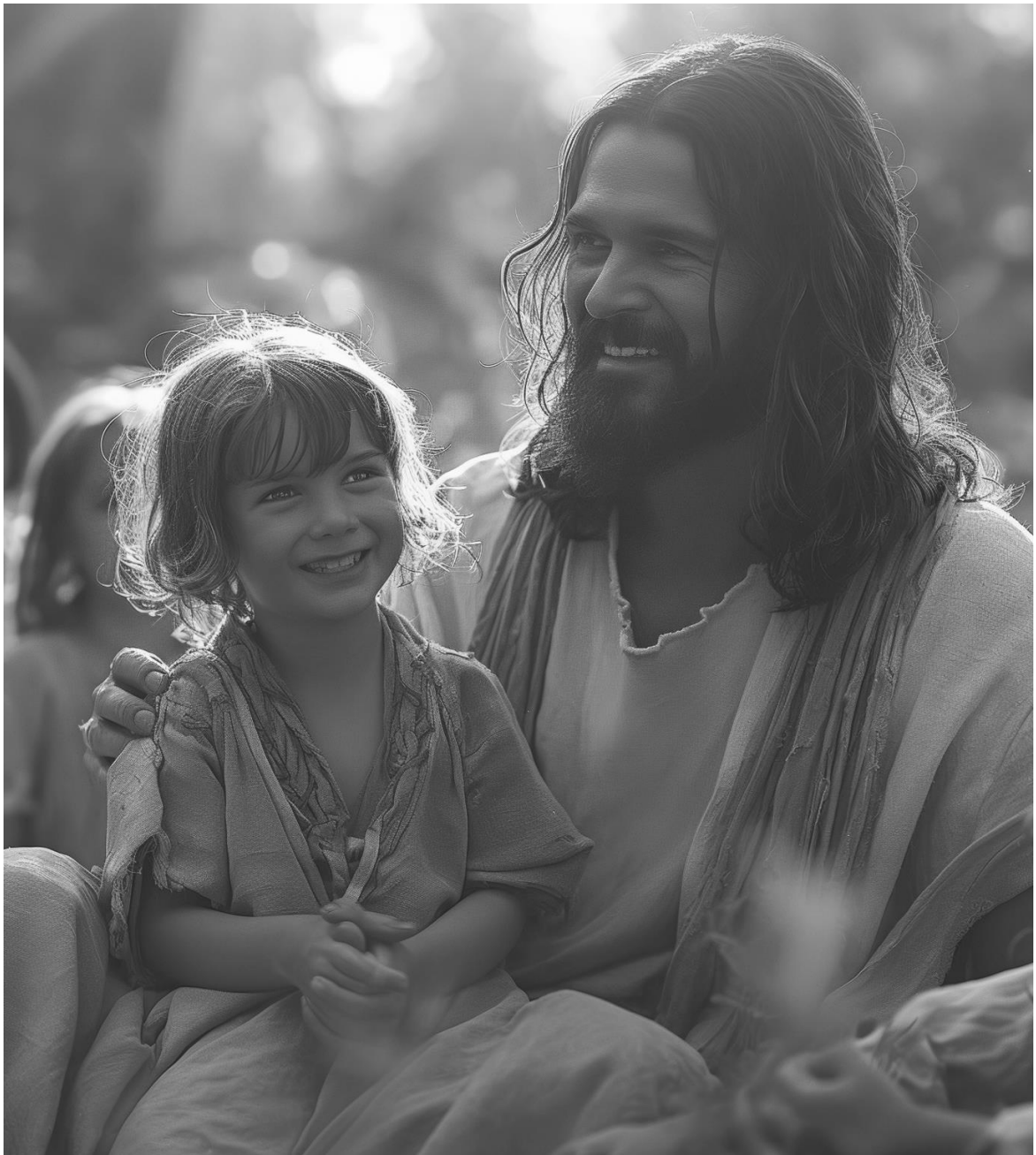


ST. MARY'S Episcopal Church

September 22, 2024

EIGHTEENTH 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: The Rev. Michael Burke, Rector

Gospel Reader: The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gómez, Associate Rector

Readers: Marcia Natrass and Kate McClellan

Voice of the People: Charlene Davis

Prayers of the People: Sherrie Simmonds

Musicians: Praise Singers

Media Specialists: Seth Eggleston and Timothy Baker

Flowers: Mary Alice Johnson, *to the Glory of God*

Donuts: Penny & Jim Cowan

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

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

GATHERING MUSIC • *I'll Fly Away* • Traditional

*Some glad morning when this life is o'er, Ill fly away,
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.*

[CHORUS]

*I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away,
When I die hallelujah by and by,
I'll fly away.*

*Just another weary day and then....I'll fly away,
To a land where joy will never end.....I'll fly away.*

[REPEAT CHORUS]

*When the shadows of this life have grown....I'll fly away,
Like a bird from prison bars has flown....I'll fly away.*

[REPEAT CHORUS TWICE]

WELCOME • The Rev. Michael Burke

*OPENING HYMN • *All Creatures of God and King* • HYMNAL #400, V. 1, 4 & 5

1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - jice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

***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 Grant us, God, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

FIRST READING • Wisdom of Solomon 15:16-2:1, 12-22

Reader A Reading from Wisdom of Solomon.

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;
considering him a friend, they pined away
and made a covenant with him,
because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,
“Short and sorrowful is our life,
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,
and no one has been known to return from Hades.
Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;
he reproaches us for sins against the law,
and accuses us of sins against our training.

He professes to have knowledge of God,
and calls himself a child of the Lord.

He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;
the very sight of him is a burden to us,
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,
and his ways are strange.

We are considered by him as something base,
and he avoids our ways as unclean;
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,
and boasts that God is his father.

Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;
for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

Let us test him with insult and torture,
so that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says, he will be protected."

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,
for their wickedness blinded them,
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

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PSALM 54

ANTIPHON

You are my help- er, the sus- tain- er of my life.

Save me, O God, by your Name;
in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

But God is my helper;
it is God who sustains my life.

Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your Name, O God, for it is good.
for you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

*ANTIPHON (ALL SING)***SECOND READING • James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

Reader A Reading from James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and God will flee from you.

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

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*GOSPEL HYMN • One Small Child • Shirley E. Murray and Rusty Edwards

Sing both verses, then repeat verse one.

1 One small child Je - sus called, set in the mid-dle of the
 2 "Take my hand, un - der - stand this is the mod-el for the

grown-ups' cir - cle; "Wel - come this lit - tle child, and
 king - dom peo - ple: blest are you, all of you who

then you are wel - com - ing me."
 come to me as this small child." *[repeat verse one]*

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***GOSPEL • Mark 9:30-37**

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

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

Priest Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”


The Gospel of the Lord.

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


SERMON • The Rev. Michael Burke




*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH



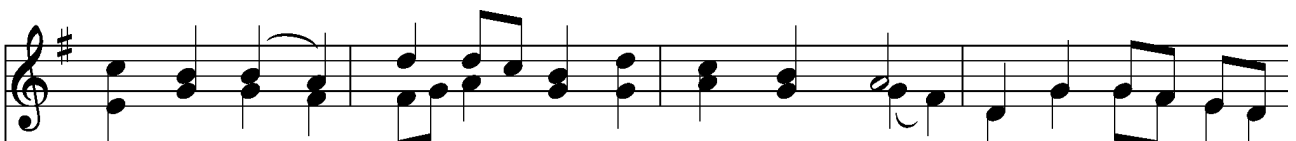
1. We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all
 2. We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and
 3. We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the



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, 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 • *Not Here for High and Holy Things* • Hymnal #9

*1 Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to
 *2 the ro - yal robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of
 *3 of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through
 4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the
 5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of
 6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en



1 thee, but for the com - mon things of earth, the
 2 spring, the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the
 3 death, the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what
 4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the
 5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great
 6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to



1 pur - ple pa - gean - try of dawn - ing and of
 2 sil - ver glis - te - ring of all the mil - lion
 3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rus - tles
 4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the
 5 lord of years and days! So let the love of
 6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all



1 dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,
 2 mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,
 3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:
 4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.
 5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,
 6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

*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:

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:



2

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 • *Naima (Instrumental)*

COMMUNION HYMN • *Rocky Path* • W. H. Miller

*We must pass through a dark forest,
Walking on a rocky path,
There are blessings in the forest,
But there's also grief and wrath.*

[CHORUS]

*Oh my sisters, oh my brothers,
Try to find the strength within,
Seek the path of true salvation,
Not the path of death and sin.*

*Danger howls like an addiction,
Anger scowls like acid rain,*

*Mercy goes into remission,
And it only causes pain.*

[REPEAT CHORUS]

[INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE]

*Burning trees and smoky mountains,
Block the view that we once knew.
Try to find the sparkling fountain,
Cleanse your heart and spirit, too.*

[LAST CHORUS]

*Oh my sisters, oh my brothers,
Try to find the strength within,
Seek the path of true salvation,
Not the path of death and sin.
Seek the path of life eternal,
Not the path of death and sin.*

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

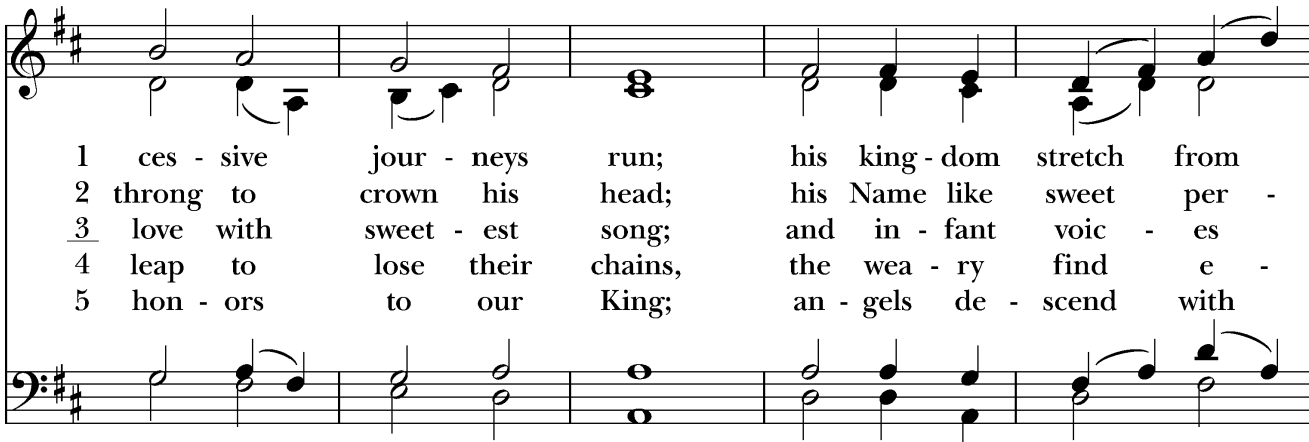
May the blessing of God be upon you, the blessing of the Father and the Son. And may the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Love, be with you all your days.*

**Spirit of Peace [second verse]*

*RECESSIONAL HYMN • *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* • Hymnal #438, v. 1, 4
and 5



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

*Those on Zoom are invited to join breakout rooms
for conversation & fellowship.*

*Those on campus are invited to Waldron Hall for refreshments, conversation,
and fellowship.*

Come Together LGBTQ Summit

October 12, 9 am-5 pm

Jennifer Knapp in concert 7 pm

Next month, we're hosting a conference to bring together progressive Christian and LGBTQ+ community members for support, education, and fellowship. Come join us for the summit, the concert, or both! Register or get tickets at godsvie.org.

Walking in Love

Stewardship means caretaking – a visible and tangible expression of our love for the world and for each other.

You should receive a stewardship packet in the next few days; use it to reflect on how *you* will walk in love with St. Mary's next year.

Bazaar Workshop Jamboree!

Saturday September 28

9:30 am-3 pm

Waldron Hall

Let's jam! Come join the "berry band" as we make jam for November's holiday bazaar!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

September 22-29, 2024



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Sunday, September 22

- 8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**
Chapel
- 9 am **Christian Formation**
Cay's Room & classrooms
- 10 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Sanctuary & online; ID 940 3189 1877
- 10 am **Godly Play**
Room 1
- 11:20 am **Colombia Trip Presentation**
Waldron Hall
- 11:20 am **Fellowship Hour**
Waldron Hall
- 12:30 pm **Youth Group Game Time**
Waldron Hall
- 4 pm **Evening Prayer**
Sanctuary

Monday, September 23

- 6:30 pm **Youth Ministry Team Meeting**
Cay's Room

Tuesday, September 24

No scheduled church events

Wednesday, September 25

- 7 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Sanctuary & online; ID 584 949 088
- 6:15 pm **Choir Rehearsal**
Sanctuary

Thursday, September 26

- 7 am **Men's Group**
Waldron Hall
- 7 pm Bible Workbench
Online; ID 821 8564 8348

Friday, September 27

No scheduled church events

Saturday, September 28

- 9:30 am **Bazaar Workshop**
Waldron Hall

Sunday, September 29

- 8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**
Chapel
- 9 am **Christian Formation**
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