

ST. MARY'S Episcopal Church

October 6, 2024

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10AM

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MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

The ministers of St. Mary's are all the people.

Preacher: Al Alvarez

Celebrant: The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gómez, Associate Rector

Gospel Reader: The Rev. Michael Burke, Rector

Readers: Charlene Davis and Sara Stoops

Voice of the People: Al Alvarez

Prayers of the People: Thad Hunter

Musicians: Praise Singers

Media Specialists: Seth Eggleston, Timothy Baker, and Will Weaver

Donuts: Sarah Stanley

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

GATHERING MUSIC • *Various selections from the Liturgical Music* • Praise Singers

GATHERING MUSIC • *Oh My Loving Mother* • Traditional

[LEADER] *Oh my loving mother, (father, neighbor, etc.)*

[ALL] *Don't you want to go to heaven?*

And use God's bosom

For to be your pillow?

Hide me over in the rock of ages.

Rock of Ages cleft for me.

[CHORUS]

Yes, I want to go to heaven,

When the world's on fire.

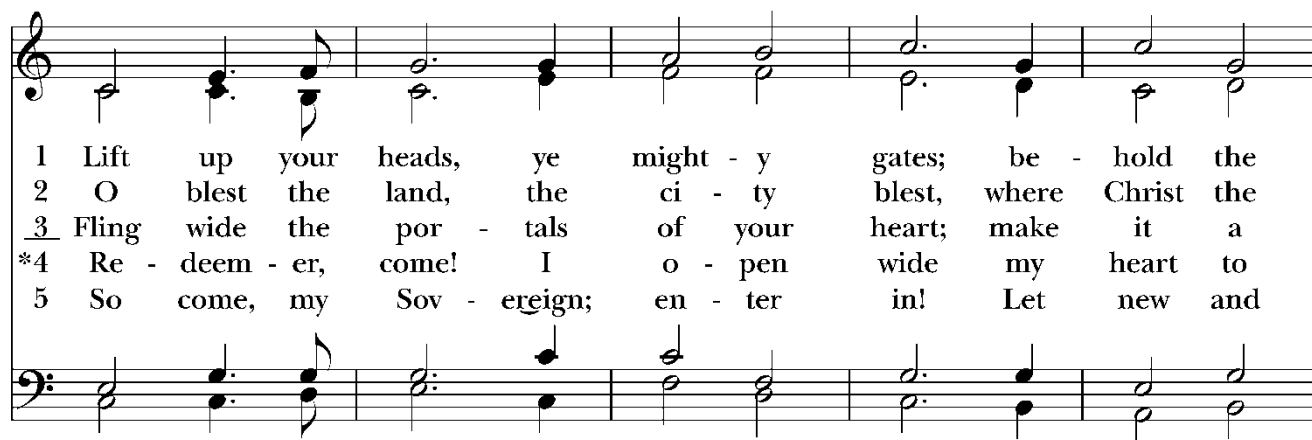
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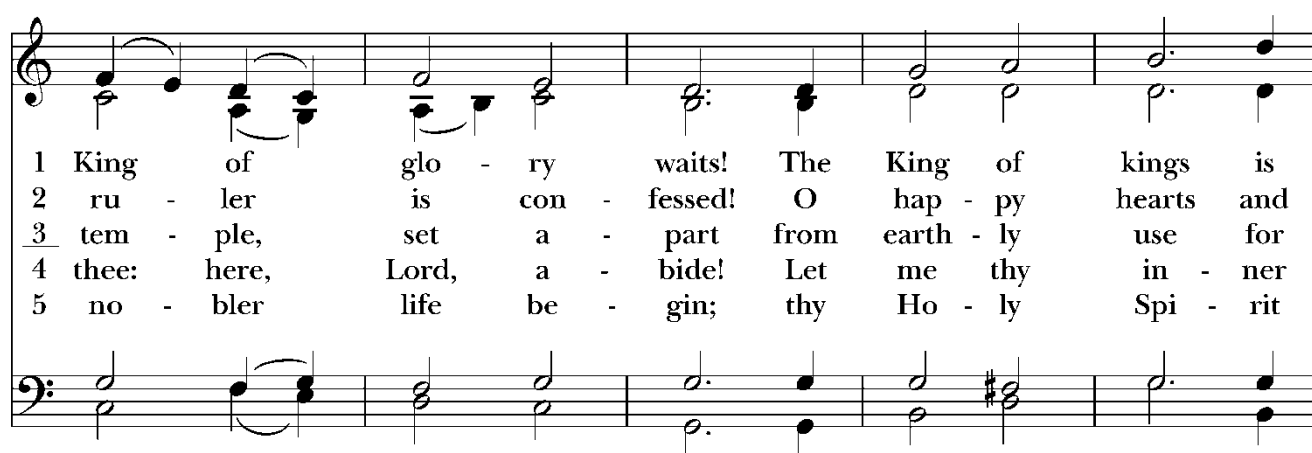
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WELCOME • The Rev. Michael Burke

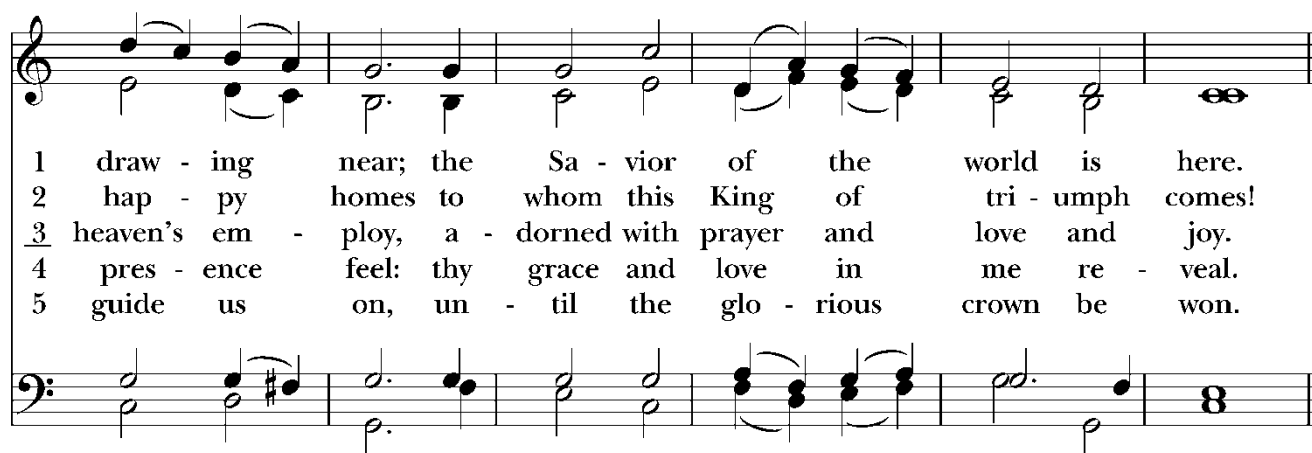
*OPENING HYMN • *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* • Hymnal #436, v. 1, 3, 4



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 *4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and



1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit



1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

*OPENING SENTENCES

Priest Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People *Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.*

Priest 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 Savior. *Amen.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Priest God be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Priest Let us pray.

Priest Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

FIRST READING • Genesis 2:18-24

Reader A Reading from Genesis.

The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 8

ANTIPHON


O God, our sov- reign, how great is your name in all the earth.

O God our sovereign,
 how exalted is your Name in all the Earth!
 Out of the mouths of infants and children
 your majesty is praised above the heavens.
 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
 to quell the enemy and the avenger.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
 What is humanity that you should be mindful of them?
 the children of humanity that you should seek them out?
 You have made humanity little lower than the angels;
 you adorn them with glory and honor;
 You give them mastery over the works of your hands;
 you put all things under their feet:
 All sheep and oxen,
 even the wild beasts of the field,
 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
 and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
 O God our sovereign,
 how great is your Name in all the Earth!

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

SECOND READING • Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Reader A Reading from Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

*GOSPEL HYMN • Jesus Loves • CH Woolston, Anna Warner, and William Bradbury

F F B \flat G7 C

Je - sus loves the lit - tle child - ren, all the child-ren of the world; Red and

F B \flat F B \flat B \dim C F F7

yel-low, black and white, they are prec-ious in His sight, Je-sus loves the lit-tle child-ren of the world.

B \flat F B \flat E \flat B \flat E \flat B \flat

Je - sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
Je - sus loves me, he who died, Hea - ven's gate to o - pen wide;

B \flat F B \flat E \flat E \dim B \flat B \flat /f F B \flat

lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak but He is strong.
He will wash a way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.

B \flat E \flat B \flat C7 B \flat /f F

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

B \flat B \flat 7 E \flat C7 B \flat G \flat C \flat F7 $\overset{1.}{B\flat}$ $\overset{2.}{B\flat}$ C7

Yes, Je - sus loves me! for the Bi - ble tells me so so.

F F B \flat G7 C

Je - sus loves the lit - tle child - ren, all the child-ren of the world; Red and

F B \flat F B \flat B \dim C F

yel-low, black and white, they are prec-ious in His sight, Je-sus loves the lit-tle child-ren of the world.

***GOSPEL • Mark 10:2-16**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Priest Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.


People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

SERMON • Al Alvarez


*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH




1. We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all
 2. We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and
 3. We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the



things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens,
 cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied—
 saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly,



Keep - er of the sky and sea. We be - lieve in
 True Life there had tru - ly died. We be - lieve that
 where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's



God's son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it
 on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed
 res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's



and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
 to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
 ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael Curry our Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe our Bishop Elect, *Mark* our

Bishop; and all bishops and ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions, aloud or via chat boxes

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings, aloud or via chat boxes

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions, aloud or via chat boxes

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Silence may be kept.

A Priest says

Together, praying,

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

*we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.*

*We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.*

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

*For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

A Priest says

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**

Priest The peace of Christ be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Then the People may greet one another in the name of God.

SERVICE OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING

Offerings toward the work and ministry of St. Mary's may be made by texting StMarysAK to 73256, at GodsView.org, or by using this QR code:



OFFERTORY HYMN • Mercy Now • Solo by Lana Ramos • Written by Mary Gauthier

*My father could use a little mercy now
The fruits of his labor
Fall and rot slowly on the ground
His work is almost over
It won't be long and he won't be around
I love my father, and he could use some mercy now*

*My brother could use a little mercy now
He's a stranger to freedom
He's shackled to his fears and doubts
The pain that he lives in is
Almost more than living will allow
I love my brother, and he could use some mercy now*

*My Church and my Country could use a little mercy now
As they sink into a poisoned pit
That's going to take forever to climb out
They carry the weight of the faithful
Who follow 'em down
I love my Church and Country and they could use some mercy now*

*Every living thing could use a little mercy now
Only the hand of grace can end the race
Towards another mushroom cloud
People in power, well
They'll do anything to keep their crown
I love life, and life itself could use some mercy now*

*Yea, we all could use a little mercy now
I know we don't deserve it
But we need it anyhow
We hang in the balance
Dangle 'tween hell and hallowed ground
Every single one of us could use some mercy now
Every single one of us could use some mercy now
Every single one of us could use some mercy now*

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Priest God be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

The priest continues

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your own children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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SANCTUS • WLP 858




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. *Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.


A priest continues

Blessed are you, gracious God,
 creator of the universe and giver of life.
 You formed us in your own image
 and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
 You gave the world into our care
 that we might be your faithful stewards
 and show forth your bountiful grace.
 But we failed to honor your image
 in one another and in ourselves;
 we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
 and so we violated your creation,
 abused one another,

and rejected your love.
 Yet you never ceased to care for us,
 and prepared the way of salvation for all people.
 Through Abraham and Sarah
 you called us into covenant with you.
 You delivered us from slavery,
 sustained us in the wilderness,
 and raised up prophets
 to renew your promise of salvation.
 Then, in the fullness of time,
 you sent your eternal Word,
 made mortal flesh in Jesus.
 Born into the human family,
 and dwelling among us,
 he revealed your glory.
 Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
 he triumphed over evil,
 opening the way of freedom and life.
 On the night before he died for us,
 Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
 and when he had given thanks to you,
 he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat:
 This is my Body which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.” 

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Whenever you drink it,
 do this for the remembrance of me.” 

A priest says Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.


A priest continues

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.

At the last day, bring us with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.** 

Priest As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, singing:

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Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your
 Name, your king-dom come, your
 will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
 Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-
 give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-
 gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
 and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the
 king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are
 yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men, A-men.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE

This is Christ's Banquet. It is made ready for those who love God, and for those who want to love God more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who feel you have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you.

COMMUNION HYMN • *Pie Jeus (Instrumental – Andrew Lloyd Weber)*

COMMUNION HYMN • *Oh Where are You Going?* • Words: John L. Bell

1. Oh where are you going and can I come with you,
And what is your method for staying alive:

No pack or possessions no clothing or shelter,
No food to sustain you – how can you survive?

2. Oh where are you going and can I come with you,
And why is your company never the same?

You sit among beggars you argue with bankers,
Debate with the lawyers and walk with the lame.

3. Oh where are you going and can I come with you,
And what can you show for your talents and time –

No profit from trading no thing of your making,
No mark or memento no picture or rhyme?

4. I'm going on a journey and welcome companions,

But don't ask me how we'll survive, where we'll go,
Or who will come with us or what we'll be doing,
Just join me in traveling and learn all I know.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After Communion, a priest says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING OUT EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: (Name), in the name of this congregation, we send you to share our Eucharist with _____. May you take the prayers of all of us as you deliver the sacrament of Christ's presence.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in the one cup!

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

Watch over your child, O God, as their days increase; bless and guide them where ever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful, raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding, abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES

Send, O God, your blessing upon these your servants. Sustain them in their love and commitment to each other, that their home may be a place of peace and hospitality now and always. Amen.

SOBRIETY

Bless, O God, your servant in their work or recovery; defend them in their sobriety; and bless them with strength and wisdom now and always. Amen.

WORK TRANSITION OR RETIREMENT

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant who has enriched this community and brought gladness to friends and family; now bless and preserve them at this time of transition. Guide them in the continued use of your gifts; provide sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends to cheer the way, and a clear vision of the ministry to which you are now calling them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING SONG

May the blessing of God be upon you, the blessing of the Father and the Son. And may the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Love, be with you all your days.*

**Spirit of Peace [second verse]*

*RECESSIONAL HYMN • *All Things Bright and Beautiful* • Hymnal #405

Descant



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea - tures great and small,

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!***

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

October 6-13, 2024



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Sunday, October 6

8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**

Chapel

9 am **First Sunday Breakfast**

Waldron Hall

10 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online; ID 940 3189 1877

10 am **Godly Play**

Room 1

11:20 am **Fellowship Hour**

Waldron Hall

11:20 am **Budget Forum**

Sanctuary

4 pm **Evening Prayer**

Sanctuary

Monday, October 7

No scheduled church events

Tuesday, October 8

No scheduled church events

Wednesday, October 9

7 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online; ID 584 949 088

6:15 pm **Choir Rehearsal**

Sanctuary

Thursday, October 10

7 am **Men's Group**

Waldron Hall

7 pm Bible Workbench

Online; ID 821 8564 8348

Friday, October 11

No scheduled church events

Saturday, October 12

9 am **Come Together LGBTQ+ Summit**

Full campus

10 am **Bazaar Workshop**

Classroom 2

7 pm **Jennifer Knapp Concert**

Sanctuary

Sunday, October 13

Bishop Lattime visits

8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**

Chapel

9 am **Christian Formation**

Cay's Room & classrooms

9 am **Children's Chapel**

Chapel

10 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online; ID 940 3189 1877

10 am **Godly Play**

Room 1

11:15 am **Clare House Meal Prep**

Waldron Hall Kitchen

11:20 am **Fellowship Hour**

Waldron Hall

4 pm **Evening Prayer**

Sanctuary