

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

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 St. Nicholas, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

At this time, Sunday School Children will return to the church.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All: 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Prayer for those joining on-line

All In Union, O Lord with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come. Amen.

Directions for receiving Communion

Approach the altar by the center aisle. Take a paper cup if you do not want to use the common cup and make a semi-circle. Receive a piece of bread to eat and offer your cup for the wine -OR- drink from the common cup. If you want only a blessing, cross

your arms over your chest. If you desire a gluten free wafer hold up 2 fingers. Wait until the Celebrant says, "Go in peace." to return to your seats.

Communion Hymn: H-593 | *Lord, make us servants of your peace*

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray. ***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 Announcements

“Souper” Bowl Sunday is today! Thanks to all who donated cans of soup. They will be distributed to charities associated with St. Nicholas!

Sunday, February 15 Please join us for the annual pancake lunch after the service!

February 18 – Ash Wednesday As in previous years, St. Nick’s will share the Ash Wednesday service with congregations along Route 28. Service details are as follows: Ash Wednesday Service | February 18 @ 7:30 PM | Darnestown Presbyterian’s Sanctuary. **Street address: 15120 Turkey Foot Rd Darnestown, MD 20878-3960**

The imposition of ashes will be optional for those who attend. All are welcome. Deacon Dawn will be representing St. Nick’s. There will be no “Ashes to Go” offered this year. You are also welcome to join our neighbors in Poolesville at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church 20100 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville, MD 20837 for an **Ash Wednesday Liturgy Wednesday, February 18 | 7:00 PM.** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent—a holy time of prayer, repentance, and self-examination. We invite you to join us for a solemn liturgy with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist. This service offers a sacred opportunity to remember our mortality, to turn again toward God’s mercy, and to begin the Lenten journey together as a community of faith. All are welcome.

A Mercedes Brant, Director of Community Engagement at Stepping Stones Shelter be our guest on February 22. We will learn more about the services they provide and how St. Nicks can continue to be in partnership with them.

The Blessing

Celebrant May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: H-594 | *God of grace and God of glory*

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth to become a beloved community of God’s grace where all belong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: ***Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!***



Processional Hymn: H-372 | *Praise to the living God!*

Welcome & Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever, Amen.***

Song of Praise: H-48 | *O day of radiant gladness (verse 3 only)*
***This day, God's people meeting, his Holy Scripture hear;
his living presence greeting, through Bread and Wine made near.
We journey on, believing, renewed with heavenly might,
from grace more grace receiving on this blest day of light.***

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you.***
Celebrant: Let us pray together. *(A moment of Silence)*

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

At this time, Sunday School Children will meet our Sunday School Team at the back of the church to walk together to the Roberta Miller Learning Cottage. They will learn about prayer and liturgy until we complete the Eucharistic Prayer. They will then rejoin us in the Lord's Prayer and remain until the end of the service.

Sunday School Song

***Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world; Stranger, friend,
and neighbor too, He loves them as he loves you. Jesus loves the little children of the world.***

The First Lesson

Reader: A Reading from the prophet **Isaiah 58:1-9a**
Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in

sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112:1-9

Prayed responsively by whole verse

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

The Second Lesson

Reader: A Reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians **2:1-12, [13-16]**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny. “For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: H-601 | O day of God, draw nigh

The Holy Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint **Matthew 5:13-20**

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord!

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon – The Rev. Anne Weatherholt, Supply Priest

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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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, Form III

In faith let us pray to God, responding with the words in italics.

Deacon: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

We pause for silent prayer as we recall our sins and failures

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

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

All: ***And also with you.***

The Offertory

We remember Christ’s offering & offer ourselves in return.

Presentation of the Offering

- 1. O God of planet, moon, and sun, we wonder, knowing all you’ve done, that you befriend the human race, and fill our lives with love and grace.***
- 2. For miracles as large as space, as small as cells, as deep as grace, we offer you our thanks and praise, and pledge to serve you all our days.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift 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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For 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:

Sanctus: S-125 | Holy, holy, holy Lord

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.