

A sunset over the ocean with rays of light breaking through the clouds. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The sun is partially obscured by a layer of dark, silhouetted clouds. The ocean is visible in the foreground, and a dark landmass is on the right side.

Welcome to St. Mary's Church

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Good morning and welcome to everyone who has joined St Mary's online worship this morning. It's great to be here and to have you all here as we praise and worship our awesome God.

A breathtaking landscape photograph capturing a sunset over a mountain range. The sun is positioned centrally on the horizon, casting a brilliant golden glow across the sky, which transitions into soft pinks and purples. The mountains in the distance are layered and hazy, creating a sense of depth. In the foreground, a lush meadow is filled with vibrant blue and purple flowers, interspersed with green grass and some brownish shrubs. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

Awesome!

- Let's pray together:
- Heavenly Father, we are here to worship you, our incomparable God, to hear your Word and to grow in our faith. Bless our worship with the presence of your Holy Spirit and give us a greater insight into who you really are. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Let's sing together:

Wonderful, merciful Saviour

Click on this link - <https://youtu.be/dI389oZ7rWg>

As we realise again how holy our God is, let us ask for his forgiveness for things we have recently done to grieve him:

- Forgive us, Lord, when we hurt others because we have not thought through the effect of our actions or words. Forgive us when we say “yes” because we want to impress, or said “no” because we want to be difficult. Forgive us when we do not honour you as we should because we fail to appreciate your holiness and majesty. Guide our hearts that we may be a blessing to others and through it may glorify your holy name. Amen

Incomparable!



Let's confirm our faith as we sing:

- We believe, Apostle's creed
- Click on this link - <https://youtu.be/vZqX13gEbCM>

Powerful!



Reading 1: Isaiah 40:18 & 19, 21-31

To whom can God be compared? How can you describe what he is like? He is not like an idol that workmen make, that metalworkers cover with gold and set in a base of silver.

Do you not know? Were you not told long ago? Have you not heard how the world began? It was made by the one who sits on his throne above the earth and beyond the sky; the people below look as tiny as ants. He stretched out the sky like a curtain. Like a tent in which to live. He brings down powerful rulers and reduces them to nothing. They are like young plants, just set out and barely rooted. When the Lord sends a wind, they dry up and blow away like straw.

To whom can the holy God be compared? Is there anyone else like him? Look up at the sky! Who created the stars you see? The one who leads them out like an army, he knows how many there are and calls each one by name! His power is so great – not one of them is ever missing! Israel, why then do you complain that the Lord doesn't know your troubles or care if you suffer injustice?

Don't you know? Haven't you heard? The Lord is the everlasting God; he created all the world. He never grows tired or weary. No one understands his thoughts. He strengthens those who are weak and tired. Even those who are young grow weak; young people can fall exhausted. But those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak.

Majestic!



A sunset sky with many birds flying in silhouette. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and red near the horizon. Numerous birds are scattered across the sky, their dark silhouettes contrasting against the colorful background.

Talk

[Click on this link to
watch Sue's Talk](#)

Let's sing together:

- Indescribable, uncontainable

Click on this link - <https://youtu.be/5IIVfkY5q54>

That song reminds me of the poem by S.M. Lockridge –
That's my King!

Here is an excerpt:

His office is manifold.

His promise is sure.

His light is matchless.

His goodness is limitless.

His mercy is everlasting.

His love never changes.

His Word is enough.

His grace is sufficient.

His reign is righteous.

And His yoke is easy, and His burden is light.

Follow this link to read the full poem - https://youtu.be/VwQqQkdn_5Q

You may also like to look at the Youtube video
Frances sent me this morning:

<https://youtu.be/zl-hXiXa8QU>

Reading 2: Psalm 147:1-11 & 20c

Praise the Lord!

It is good to sing praise to our God;

it is pleasant and right to praise him

The Lord is restoring Jerusalem;

he is bringing back the exiles.

He heals the broken-hearted

and bandages their wounds.

He has decided the number of stars
and calls each one by name.

Great and mighty is our Lord;
his wisdom cannot be measured.

He raises the humble,
but crushes the wicked to the ground

Sing hymns of praise to the Lord;
 play music on the harp to our God.
He spreads clouds over the sky;
He provides rain for the earth and makes grass
grow on the hills
He gives animals their food
And feeds the young ravens when they call.

His pleasure is not in strong horses.

nor his delight in brave soldiers;

But he takes pleasure in those who honour him,
in those who trust in his constant love.

Praise the LORD!

Faithful!



Psalm 147 said: “Praise the LORD!” so let’s do just that by singing together:

- Great is the LORD and worthy of praise.
- Click on this link - <https://youtu.be/BW-A9i74nU8>

Let's pray together:

- Lord, your Word tells us how great and mighty you are. Help us to praise you in all that we think, all that we sing, all that we say and all that we do. Amen

Intercessions

[Click on this link](#)

Let's sing together as we continue to praise God:

- God of glory, we exalt your name

Click on this link - <https://youtu.be/dI389oZ7rWg>

Let's say together our closing prayer:

Heavenly Father, pour out your Spirit on us. Transform us as we seek to follow you. Give us compassion for those in need. Help us to become more and more the community of believers you want us to be. Fill your Church with Christ and may he be glorified in everything we do and say.

Amen

We say together:

Lord, in worship, we catch a shining glimpse of all that you are and we are transformed. Lord we thank you.

Be with us, Lord, as we live our life of faith, enriched by our glimpses of your glory. Lord we praise you.

Keep us close to you and help us to make you known through our everyday lives. Lord we bless you.

We go in the peace of Christ. Incomparable God, we go in your name.

Amen

Let's listen to The Blessing in Hebrew

Ha Bracha – Click on the link- <https://youtu.be/kzqrWae5IK4>

The translation is on the next slides!

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you,
make his face shine upon you and be gracious toward you and
give you peace.

Amen x 6

The Lord bless you and keep you,
make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you The Lord
turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Amen x6

May his favour be upon you and a thousand generations
And your family and your children and their children and their
children.

Repeat

May his presence go before you and behind you and beside you
All around you and within you. He is with you, he is with you.
In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing,
He is for you, He is for you x 4

Amen x 6