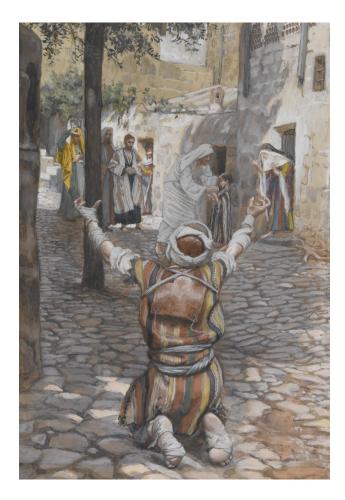
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#### Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 30.3, 4, 2

The Church's One Foundation

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

#### Entrance Hymn

1. The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord; 2 E - lect one o'er all from ev - ery na - tion, Yet the earth, 3. 'Mid toil and trib - u la - tion. And tu - mult of her war. 4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God, the Three in One. She is His new cre а tion Bv wa - ter and the word: char - ter Her of sal - va - tion, One Lord, one faith, one birth. She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for ev - er more; And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won. From heaven He came and sought her То His be ho lv bride; -Par - takes One ho - ly name she bless - es. one ho - ly food. Till with the vi sion glo - rious, Her long - ing eyes are blest, 0 ho - ly! Lord, hap - py ones and give us grace that we With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died. And one hope she press - es, With ev - ery grace dued. to en the Church And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be at rest. Like them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with Thee.

Text: Timothy T'ingfang Lew, 1891-1947, alt., © Christian Conference of Asia Tune: AURELIA, 7 6 7 6 D; Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

### 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:

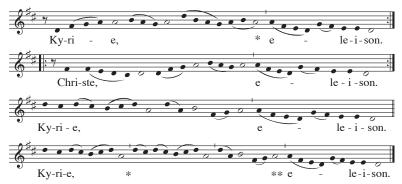
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

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



Music: Vatican Edition VIII; acc. by Richard Proulx



Gloria ••• 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. . . . . . . . . 0 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-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 - tris. Pa . . . . . . . . . • • • 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 -• • • . . . . . 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 Al - tís - si-mus, . . Je - su Chri - ste. Cum San - cto Spí - ri - tu, . . . . **--**in gló-ri-a De-i Pa tris. А men.

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

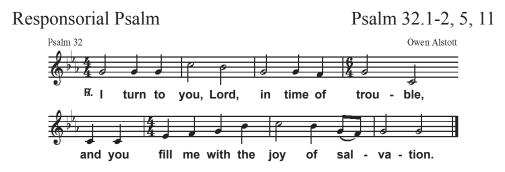
#### First Reading

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

"The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

#### People: Thanks be to God.



Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered. Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt,

in whose spirit there is no guile.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD," and you took away the guilt of my sin.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

# Leviticus 13.1-2, 44-46

1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1

Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



**Gospel Acclamation** 



A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people. *Response*.

Gospel

Mark 1.40-45

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.** 

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

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 offering is for the support of the parish and St Mary's Capital Campaign. You may donate online using the link below:* 

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#### Offertory Antiphon

Psalm 118.12, 13

Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your statutes; with my lips I have pronounced all the judgments of your mouth.

#### Offertory Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord is King



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH, 6 6 6 6 88; John Darwall, 1731-1789; Harm. from *The Hymnal 1940* 



## Offertory Anthem

#### With Cheerful Notes

Handel

With cheerful notes let all the earth to heaven their voices raise. Let all the spir'd with godly mirth sing solemn hymns with praise.

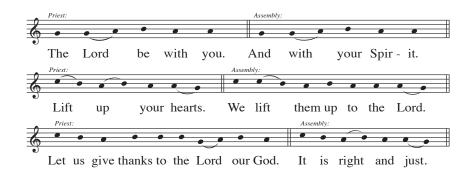


- Priest Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.
- **People** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

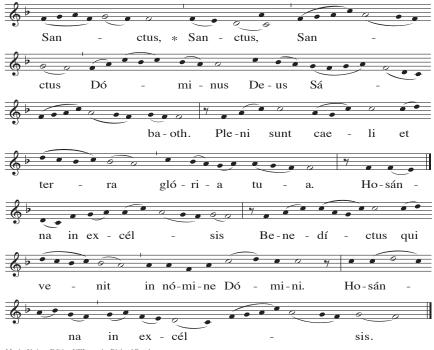
Prayer Over the Offerings

## Eucharistic Prayer

#### Preface Dialogue



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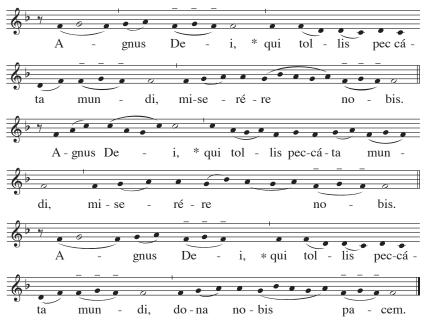
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# Communion Rite

- *Priest* At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
- PeopleOur Father, who art in heaven,<br/>hallowed be thy name;<br/>thy kingdom come,<br/>thy will be done<br/>on earth as it is in heaven.<br/>Give us this day our daily bread,<br/>and forgive us our trespasses,<br/>as we forgive those who trespass against us;<br/>and lead us not into temptation,<br/>but deliver us from evil.
- PriestDeliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,<br/>graciously grant peace in our days,<br/>that, by the help of your mercy,<br/>we may be always free from sin<br/>and safe from all distress,<br/>as we await the blessed hope<br/>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.

## **Communion Antiphon**

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.



## 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**

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

Teach Me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes. And I will keep them unto the end.

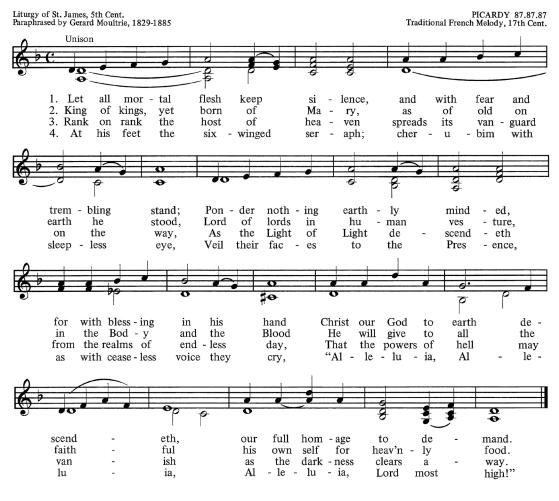
#### The Prayers I Make Text: Michaelangelo; Arr: Dieter Manfrich

The prayers I make will then be sweet indeed, if Thou the Spirit give by which I pray. My unassisted heart is barren clay, which of its native self can nothing feed. Of good and pious works Thou art the seed, which quickens where thou say'st it may. Unless Thou show us Thine own true way, no man can find it: Father! Thou must lead. Do Thou, then, breathe into my mind such virtue may be in me bred that in Thy holy footsteps I may tread; the fetters of my tongue do Thou unbind, that I may have the power to sing of Thee, and sound Thy praises everlastingly.



#### Communion Hymn

## Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence







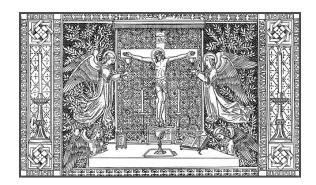
*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*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*.



Page one: Tissot. Healing of the Lepers at Capernaum. (19th century).

Page fourteen: Ugolino da Siena. The Last Supper. (1325).

Page fifteen: Stained Glass Inc. Panel #4208. (21st century).

*Page sixteen:* Benozzo Gozzoli. *Angels in Adoration*. Magi Chapel, Palazzo Medici Riccardi, Florence, Italy. (c. 1462).

## from the office of readings for the sixth subday of the year

Lord, who can comprehend even one of your words? We lose more of it than we grasp, like those who drink from a living spring. For God's word offers different facets according to the capacity of the listener, and the Lord has portrayed his message in many colors, so that whoever gazes upon it can see in it what suits him. Within it he has buried manifold treasures, so that each of us might grow rich in seeking them out.

The word of God is a tree of life that offers us blessed fruit from each of its branches. It is like that rock which was struck open in the wilderness, from which all were offered spiritual drink. As the Apostle says: *They ate spiritual food and they drank spiritual drink*.

And so whenever anyone discovers some part of the treasure, he should not think that he has exhausted God's word. Instead he should feel that this is all that he was able to find of the wealth contained in it. Nor should he say that the word is weak and sterile or look down on it simply because this portion was all that he happened to find. But precisely because he could not capture it all he should give thanks for its riches.

Be glad then that you are overwhelmed, and do not be saddened because he has overcome you. A thirsty man is happy when he is drinking, and he is not depressed because he cannot exhaust the spring. So let this spring quench your thirst, and not your thirst the spring. For if you can satisfy your thirst without exhausting the spring, then when you thirst again you can drink from it once more; but if when your thirst is sated the spring is also dried up, then your victory would turn to your own harm.

Be thankful then for what you have received, and do not be saddened at all that such an abundance still remains. What you have received and attained is your present share, while what is left will be your heritage. For what you could not take at one time because of your weakness, you will be able to grasp at another if you only persevere. So do not foolishly try to drain in one draught what cannot be consumed all at once, and do not cease out of faintheartedness from what you will be able to absorb as time goes on.

- From a commentary on the *Diatessaron* by Saint Ephrem, deacon (3rd century)

The Diatessaron is a harmony of the four Gospels, created in the 2nd century, and attributed to Tatian, a student of Justin Martyr.

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## from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 14 February, and each one of us is called by the Lord Jesus to a deeper conversion as we prepare to celebrate the Passover of the Lord at Easter. During the coming 40 Days, let us strive to live in fidelity to the promises of our Baptism which we will renew at the Easter Vigil and at all the Masses on Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection. "Are you unaware," Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome, "that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." (Romans 6.3-4).

To live the new life of Baptism requires that we first die to sin and self and learn to live for Christ, and the disciplines of Lent are meant to help us in the lifelong work of living by grace through faith in the Son of God through the means of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Here are some of the practical ways we can do that during the 40 Days:

✤ come celebrate Vespers at 5 pm on each Sunday of Lent and bring a friend.

 $\clubsuit$  give alms by placing a donation in the Poor Box at each door of the church, the gifts to which go to feed the hungry at Project Host on Academy Street.

 $\clubsuit$  go to Confession on a Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 6 pm or a Saturday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.30 pm. Go early this Lent, and do not wait until Holy Week when the lines will be long.

A attend Mass on the weekdays of Lent, at 7 am Monday through Friday.

 $\mathbf{F}$  push back from every meal before you've had enough. Through your body's hunger for food be mindful of your soul's hunger for the Lord, a hunger that is satisfied only when we give ourselves without reservation in the obedience of faith to the Gospel. And on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent abstain from meat and fast as your health and age allow.

 $\mathbf{F}$  invite a lapsed Catholic to return to the practice of the Faith by joining you at Mass or Vespers one Sunday in Lent. A gentle invitation is often the only thing needed to bring a soul back to the Lord Jesus.

 $\clubsuit$  pray the Liturgy of the Hours in whole or in part by using the app called iBreviary or the monthly publication called Magnificat.

✤ come walk the Way of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 6 pm.

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. So repent, and believe in the Gospel.

Father Newman