St. Mary's Episcopal Church 165 Ponquogue Ave. Hampton Bays, NY 11946 Third Sunday after Epiphany January 26, 2025 Holy Eucharist (Annual Meeting)



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Sundays 9am

Service: Holy Eucharist

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm Service: Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 9am

Service: Holy Eucharist & Anointing

Holy Days as announced

Additional Events and ministry activities will be posted on our Website and Facebook Page Wardens
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Processional Hymn Hymnal 561 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus 1 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus, ve sold - iers of the cross; 2 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bev; 3 Stand stand up, for Je - sus; stand in this strength a lone; up, 4 Stand stand up, for Je - sus: the strife will not long: lift high his loss: roy - al ban-ner, it must not suf - fer forth the might - y con-flict in this his glo-rious day: to of flesh will the arm fail you, ye dare not trust your own: this bat - tle; the day, the noise of next, the vic - tor's vic - tory his from vic - tory un - to ar - my shall he lead, ye that are his now serve him a - gainst un - num-bered foes; put Gos - pel ar - mor, and watch-ing un - to prayer, To val - iant hearts tri - um-phant, a crown of life shall be; till ev - ery foe van-quished and Christ is Lord in - deed. is let cour-age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose. when du - ty calls, or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there. they with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Priest Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit People And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Priest says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise



Collect of the Day

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

First Reading *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

Reader: A Reading from the book of the Nehemiah

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

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

Psalm 19

Reader: Let us read psalm 19, as found in the bulletin, responsively, beginning at full verse

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

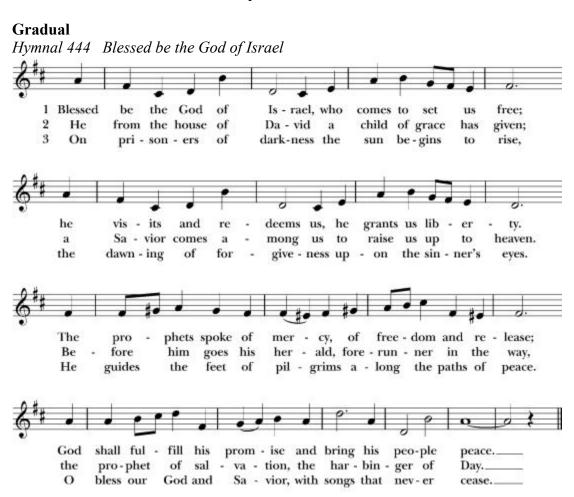
Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be?

If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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



Holy Gospel Luke 4:14-21(All stand)

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon Father Justin Falciani

The Nicene Creed
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

We pray for the earth and for all people: (Silence)

O God, the creator and preserver of all, we pray for all people and especially those in any kind of need through famine, war, or natural disaster. Make your ways known upon earth, O God, your saving power among all peoples. Help us to lighten their burden and to seek justice and peace for all.

God of love

grant our prayer.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for All Saints', Richmond Hill.

God of love

grant our prayer.

We pray for the Church throughout the world: (Silence)

Guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that all who call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in holiness of life. Strengthen Sean our Presiding Bishop, Lawerence our Bishop, Daniel, William and Geralyn assisting bishops, Justin our priest, for all bishops and other ministries and all your church in the service of Christ that we maybe witnesses to your compassion.

God of love

grant our prayer.

We pray for those who are suffering: (Silence)

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bless those who care for them. We remember those who have died in Christ, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. For those on our Parish Prayer List: Teddy, Kelly, Kenn, Sandy, Kenzie, Priscila, Bonnie and Ron, Joyce, Harper, Richie and Susan, Peg, Jon, Patty and Kerry, Christopher, Elaine & Craig, Susie & Ken, Ryan, Torre, and Betty, you are invited to add your own petitions

God of love

grant our prayer.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries: (Silence)

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors; that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

God of love

grant our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints, we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love. Accept these prayers we pray in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen**

The Exchange of Peace

All stand.

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

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace

Offertory Anthem

The Gift of Love arranged by Hal Hopson Sung by choir

Doxology Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The people remain standing.

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

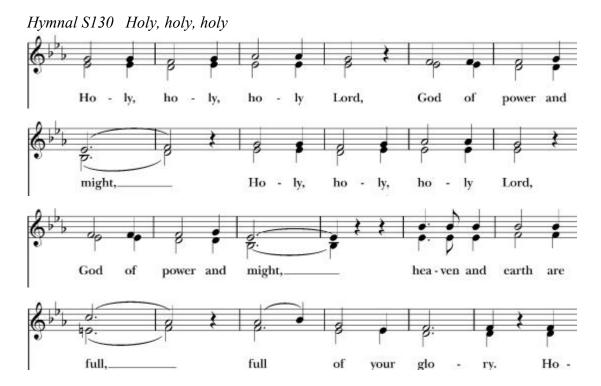
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

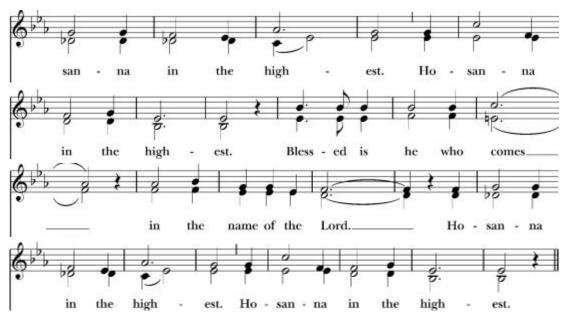
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: *Celebrant and People*





The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with The Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we sing,

The Lord's Prayer (Blue Praise Book, page 123)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Let us not be tempted, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever, Amen, Alleluia, Yes-Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

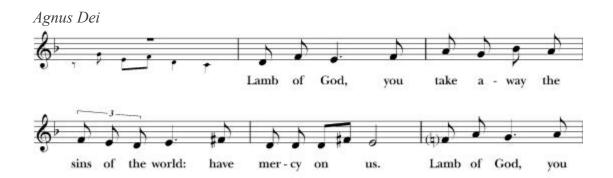
The Breaking of the Bread

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The Holy Eucharist

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover



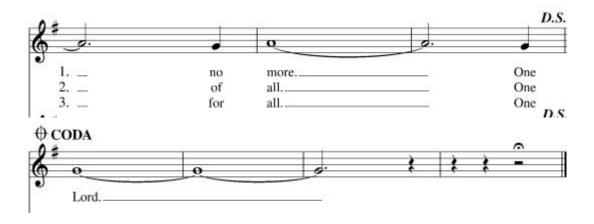




Communion Hymn

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Post Communion Prayer Priest and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Final Blessing

Recessional



Announcements

The Commissioning of certain Ministries

1. Acolytes: John and Holly Anderson, Ashlyn and Austin Copt, Sydney and Stephen Distenfeld, Joseph Lucas, Henry McKay

Presenter I present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Acolyte in this congregation

Priest says Let us pray (silence)

O God, our gracious Father: Bless the acolytes of your Church that they may so serve before your earthly altar in reverence and holiness, that they may attain, with all you saints and angels, the joy of serving you and worshipping you before your Heavenly Altar; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Acolytes in this Parish

2. Altar Guild

Presenter I present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of the Altar Guild in this congregation

Priest says Let us pray (silence)

O God, you accepted the service of Levities in you temple, and your Son was pleased to accept the loving service of his friends: Bless the ministry of these persons and give them grace, that they, caring for the vessels and vestments of your worship and the adornment of your sanctuary, may make the place of your presence glorious; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as members of the Altar Guild in this Parish

3. Lay Eucharistic Ministers Irene Blydenburgh, Craig Curry, Elaine Curry, Doris Fernandez, Janet Hanks, Deborah Heckert, John Hilbert, Nancy Hilbert, Freddie Hughes, George Hughes, Deborah Krauss, Carol Mitchell, John Mitchell, Kevin Sullivan, Jennie Steward, Timothy Rumph

Presenter I present to you these persons have been chosen to administer the Holy Eucharist in this congregation.

Priest says Let us pray (silence)

Grant, Almighty God, that those who minister the Bread of Life and cup of blessing may live in love and holiness according to your commandment, and that

the last come to the joy of your heavenly feast with all your saints in light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you to administer the Holy Eucharist in this Parish.

4. Lay Reader Dorothy Berglin, Irene Blydenburgh, Richard Brown, Mary Castro, Craig Curry, Elaine Curry, Doris Fernandez, Brad Hanks, Janet Hanks, Deborah Heckert, James Hilbert, John Hilbert, Nancy Hilbert, Freddie Hughes, George Hughes, Deborah Krauss, Karen Lucas, Kathy Luce, Carol Mitchell, John Mitchell, Alfred Sparrow, Betty Sparrow, Jennie Steward, Kevin Sullivan, Susan Rumph, Timothy Rumph

Presenter I present to you these persons for the ministry of Lay Reader in this congregation.

Priest says Let us pray (silence)

Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O Lord, to be Lay Readers in your Church; and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that seeking your glory and the salvation of souls, they may minister your Word with steadfast devotion, and by the constancy of their faith and the innocency of their lives may adorn in all things the doctrine of Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns of ever and ever. *Amen*.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Lay Reader in this Parish

5. Singers Irene Blydenburgh, Richard Brown, Mary Castro, Fred Coulton, Virginia Garbowski, Deborah Heckert, Kathy Luce, John Mitchell, Paul Parash, Susan Rumph

Presenter I present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Choir in this congregation.

Priest says Let us pray (silence)

O God, who inspired David the King both to write songs and to appoint singers for your worship: Give grace to the singers in your Church, that with psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, they may sing and make music to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you to the choir ministry in this Parish

NON-FOOD DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR ST. ROSALIE'S COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, deodorant, cleaning wipes, toothpaste, floss, toothbrushes (adult and child), feminine hygiene products, laundry detergent, personal soap bars, hand sanitizer, and more!

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Monthly meetings will take place the fourth Tuesday of every month <u>at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.</u>
Next meeting: Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Altar Guild Meeting

There will be an Altar Guild meeting on Saturday February 1, 2025 at 10:00am

Daughters of the King

No meeting for December, next meeting will be on February 4, 2025, at <u>6:30 PM- 8:00 PM in the Fireside</u> Room. Book study: Fierce Women of the Bible who Changed the World by Jennifer Cowart.

SILENT PRAYER

Join us for silent prayer every Wednesday morning from 10:00-10:30am and on Thursday evenings from 7:00pm-7:30pm in the fireside room!

Teddy Bear Ministry

Every Thursday at 10:00 AM, we invite you to join us as we craft teddy bears that will be donated to the ambulance department, ensuring that sick children receive a soft hug during challenging times!

Poinsettia Pickup!

Anyone who contributed this past December for poinsettias are more than welcome to pick one up on Sunday after the service to take home!