

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



*twenty-sixth sunday of the year
27 september 2026*

Entrance Antiphon

Daniel 3.31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Entrance Hymn

Immortal, Invisible



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. Life - giv - ing Cre - a - tor, of both great and small;
4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, you rule day and night;
Of all life the mak - er, the true life of all;
Your an - gels a - dor - ing, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som, then with - er as leaves on a tree,
We too, God in - vis - i - ble, of - fer our praise;



Al - mighty, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
Your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
But you live for ev - er, who is and will be.
O light in - ac - ces - si - ble, An - cient of Days!

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

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.

Collect

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

First Reading

Ezekiel 18.25-28

Thus says the LORD: You say, “The LORD’s way is not fair!” Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25.4-5, 6-7, 8-9



Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.
The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not;
in your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and teaches the humble his way.

Second Reading

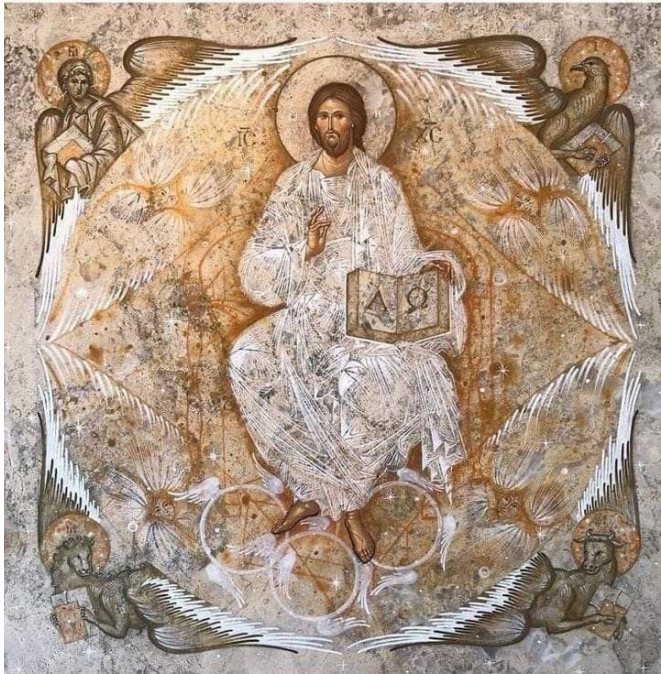
Philippians 2.1-11

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation



My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me. *Response.*

Gospel

Matthew 21.28-32

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 the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

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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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



Offertory Antiphon

Psalm 137.1

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, when we remembered Sion.

Offertory Hymn

At the Name of Jesus

Caroline Maria Noel, 1817-1877, alt.

KING'S WESTON 65. 65. D.
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

Unison



1. At the name of Je - sus Ev - ery knee shall bow,
2. Hum-bled for a sea - son To re - ceive a name
3. Bore it up tri - umph - ant With its hu - man light,
4. Name him, broth - ers, name him - Strong your love as death -
5. In your hearts en - throne him; There let him sub - due
6. Broth - ers, this Lord Je - sus Dwells with us a - gain,



Ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
From the lips of sin - ners Un - to whom he came,
Through all ranks of crea - tures, To the cen - tral height,
But with awe and won - der, And with bat - ed breath;
All that is not ho - ly, All that is not true:
In his Fa - ther's wis - dom O'er the earth to reign;



'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call him Lord,
Faith - ful - ly he bore it, Spot - less to the last,
To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast;
He is God the Sav - ior, He is Christ the Lord,
Crown him as your Cap - tain In temp - ta - tion's hour;
For all wreaths of em - pire Meet up - on his brow,



Who from the be - gin - ning Was the Might - y he Word.
Brought it back vic - to - rious When through death he passed.
Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.
Ev - er to be wor - shipped, Ev - er - more a - dored.
Let his will en - fold you In its light and power.
And our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

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.



Prayer Over the Offerings

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.**

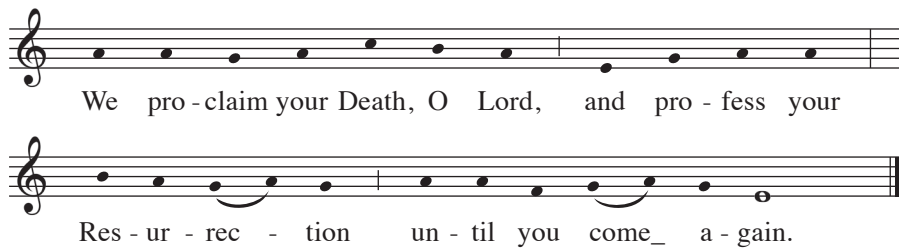
Sanctus

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.

*Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.*



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

Adoramus Te, O Panis Coelice

Belgian Melody

*Adoro Te, o panis coelice, O Domine,
o Deus maxime. Sanctus, sanctus,
sanctus, sine fine sanctus. Semper
Tibi gloria sacra sit sub hostia. Nos
famulos, o Deus, respice, Et gratia
nos semper refice. Sanctus, sanctus,
sanctus, sine fine sanctus. Semper
Tibi gloria sacra sit sub hostia.*

*I adore you, O heavenly bread: O
Lord, O God most high, Holy, holy,
holy, Holy without end! May glory
be to you always, Sacredly under
the Host. O God, look upon us your
servants, And always refresh us with
your grace. Holy, holy, holy,*

Psalm 25

Adam Pajan

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.



Communion Hymn

God With Hidden Majesty



1. God with hid - den maj - es - ty, lies in pres-ence here,
2. All my oth - er sens - es, can-not now per-ceive,
3. God lay stretched up - on the cross, on - ly man could die.
4. Wounds that doub-ting Thom-as saw, I could nev-er see,



I with deep de - vo - tion my true God re - vere;
 But my hear-ing, taught by faith, al - ways will be - lieve:
 Here up - on the al - tar God and man both lie;
 But I still ac-knowl-edge you my true God to be;



Whom this out-ward shape and form se - cret - ly con - tains,
 I ac - cept what - ev - er God the Son has said:
 This I firm - ly hold as true, this is my be - lief,
 Grant that I shall al-ways keep strong in faith and trust,



Christ in his di - vin - i - ty man-hood still re - tains.
 Those who hear the word of God, by the truth are fed.
 And I seek sal - va - tion, like the dy - ing thief.
 Guid-ed by my Sav - ior, mer - ci - ful and just.

5. Blest reminder of the death suffered for the world,
 Sacrament of living bread, health to every mind,
 Let my soul approach you, live within your grace,
 Let me taste the perfect joys time shall not efface.

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✠ CONCLUDING RITES ✠

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

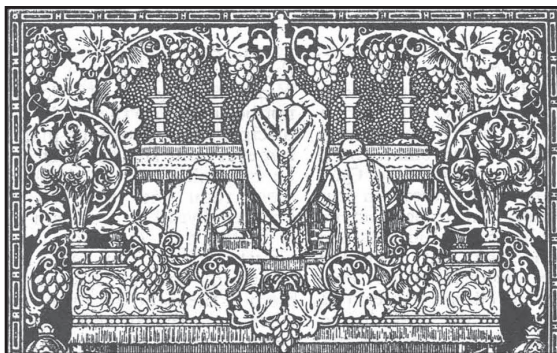
Priest May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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 fourteen: Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres. *Virgin with the Host*. (1852).

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

From Polycarp and his fellow presbyters to the pilgrim church of God at Philippi:
May you have mercy and peace in abundance from Almighty God and Jesus Christ
our Savior.

I rejoice with you greatly in the Lord Jesus Christ because you have assumed the pattern of true love and have rightly helped on their way those who were in chains. Such chains are becoming to the faithful; they are the rich crown of the chosen ones of our Lord and God. I am glad, too, that your deep-rooted faith, proclaimed of old, still abides and continues to bear fruit in the life-giving power of our Lord Jesus Christ. He, for our sins, did not refuse to go down to death, and *God raised him up after destroying the pains of hell. With a glorious joy that no words can express you believe in Christ without seeing him.* This is the joy in which many wish to share knowing that it is by grace that you are saved and not by works, for so God has willed through Jesus Christ.

So prepare yourselves for the struggle, serve the Lord in fear and truth. Put aside empty talk and popular errors; your faith must be in him who raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead and gave him a share in his own glory and a seat at his right hand. To him everything was made subject in heaven and on earth; all things obey him, who will come as judge of the living and the dead. All who refuse to believe in him must answer to God for the blood of his Son.

He who raised him from the dead will raise us too if we do his will and keep his commandments, loving what he loved, refraining from all wrongdoing, fraud, avarice, malice and slander. We must abstain from false witness, *not returning evil for evil, nor curse for curse*, nor blow for blow, nor denunciation for denunciation. Always remember the words of the Lord, who taught: *Do not judge and you will not be judged; forgive and you will be forgiven; be merciful and you will find mercy; the amount you measure out to others will be the amount measured out to you. Blessed are the poor and those who suffer persecution, for theirs is the kingdom of God.*

- From the beginning of a letter to the Philippians
by Saint Polycarp, bishop and martyr
(b. 69; d. 23 February 155)



from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Seventh Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: “Being a follower of Christ requires moving from being a Church member by convention to a Christian disciple by conviction. This transformation demands that we consciously accept the Gospel as the measure of our entire lives, rather than attempting to measure the Gospel by our experience. Personal knowledge of and devotion to Sacred Scripture is necessary for this transformation to occur through the obedience of faith, and there is no substitute for personal knowledge of the Bible. Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”

Do you read the Bible at home? Do you consult a Bible dictionary or commentary to help guide your reading? Do you set aside time even once each week to pray with Holy Scripture? Can you recite any verses of Scripture from memory? Do you know that the Catholic Church teaches that every word in the Bible is inspired by God and contains no errors in matters of faith and morals? Do you believe this to be true? If not, do you understand that you are not in full communion with the Catholic Church? These questions help focus our attention on some of the practical consequences of the Sixth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism. Even those who desire to surrender their entire lives to the Lord Jesus in the obedience of faith cannot do this unless they read, believe, and reverence the Bible, because as Saint Jerome (who first translated the entire Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin) teaches us: Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.

The Second Vatican Council devoted one of its sixteen documents to the subject of divine revelation, and it explores the relationships among Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the Magisterium of the Church. This document is called *Dei Verbum* (Latin for “The Word of God”) and is known in English as *The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation*. *Dei Verbum* is only a few pages in length and is available online. I heartily encourage all Catholics to study *Dei Verbum* as a means to understanding why there is no substitute for personal knowledge of the Bible.

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3.16) “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Hebrews 4.12) The devout reading of Holy Scripture does much more than teach us; it changes us. Reading Holy Scripture changes us in a way that no other form of reading can because when we open the Sacred Page with faith, the Lord speaks to us a word of grace and power unto repentance, conversion, and everlasting life. Immerse yourself in Holy Scripture, and in the Word of God you will come to know, love, and serve ever more perfectly the Word Made Flesh: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father Newman