I will be a shepherd nourishing myself and not the sheep. However, if my words are the Lord's, then he is nourishing you no matter who speaks. Thus says the Lord God: Shepherds of Israel, who have been nourishing only themselves! Should not the shepherds nourish the sheep? In other words, true shepherds take care of their sheep, not themselves. This is the principal reason why God condemns those shepherds: they took care of themselves rather than their sheep. Who are they who nourish themselves? They are the shepherds the Apostle described when he said: They all seek what is theirs and not what is Christ's.

I must distinguish carefully between two aspects of the role the Lord has given me, a role that demands a rigorous accountability, a role based on the Lord's greatness rather than on my own merit. The first aspect is that I am a Christian; the second, that I am a leader. I am a Christian for my own sake, whereas I am a leader for your sake; the fact that I am a Christian is to my own advantage, but I am a leader for your advantage.

Many persons come to God as Christians but not as leaders. Perhaps they travel by an easier road and are less hindered since they bear a lighter burden. In addition to the fact that I am a Christian and must give God an account of my life, I as a leader must give him an account of my stewardship as well.

- From the beginning of a sermon *On Pastors* by Saint Augustine, bishop (b. 354; d. 430 AD)

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## from the pastor

#### Dear Friends in Christ,

No matter how long you may have been coming to Mass at Saint Mary's, you are not recognized as a parishioner here unless you are registered. So if you think of this place as your parish, please register. But what is a parish? In the first Christian centuries, dioceses were small in territory and in the number of baptized persons, and every town large enough to have walls around it usually had a cathedral. Except for those who lived in rural places, praying with the bishop in his cathedral was the primary experience of Christian faith and life, and priests assisted their bishops both in the cathedral and in private house churches or visits to the countryside.

In due course, though, as the Church spread geographically and demographically, the cathedral church was joined by other churches that were called parochial from the Greek word meaning a place of sojourn. The place in question was the home of the priest who cared for the nearby church, and so a parish church refers both to the people who gather to pray there and to the priest who is their shepherd. By the early middle ages, most Christians practiced their faith in parish churches and seldom went to their own cathedral unless they happened to live in the vicinity of their bishop or made a pilgrimage to his cathedral.

During the Catholic Reformation of the 16th century, the Council of Trent codified more than a thousand years of custom surrounding parish churches and gave clear legal definitions to the concept of a parish which still shape our practices today. The primary emphasis then was on the parish as a geographical or territorial reality, not unlike a diocese, and anyone who lived within the boundaries of the parish was obliged to worship in their proper parish. Room was also made, though, for a parish to exist for groups of people who are united by some personal quality, and these personal parishes still flourish, usually to provide pastoral care in a foreign language or for an ethnic group. Here in Greenville, for example, Saint Mary's and Our Lady of the Rosary are territorial parishes while Saint Anthony's is a personal parish for African Americans, Our Lady of La Vang is a personal parish for Vietnamese Americans, Saint Rafka is for Maronite Catholics, and our mission of San Sebastian is for anyone whose first language is Spanish.

In the years since the Second Vatican Council, the Church has come to think of a parish first as a distinct community of people rather than a territory on a map or a group gathered by race or language, and so now the identity of each parish tends to be derived from the intention of the people who go there to pray. In this sense, Catholics should join a parish where they are drawn to follow the Lord Jesus in the fellowship of other disciples, but whether a parish is primarily intentional, territorial, or personal, this much is true for all Catholics: no one can fully belong to more than one parish, and authentic Christian discipleship requires that we make and keep a commitment to one community of disciples in which we are accountable for our way of life in the Way of the Cross. So, what is a parish? Our spiritual home.

Father Newman