



ST. MARY'S Episcopal Church

AUGUST 23, 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10 AM

ST. MARY'S CLERGY

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

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GOSPEL READER: The Rev. Ross McKay

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: The Rev. Ross McKay

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE: Rich Dyson

MUSICIANS: Praise Singers

MEDIA SPECIALIST: Shade DuDey

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC • *Various Selections from Liturgical Music*

GATHERING MUSIC • *Notion of Glory* • W. H. Miller

1. *Is your notion of glory like a flash in the pan?*

Embrace salvation's story,

Take your Savior by the hand,

With bottle rockets bursting and

A brassy marching band,

No more doubt, grief or darkness in your soul?

2. *Is the light of Jesus dazzling like a fancy laser show?*

Or is it something subtle like a nightlight's steady glow?

Will you find your way through darkness,

Or stop to watch the show?

Will you still suffer dark nights of the soul?

CHORUS: *Some days high, some days low,*

Keep it steady as you go,

There'll be days when you'll still want to cry,

Sometimes fast, sometimes slow,

Keep it steady as you go,

The road to grace is still a bumpy ride.

*3. The path to grace and mercy takes a long attention span,
It requires your commitment and a visionary plan.
It's not always as vibrant as a sparkler in your hand,
There will always be some dark nights of the soul.*

WELCOME • The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gomez

***OPENING HYMN** • *The Celebration Song* • J. Asprey & T. Whipple

Please turn the page for the Opening Hymn.



G C
 For our life to - geth - er we cel - e - brate
 For his bo - dy, bro - ken, we cel - e - brate
 Life that lasts for - ev - er, we cel - e - brate
 For the word he's spok - en, we cel - e - brate
 for the joy and for the sor - row yes - ter day, to - day to - mor - row we
 for the feast - ing for at his ta - ble, by his grace we are a - ble to
 cel - e - brate
 cel - e - brate
 For your great cre - a - tion we cel - e - brate
 For the Lord a - bove we cel - e - brate
 For our own sal - va - tion we cel - e - brate
 For our Father of love we cel - e - brate
 For the sun and for the rain, through the joy and through the pain we
 For the Son who is our brother, for his Spir - it, for the three to - geth - er we
 cel - e - brate
 cel - e - brate
 Ah! There's the cel - e - bra - tion!
 Ah! There's the cel - e - bra - tion!
 1. A7 D D.C.
 Cel - e - brate the whole of it!
 2. D C
 Ah! There's the cel - e - bra - tion!
 G F G

***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.*

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

FIRST READING • Isaiah 51:1-6

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek God.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

For God will comfort Zion;
and will comfort all her waste places,

and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of God;

joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
 and give heed to me, my nation;
 for a teaching will go out from me,
 and my justice for a light to the peoples.
 I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
 my salvation has gone out
 and my arms will rule the peoples;
 the coastlands wait for me,
 and for my arm they hope.
 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
 and look at the earth beneath;
 for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
 the earth will wear out like a garment,
 and those who live on it will die like gnats;
 but my salvation will be for ever,
 and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 124

ANTIPHON – “*The snare is broken and we have escaped. Blessed be our God!*”

♩ = 120 B^b Gmi E^b maj⁷ vamp in Bb

The snare is bro - ken and we have es - caped. Bless - ed be our God!

Led. * Led. * Led. * Led. *

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- 1 If God had not been on our side,
 let Israel now say;
- 2 If God had not been on our side,
 when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive
 in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
 and the torrent gone over us;

5 Then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

6 Blessed be God!

God has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of God,
the maker of heaven and earth.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

SECOND READING • Romans 12:1-8

Reader A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

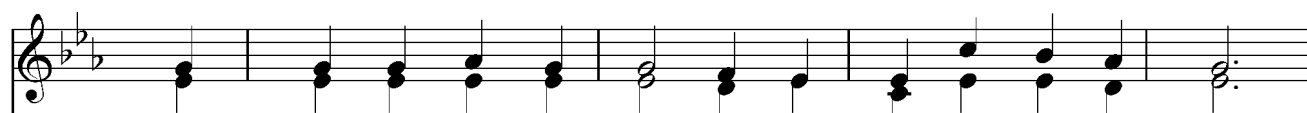
I appeal to you therefore, siblings, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

*GOSPEL HYMN • *The Church's One Foundation* • Samuel John Stone



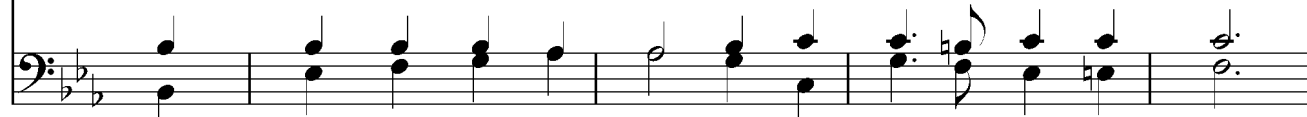
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,




1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.




1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we




1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.



***THE GOSPEL • Matthew 16:13-20**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Priest When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON • The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gomez

*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



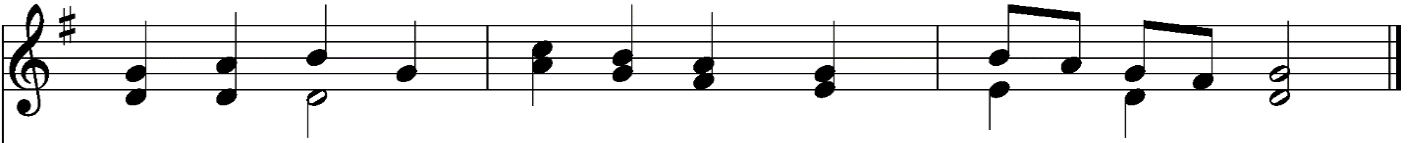
things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens,
 cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied—
 saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly,



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 those in need.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Mark our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

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.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

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 the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet each other in the name of the Lord.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY HYMN • *Heal Me, Hands of Jesus* • Wonder, Love, and Praise #773


1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain: re -
 2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
 3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
 4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and

store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
 me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.
 pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
 heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

*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!*

*PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee.

*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.***

A 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 • Wonder, Love, and Praise #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. Blessed is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Priest 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,
mistreated 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.” 

Priest 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



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.

THE 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 Jesu (Instrumental)*

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COMMUNION HYMN • *Every Grain of Sand* • Bob Dylan

*In the time of my confession,
 in the hour of my deepest need
 When the pool of tears beneath
 my feet
 flood every newborn seed
 There's a dyin' voice within me
 reaching out somewhere,
 Toiling in the danger and in
 the morals of despair.
 Don't have the inclination to
 look back on any mistake,
 Like Cain,
 I now behold this chain of events
 that I must break.
 In the fury of the moment
 I can see the Master's hand
 In every leaf that trembles,
 in every grain of sand.
 Oh, the flowers of indulgence
 and the weeds of yesteryear,
 Like criminals,
 they have choked the breath
 of conscience and good cheer.
 The sun beat down upon the steps
 of time to light the way
 To ease the pain of idleness
 and the memory of decay.*

*I gaze into the doorway of
 temptation's angry flame
 And every time I pass that way
 I always hear my name.
 Then onward in my journey
 I come to understand
 That every hair is numbered
 like every grain of sand.
 I have gone from rags to riches
 in the sorrow of the night
 In the violence of a summer's
 dream,
 in the chill of a wintry light,
 In the bitter dance of loneliness
 fading into space,
 In the broken mirror of innocence
 on each forgotten face.
 I hear the ancient footsteps like
 the motion of the sea
 Sometimes I turn, there's someone
 there,
 other times it's only me.
 I am hanging in the balance
 of the reality of man
 Like every sparrow falling,
 like every grain of sand.*

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*THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After Communion, a priest says

Let us pray.

Priest 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

A priest gives a 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 of 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 • *Jubilate Deo* • Fred Dunn

*Jubilate, everybody, serve the Lord in all your ways,
And come before his presence singing;
Enter now his courts with praise.
For the Lord our God is gracious,
And his mercy everlasting,
Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate Deo!*

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Please join us in Waldron Hall immediately after the 10 am service for refreshments and fellowship. If you are attending services on Zoom, please stick around for fellowship hour in the breakout chat rooms



Thank you to the youth and adults who made last Sunday's services so special!

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Announcements and Coming Events

Ministry Fair Returns This September!

Sunday September 20

At St. Mary's, the ministers aren't just the priests – we are all ministers! What's your ministry? Are you looking for a ministry? Come to the Ministry Fair on September 20 to share your calling, or find a new one!

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday September 27

Mark your calendars for the Blessing of the Animals in late September! We will gather outside the main entrance with our animal companions for a liturgy of blessing at about 9:45 am, between the 8 and 10 am services.

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, August 23

11:20 am **Fellowship Hour** - Waldron Hall

4 pm **Evening Prayer** - Sanctuary

Monday, August 24

6 pm **Fierce Women Book Study** - Waldron Hall

Tuesday, August 25

No scheduled church events

Wednesday, August 26

7 am **Service of Holy Eucharist** - Sanctuary & online

Thursday, August 27

7 am **Men's Group** - Waldron Hall

6 pm **Youth Game Night** - Waldron Hall

7 pm **Bible Explorers** - Online

Friday, August 28

No scheduled church events

Saturday, August 29

No scheduled church events

Sunday, August 30

8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist** - Chapel

10 am **Service of Holy Eucharist** - Sanctuary & online

11:20 am **Fellowship Hour** - Waldron Hall

1 pm **Eucaristía en español** - Sanctuary

4 pm **Evening Prayer** - Sanctuary