



ST. MARY'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH

God First. Loving Others. Making Disciples.

62 Warren Street | Glens Falls, New York 12801

Feast of the Holy Family

December 30 & 31, 2023



Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
Artist: Ambrogio Lorenzetti (1285–1348)

Welcome to St. Mary's Church...
We're glad you are here!

Welcome to Mass at St. Mary's Church

Things to know...

Bathrooms: There are two single toilet bathrooms in the church building; one in the main entrance and one in the Meeting Room (next to the front left entrance door). There is a baby changing station in the main entrance bathroom.

Welcome Desk: Located at the rear of the church, the Welcome Desk is where you can get more information about our parish, acquire a welcome packet, request Mass intentions, get information on becoming Catholic, etc. Most anything that you can do at the church office during the week, you can do at the Welcome Desk. The Welcome Desk is staffed by volunteers after every weekend Mass.

Babies / Toddlers: We love having very young children here at St. Mary's and we know that at times they can become inconsolable during Mass. If you ever feel the need to take your child away from the congregation, you are welcome to use our Meeting Room (next to the front left entrance door). The Mass is being streamed to a TV in that room. When your child is soothed, please come back and join the assembly in the church.

Faith Finders: Every Sunday, all children in pre-k through grade 4 are invited to come forward when Faith Finders are called after the opening songs and prayers. Those who wish to attend will go with the leaders to the Faith Finders room where they will have a kid friendly lesson. The children return to join their families in church in time for Communion.

Singing at St. Mary's: We are a parish who loves to sing at Mass! In this worship aid you will find the lyrics and music - please join in; St. Augustine said, ***"those who sing pray twice."***

Communion: All are welcome to join in the Communion procession during Mass. If you are not Catholic or if for any other reason receiving Communion is not right for you today, please cross your arms in front of your chest to receive a blessing instead of a host. Ultra-low gluten hosts are available by joining the priest's line. If you do not want to join the Communion procession, that is okay - please just step into the aisle so the folks sitting next to you can get out and then you can return to your seat to pray.

GATHERING SONG *(Please stand)*


HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

MENDELSSOHN

Verses



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
 2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,
 3. Righ-teous-ness! Light and life to all he brings,



1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
 2. Off-spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
 3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



1. na - tions, rise, Join the tri-umph of the skies; With an -
 2. God-head see! Hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty! Pleased as
 3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to



1. gel - ic hosts pro-claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!
 3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King."

Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING:

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

ALL: Amen

Priest: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your Spirit

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Leader: Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Leader: Christ, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

Leader: Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

GLORIA:

***Glory! Glory to God in the highest
Glory! Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace to people of good will***

***We praise You, we bless You, we adore You, we glorify You
We give You thanks for Your great glory
Lord God, Heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us***

***For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father***

***Glory! Glory to God in the highest
Glory! Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace to people of good will
Amen!***

COLLECT:

(The Celebrant Prays the collect)

ALL: Amen

(Please be seated)

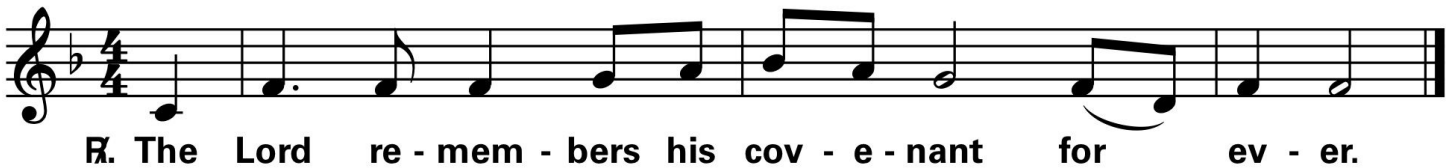
• LITURGY OF THE WORD •

(Texts for the readings are found on the back cover)

FIRST READING: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

The Word of the Lord **ALL: Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Luke 1



SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17

The Word of the Lord **ALL: Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (*Please stand*)



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GOSPEL DIALOGUE:

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord. (*Make a small cross with your thumb on your forehead, lips & heart*)

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22, 39-40

The Gospel of the Lord

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

(*Please be seated*)

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HOMILY:

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: *(Please stand)*

Nicene Creed

**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,
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.**

UNIVERSAL PRAYER:

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: *(Please be seated)*

Carol at the Manger

1. Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, Long a -
 2. Once a - gain we tell the sto - ry— How your
 3. Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, Lead us

go yet ev - er near; Come as friend to ev - 'ry
 love for us was shown, When the Im - age of your
 ev - er in your way, So we see in ev - 'ry

stran - ger, Come as hope for ev - 'ry fear. As you
 glo - ry Wore an im - age like our own. Come, en -
 stran - ger How you come to us to - day. In our

lived to heal the bro - ken, Greet the
 light - en with your wis - dom, Come, and
 lives and in our liv - ing Give us

out - cast, free the bound, As you taught us love un -
 fill us with your grace, May the fire of your com -
 strength to live as you, That our hearts might be for -

spo - ken, Teach us now where you are found.
 pas - sion Kin - dle ev - 'ry land and race.
 giv - ing And our spir - its strong and true.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950
 Tune: JOYOUS LIGHT, 8 7 8 7 D; Marty Haugen, b.1950
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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS: *(Please stand)*

Priest: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

ALL: 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.

PREFACE DIALOGUE:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: And with your spirit.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

ALL: It is right and just.

SANCTUS:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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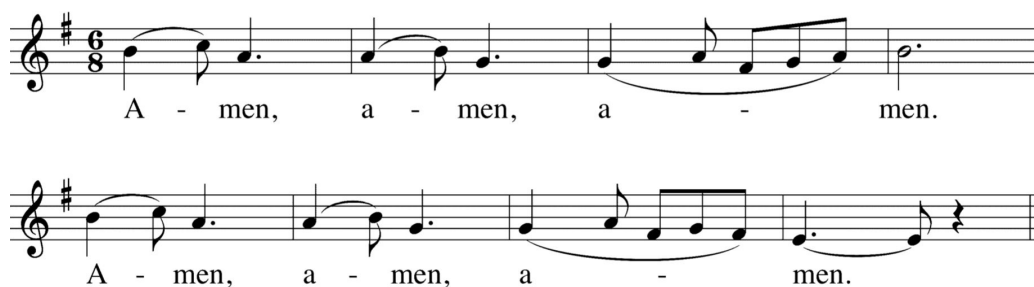
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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: *(Please kneel, if able, or be seated)*

MYSTERY OF FAITH

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro - claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN



THE LORD'S PRAYER: *(Please stand)*

**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.*

For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

SIGN OF PEACE

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

ALL: And with your spirit.

FRACTION RITE

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Cantor: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us. All: Have mer - cy on us.

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Cantor: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:
grant us peace. All: Grant us peace.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(Please kneel, if able, or be seated)*

*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.*

**ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness shine on my path, And
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, We

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934, © 1970, 1975, Celebration
 Tune: HOUSTON, 10 7 10 8 9 9 10 7; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934, © 1970, 1975, Celebration; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942

(Please stand)

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

May Almighty God bless you...

ALL: Amen.

Go forth...the Mass is ended.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN


GO TELL IT

Refrain




Go, tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry -
where; Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born.

Verses



1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When high a - bove the earth
3. And lo, when they had heard it, They all bowed down and prayed;
4. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,



to Refrain

1. Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.
2. Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
3. They trav - eled on to - geth - er To where the Babe was laid.
4. And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; fr. *American Negro Songs and Spirituals*, 1940; John W. Work, Jr., 1872–1925, alt.
Music: Spiritual.

READINGS:

Reading I

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins —a house raised in justice to you.

Reading II

Colossians 3:12-17

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel

Luke 2:22, 39-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Giving as an act of worship has never been easier at St. Mary's Church.



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