

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



*eighth sunday of the year
2 march 2025*

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 18.19-20

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

Entrance Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives;
2. He lives, to bless me with his love;
3. He lives, and grants me dai - ly breath;
4. He lives, all glo - ry to his name;



What joy the blest as - sur - ance gives!
He lives, to plead for me a - bove;
He lives, and I shall con - quer death;
He lives, my Sav - ior still the same;



He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my hun - gry soul to feed;
He lives, my man - sion to pre - pare;
What joy the blest as - sur - ance gives;



He lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head!
He lives, to help in time of need.
He lives, to bring me safe - ly there.
I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799
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

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.

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.
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

Sirach 27.4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 92.2-3, 13-16



It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, Most High,
To proclaim your kindness at dawn
and your faithfulness throughout the night.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,
like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.
They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall bear fruit even in old age;
vigorous and sturdy shall they be,
declaring how just is the LORD,
my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15.54-58

Brothers and sisters: When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation



Shine like lights in the world
as you hold on to the word of life. *Response.*

Gospel

Luke 6.39-45

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told his disciples a parable, “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,’ when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye.

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”

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

The offering is for the support of the parish and for the Campaign for Buildings and Grounds.

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Offertory Antiphon

Psalm 6.5

Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul; O save me for your Name's sake.

Offertory Hymn

Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684
 Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

LIEBSTER JESU 78. 78. 88
 Johann R. Ahle, 1625-1673
 Harm. by Johann S. Bach, 1685-1750



1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at Thy word
 2. Glo - rious Lord, Thy - self im - part,
 3. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



We are gath - ered all to hear Thee;
 Light of Light, from God pro - ceed - ing;
 Praise to Thee and ad - o - ra - tion!



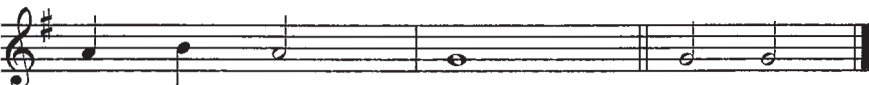
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 O - pen that Thou our ears and heart,
 Grant that we Thy Word may trust



Now to seek and love and fear Thee,
 Help us by Thy Spir - it's plead - ing;
 And ob - tain true con - so - la - tion



By Thy teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to
 Hear the cry Thy peo - ple rais - es, Hear and bless our
 While we here be - low must wan - der, Till we sing Thy



love Thee sole - ly.
 prayers and prais - es.
 prais - es you - der. A - men.

Offertory Anthem

Jubilate Deo

Orlando di Lasso

Shout to God with gladness, all creation; and serve the Lord in joy and in happy cheer. Now enter, come into His presence, in triumph and elation, for the Lord is God, God the Almighty.



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

Priest: The Lord be with you. *Assembly:* And with your Spir - it.

Priest: Lift up your hearts. *Assembly:* We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Assembly:* It is right and just.

Sanctus

San - ctus, * San - ctus, San -

ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá -

ba - oth. Ple - ni sunt cae - li et

ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho - sán -

na in ex - cé - l - sis Be - ne - dí - ctus qui

ve - nit in nó - mi - ne Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán -

na in ex - cé - l - sis.

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.**

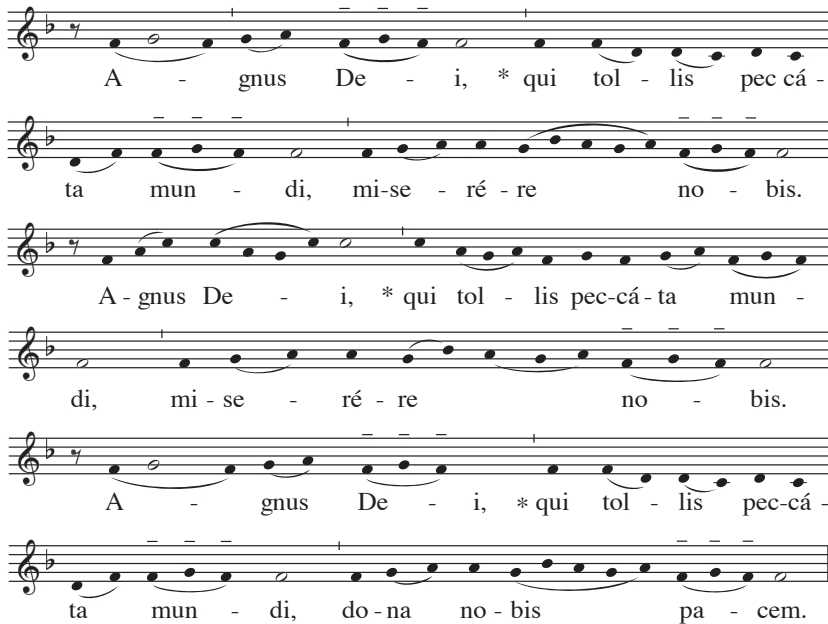
Priest Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

***People* Amen.**

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you always.

***People* And with your spirit.**

Agnus Dei



A - gnus De - i, * qui tol - lis pec cá -
ta mun - di, mi - se - ré - re no - bis.
A - gnus De - i, * qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun -
di, mi - se - ré - re no - bis.
A - gnus De - i, * qui tol - lis pec - cá -
ta mun - di, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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.**

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.



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

Tantum ergo

*Tantum ergo sacramentum
veneremur cernui,
et antiquum documentum
novo cedat ritui;
praestet fides supplementum
sensuum defectui.*

*Genitori Genitoque
laus et iubilatio,
salus, honor, virtus quoque
sit et benedictio;
procedenti ab utroque
compar sit laudatio. Amen.*

Gabriel Fauré

*Down in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred Host we hail,
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.*

*To the everlasting Father,
And the Son Who reigns on high
With the Holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from Each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might and endless majesty. Amen.*

Psalm 150

Anglican Chant; CV Stanford

O praise God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp. Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath: praise the LORD. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.



Communion Hymn

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus



1. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! His the scep - ter, His the
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of An - gels, Thou on Earth, our food_ our
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Thee the Lord of lords_ we



throne: Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umpth, His the vic - to -
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is near_ us, faith be - lieves nor
 stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to Thee from
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Ma - ry, Earth Thy foot - stool,



ry__ a - lone; Hark! the songs of peace - ful Si - on thun - der
 ques - tions how: Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him, when the
 day__ to day: In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
 heav'n Thy throne: Thou with - in_ the veil hast en - tered, Robed in



like__ a migh - ty flood; Je - sus out__ of ev - 'ry
 for - ty days__ were o'er, shall_ our hearts for - get__ His
 deem - er, plead_ for me, where the songs of all the
 flesh_ our great_ High Priest, Thou on Earth_ both Priest_ and



na - tion hath re - de-emed us by His blood.
 pro - mise, "I am with_ you ev - er - more."
 sin - less sweep a - cross_ the cry - stal sea.
 Vic - tim in the Eu - cha - ris - tic Feast.



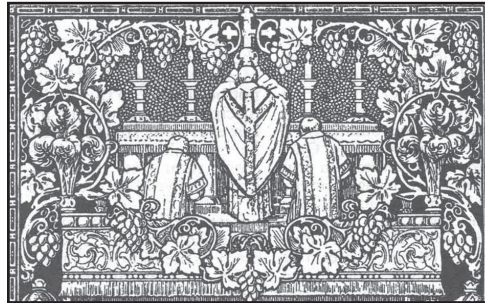
✻ CONCLUDING RITES ✻

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, smcgv1.org, and look in the section called *Parish Links* for the essay entitled *Facing East to Pray*.



Page six: Duccio. *Appearance on the Mountain in Galilee*. (c. 1309).

Page fourteen: Taddeo Crivelli. (1469).

Page fifteen: Castellani Brooch with Greek cross. (1860).

from the office of readings for the eighth sunday of the year

Some men are so guileless that they do not recognize what righteousness is. But the more they forsake the innocence of true simplicity, the more they fail to rise to moral rectitude; for in not knowing how to guide their actions by right living, they are too simple to remain innocent.

Hence Paul warns his disciples, saying: *I want you to be wise in what is good but guileless in evil.* And again, *do not be like boys in your thinking, but be like infants in evil.* Thus the Truth himself bids his disciples: *Be wise as serpents and simple as doves.* In this command he has deliberately joined the two ideas together: the serpent's cunning complements the dove's simplicity, and the dove's simplicity moderates the serpent's cunning. This is why the Holy Spirit reveals his presence to men not only as a dove but also as fire. For the dove symbolizes simplicity, and the fire, intense dedication. Thus the dove and the fire, taken together, have a special significance: whoever is filled with the Spirit becomes so dedicated to this gentle simplicity that he is also aflame with the zeal of righteousness against the faults of sinners.

A blameless and upright man is one who fears God and turns away from evil. Whoever seeks our eternal country surely lives a blameless and upright life. He is blameless in his deeds, upright in his faith; blameless in the good actions he performs here on earth, upright in the lofty ideals he perceives deep within himself. Now there are some who are not simple in this good action, for they seek not an inner reward, but outward approval. Thus the wise man rightly said: Woe to the sinner who walks the earth along two paths. The sinner indeed walks the face of the earth in two directions: externally, his actions seem to be holy, but inwardly his thoughts are worldly.

This is well said, then: He fears God and turns away from evil, because the holy Church of the elect sets out along the path of simplicity and righteousness in fear, but finishes in love. For it is the Church's task to turn completely away from evil; once she has begun by love of God, she rejects sin. If she still does good only out of fear, then inwardly she has not withdrawn from evil; for she commits sin by desiring to sin, if only she could sin without punishment.

Rightly therefore Job was said to fear God because he turned away from evil. For love is moved by fear when the mind rejects the thought of sin.

- From the *Moral Reflections on Job* by Saint Gregory the Great, pope (6th century)

from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 5 March, 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.
- ✠ 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.
- ✠ 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.
- ✠ attend Mass on the weekdays of Lent, at 7 am Monday through Friday.
- ✠ 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.
- ✠ 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.
- ✠ pray the Liturgy of the Hours in whole or in part by using the app called iBreviary or the monthly publication called Magnificat, or the booklet available from Word on Fire.
- ✠ come walk the Way of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 6 pm and stay for supper after prayer.

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

Father Newman