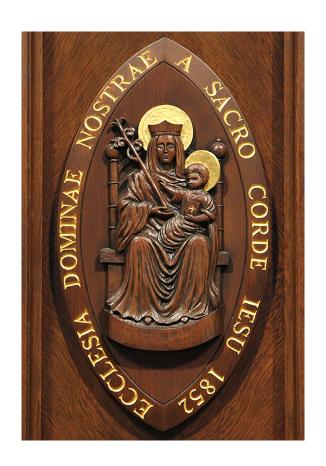
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Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 38.22, 23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.

Entrance Hymn

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART

Text: 8 7 8 7 88 7; Sei Lob und Ehr' dem höchsten Gut, Johann J. Schütz, 1640–1690, tr. by Frances E. Cox, 1812–1897. Music: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesänge, 1566.

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:

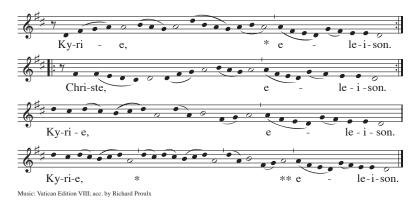
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

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









First Reading

Deuteronomy 6.2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

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



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18.2-3, 3-4, 47, 51



I love you, O Lord, my strength, O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

The LORD lives! And blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior. You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.

Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

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



Gospel Acclamation



Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my Father will love him and we will come to him. *Response*.

Gospel Mark 12.28b-34

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

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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

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Offertory Antiphon

Psalm 102.2, 5

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all he has done for you; and your youth shall be renewed like the eagle's.



Text: Die parente temporum; Le Mans Breviary, 1748; Tr. by Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877 Tune: LÜBECK, 77 77; Freylinghausen's Gesangbuch, 1704

Offertory Anthem

Sing Joyfully William Byrd

Sing joyfully to God our strength; sing loud unto the God of Jacob! Take the song, bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp, and the viol. Blow the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and at our feast day. For this is a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.



Priest Pray, brethren,

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

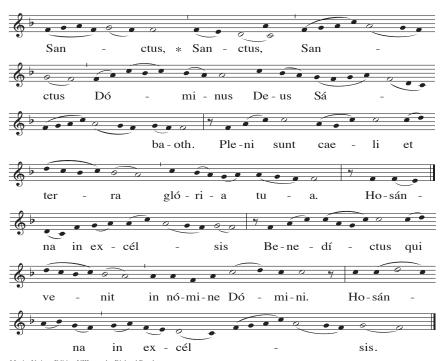
People May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface Dialogue



Sanctus



Music: Vatican Edition VIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

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.

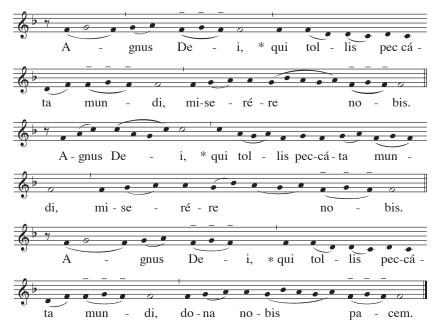
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

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.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O 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

Come, My Way

David Ashley White

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

Psalm 27 Anglican Chant; Tune: Anderson-Clarke

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell. Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid; And though was should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him. One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; To behold the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock. Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me. Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the LORD. Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face," Your face, LORD, will I seek. Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure. You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will sustain me. Show me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies. Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice. What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the LORD.

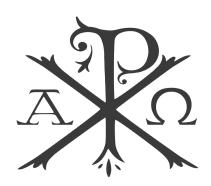


Communion Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives



Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799 Tune: DUKE STREET, LM; John Hatton, c.1710-1793





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

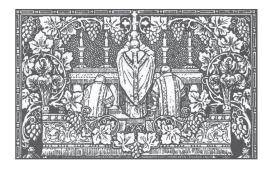
Priest May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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*.



Rest rooms are available in Sacred Heart Hall, across Miller Square from the church.

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

Page eight: Brother Max Schmalzl. Roman Missal. (Early 20th century).

Page ten: Waiapu Cathedral, Napier, New Zealand. (20th century).

Page seventeen: David in Prayer from the Ingeborg Psalter, France. (c. 1206).

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from the office of readings for the thirty-first sanday of the year

Peace is not the mere absence of war or the simple maintenance of a balance of power between forces, nor can it be imposed at the dictate of absolute power. It is called, rightly and properly, a work of justice.

It is the product of order, the order implanted in human society by its divine founder, to be realized in practice as men hunger and thirst for ever more perfect justice.

The common good of the human race is subject to the eternal law as its primary principle, but its requirements in practice keep changing with the passage of time. The result is that peace is never established finally and for ever; the building up of peace has to go on all the time. Again, the human will is weak and wounded by sin; the search for peace therefore demands from each individual constant control of the passions, and from legitimate authority untiring vigilance.

Even this is not enough. Peace here on earth cannot be maintained unless the good of the human person is safeguarded, and men are willing to trust each other and share their riches of spirit and talent. If peace is to be established it is absolutely necessary to have a firm determination to respect other persons and peoples and their dignity, and to be zealous in the practice of brotherhood. Peace is therefore the fruit also of love; love goes beyond what justice can achieve. Peace on earth, born of love for one's neighbor, is the sign and the effect of the peace of Christ that flows from God the Father. In his own person the incarnate Son, the Prince of Peace, reconciled all men to God through his death on the cross. In his human nature he destroyed hatred and restored unity to all mankind in one people and one body. Raised on high by the resurrection, he sent the Spirit of love into the hearts of men.

All Christians are thus urgently summoned to *live the truth in love*, and to join all true peacemakers in prayer and work for peace. Moved by the same spirit, we cannot but praise those who renounce violence in defense of rights, and have recourse to means of defense otherwise available to the less powerful as well, provided that this can be done without injury to the rights and obligations of others or of the community.

- From *Gaudium et Spes* (the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World of the Second Vatican Council)



from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Tuesday is our general election, and all Americans should do their civic duty and cast a ballot. But many Americans are so alienated from public life by the sorry state of our political parties that they are tempted not to vote out of disgust, arguing that no matter which candidate wins, our great Republic loses. But while we may well prefer that our nation had better options from which to choose on Tuesday, we have what we have, and a choice must still be made.

Perhaps thinking of the matter this way will help clarify the path forward: in casting your ballot, you are not simply choosing this candidate or that for one office. Instead, you are voting to show your endorsement of a political philosophy and the party which more nearly embodies the ideas you think should shape our laws.

The key to choosing wisely is to examine all political choices in the light of the Gospel and according to the norms of prudence and right reason, and then express your choice for the party and candidates advancing the ideas which inspire you. So, study the issues, evaluate all competing claims and agendas as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and then do your civic duty on Tuesday.

Taking the long view of history might also help ease concerns about what will happen on election day and over the next four years. This coming Saturday is the 1700th anniversary of the solemn dedication of the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome which is formally called the Basilica of Christ the Savior, Saint John the Baptist, and Saint John the Beloved Disciple. But given the length and complexity of that title, the basilica is customarily called Saint John Lateran because the land on which it stands was owned by the noble Laterani family.

On 9 November 324 Pope Sylvester I consecrated this magnificent church to be his seat, the location of the sacred chair symbolizing the authority of bishops to teach, sanctify, and govern the Church in the name of Jesus Christ. And since the Lateran Basilica is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome who is also pastor of the universal Church, this building is therefore called the head and mother of all the churches of the world. And one local connection of note is that Father Christopher Smith, a son of Saint Mary's Church and pastor of Prince of Peace Church, was ordained to the diaconate in the Lateran Basilica where he studied for the priesthood in the Roman Seminary.

Empires rise and fall. Nations come and go. Borders change constantly, and governments are established and replaced. But for 1700 years the glorious Lateran Basilica has borne witness to the one who is the same yesterday, today, and forever: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father Newman