

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Catholic Parish

Oakwood Memorial Park • 22607 Lassen Street
Chatsworth, California 91311 (747) 755-8498

<http://www.stmaryanglican.org>

The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch, Rector
The Rev. Deacon John Yeager, Assisting

The Fourth Sunday after Easter

3 May 2026

Low Mass

Processional

Alleluia

Hymn 281

Samuel S. Wesley



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor-tals join the might-y cho - rus, Which the morn - ing starts be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, Prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise:
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther - love is reign - ing o'er us, Bro - ther - love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther, All who live in love are thine;
Ev - er sing - ing march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day. A - men.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in thee.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
Joy - ful mu - sic lifts us — sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

Henry Van Dyke, 1907

Collect for Purity

BCP 67

Introit

The Decalogue (*may be said here*)

68

Deacon: GOD spake these words, and said:

I am the LORD thy God; Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Deacon: Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them;

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Deacon: Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Deacon: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Deacon: Honour thy father and thy mother;

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Deacon: Thou shalt do no murder.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Deacon: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Deacon: Thou shalt not steal.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Deacon: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Deacon: Thou shalt not covet.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Summary of the Law

69

Kyrie Eleison

70

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.
 People: Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

84

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday after the Easter

174

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Psalm 121

Levavi oculos

BCP 502

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills; * from whence cometh my help?

² My help cometh even from the LORD, * who hath made heaven and earth.

³ He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; * and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

⁴ Behold, he that keepeth Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The LORD himself is thy keeper; * the LORD is thy defence upon thy right hand;

⁶ So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, * neither the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil; * yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

⁸ The LORD shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, * from this time forth for evermore.

Celebrant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

The Epistle

St. James 1:17-21

174

DEARLY beloved: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Alleluia

The Gospel

St. John 16:5-15

175

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

JESUS said unto his disciples, Now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall

shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

71

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Announcements

Sermon Hymn

Hymn 376

Down Ampney

R. Vaughan Williams, 1906



1. Come down, O Love di - vine, Seek thou this soul__ of
2. O let it free - ly burn, Till earth - ly pas - sions
3. And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul__ will



mine, And vis - it it with thine own ar - dor__ glow - ing;
turn To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
long, Shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near, With - in my heart ap - pear,
And let thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
For none can guess its grace, Till he be - come the place



And kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
Where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes his dwell - ing. A - men.

Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; Tr. R. F. Littledale, 1867

Offertory Verse and Sentences

Offertory Hymn

Hymn 296

England's Lane

Traditional English Melody



1. For the ___ beau - ty of the earth, For the beau - ty of the skies,
 2. For the ___ beau - ty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
 3. For the ___ joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de - light,
 4. For the ___ joy of hu - man love, Bro - ther, sis - ter, pa - rent, child,
 5. For each ___ per - fect gift of thine To our race so free - ly giv'n,



For the love which from our birth O - ver and ___ a - round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
 For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link - ing sense to sound and sight,
 Friends on ___ earth, and friends a - bove, For all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 Gra - ces hu - man and di - vine, Flowers of earth and buds of heav'n,



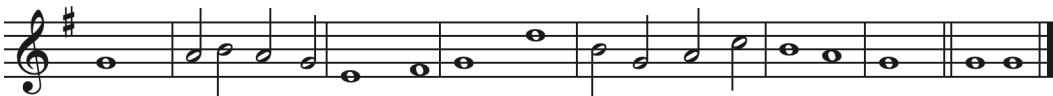
Lord of ___ all, to thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise. Amen.

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864

Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;



Praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

Orate, Fratres

Celebrant: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church. Amen.

Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

74

General Confession

75

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking

most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words 76

Sursum Corda 76

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People: It is meet and right so to do.

Preface 79

Sanctus and Benedictus 77

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer 82

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer of Humble Access 82

Communion of the Faithful

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.
People: (3x) Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

For those attending in person, we have resumed the custom of kneeling or standing at the Altar Rail to Receive. Here are the various Ways of Receiving:

- 1. Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue.
Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.*
- 2. Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.*
- 3. You may receive only the Host of itself, either in your hands or on your tongue. Our Lord is equally present in either Form.*

As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you are currently suffering from a cold or other communicable illness, please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.

For those attending remotely: Please take a moment of silence to realize the presence of Jesus Christ in your soul and make your spiritual communion.

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood have been offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Hymn 199 & 200, 2nd Tune

St. Thomas

John Francis Wade



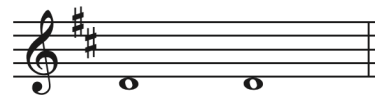
1. Now, my tongue, the mys - try tell - ing Of the glo - rious Bo - dy sing,
 2. Giv'n for us, and con - de - scend - ing To be born for us be - low,
 3. That last night at sup - per ly - ing Mid the twelve, hi cho - sen band,
 4. Word - made - flesh, true bread he mak - eth By his word his Flesh to be,
 5. There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, This great Sa - cra - ment re - vere;
 6. Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing To the Fa - ther and the Son,



And the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing, Which the Gen - tles' Lord and King,
 He with men in con - verse blend - ing Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,
 Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing, Keeps the feast its rites de - mand;
 Wine his Blood; when man par - tak - eth, Though his sen - ses fail to see,
 Types and sha - dows have their end - ing, For the new - er rite is here;
 Ho - nor, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing, While e - ter - nal a - ges run;



Once on earth a - mong us dwell - ing, Shed for this world's ran - som - ing.
 Till he closed with won - drous end - ing His most pa - tient life of woe.
 Then, more pre - cious food sup - ply - ing, Gives him - self with his own hand.
 Faith a - lone, when sight for - sak - eth, Shows true hearts the my - ste - ry.
 Faith, our out - ward sense be - friend - ing, Makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.
 Ev - er too his love con - fess - ing Who from both with both is One.



A - men.

St. Thomas Aquinas, 1263

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy

Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Communion Verse and Post-Communion Prayers

Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, this night and evermore. *Amen.*

Retiring Processional:

Hymn 564

Lyons

arr. 1822, from J. Michael Haydn



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5. "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



Is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 The riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;



What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 For I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 That soul, though all hell shall en - dea - vor to shake,



To you that for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?
 Up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll ne - ver, no, ne - ver, no, ne - ver for - sake.

K. in John Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

Announcements

| | |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Celebrant | The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch |
| Assisting | The Reverend Deacon John Yeager |
| Epistoler | Robert Jones |
| Lector | Ken Kubo, Candidate to the Diaconate |
| Acolytes | Tony Shehata, Evan Sears |
| Altar Guild | Beth Kubo |
| Zoom Wrangler | Landon Melamed |

The Midweek Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at 10 am unless otherwise notified (St. John Before the Latin Gate).

TODAY's MASS will be jointly conducted by Deacon Yeager and the Bishop. The Deacon will officiate up to the Sermon. The Bishop will preach the Sermon (rest for a moment after) and will then resume with the Offertory and Canon, and completion of the Mass.

The Bishop wishes to thank you for your continued prayers for his timely and full recovery.

The Vestry will meet next Sunday following the Coffee Fellowship.