ST. MARY'S Episcopal Church

August 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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A Service of Holy Eucharist at 10 AM

Ministers of the Service

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

Presider: The Rev. Michael Burke
Preacher: The Rev. Ross McKay
Gospel Reader: The Rev. Hannah Moderow
Readers: Crystal Hyde and Marcia Nattrass
Prayers of the People: Sherrie Simmonds
Voice of the People: Charlene Davis
Musicians: Praise Singers
Media Specialist: Ida Taylor

Gathering in God's Name

GATHERING MUSIC • *Various Selections from Liturgical Music*

GATHERING MUSIC • *Wade in the Water* • Traditional

Chorus: ***Wade in the water,***
Wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water,
God is gonna trouble the.....water.

1. *You see that man all dressed in white?*
God is gonna trouble the.....water.
He looks like the leader of the Israelites.
God is gonna trouble the.....water.

Repeat chorus

2. *You see that band all dressed in red?*
God is gonna trouble the.....water.
It looks like the band that Moses led.
God is gonna trouble the.....water.

Repeat chorus

3. *If you don't believe I've been redeemed,*
God is gonna trouble the.....water.
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream.
God is gonna trouble the.....water.

REPEAT CHORUS TWICE

WELCOME • The Rev. Michael Burke

***OPENING HYMN** • *In The Presence Of Your People* • Brent Chambers

1. *In the presence of your people I will praise your name,*
For alone you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
Let us celebrate your goodness and your steadfast love.
May your name be exalted here on Earth and in heaven above.

2. *Lai lai lai lai lai lai...*

***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 to us, God, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

FIRST READING • 1 Kings 19:9-18

Reader A Reading from the First Book of Kings.

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

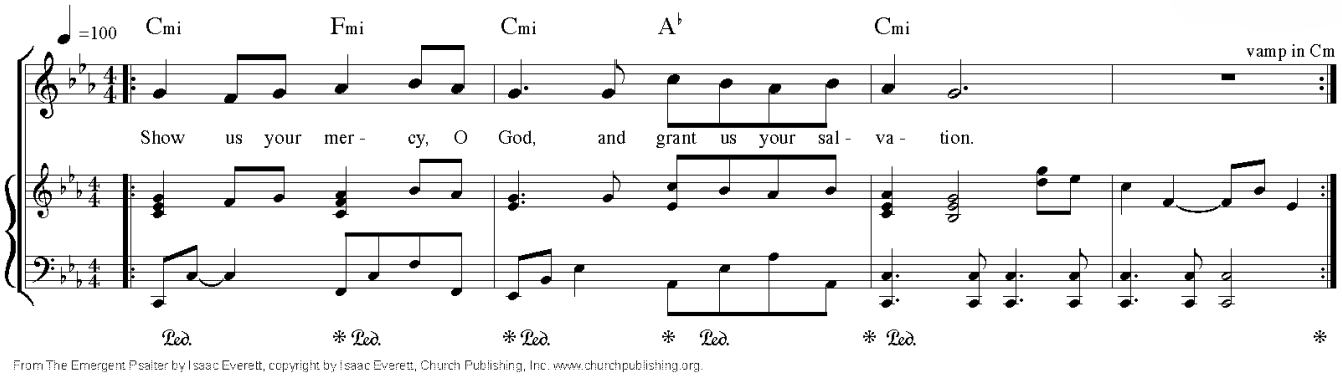
He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 85:8-13

ANTIPHON — *"Show me your mercy, O God, and grant us your salvation."*



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8 I will listen to what God is saying,
for God is speaking peace to faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to God.

9 Truly, salvation is very near to those who fear God,
that glory may dwell in our land.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

10 Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

12 God will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before God,
and peace shall be a pathway for God's feet.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

SECOND READING • Romans 10:5-15

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

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

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***GOSPEL HYMN** • *Eternal Father, Strong To Save, v. 1,2 and 4* • Hymnal #608

***THE GOSPEL** • Matthew 14:22-23

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

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

Priest Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON • The Rev. Ross McKay

*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

*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.***

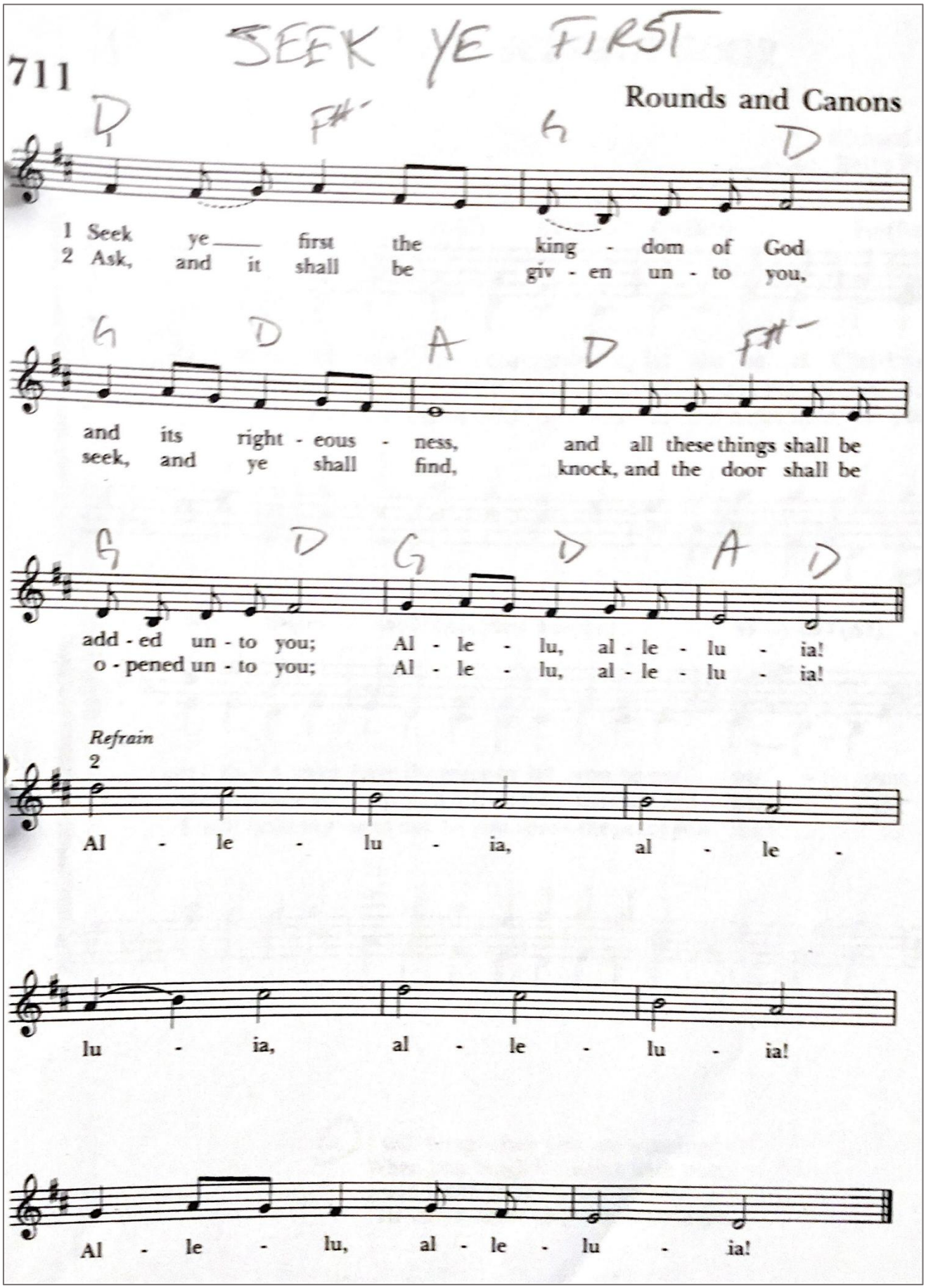
The people greet each other in the name of the Lord.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

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 • *Seek Ye First* • Hymnal #711



*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:

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SANCTUS • Wonder, Love, and Praise #858

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:

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"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.***

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

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 • *Come Sunday (Instrumental)*

COMMUNION HYMN • *A Light at the River* • C. N. Henderson

1. *There is a river we must cross over,*
Where the sun goes to sleep in the west,
There'll be a light for me at the crossing,
Guiding me safe to my home of sweet rest.

CHORUS: ***There'll be a light for me at the river***
Guiding my soul over the foam,
Down through the valley, past the dark shadows,
I know my light will guide me safe home.

2. *When I shall reach the banks of the river,*
Where the chill waters murmur their song,
Nothing to harm me, nothing alarm me,
While I am sailing to my new home.

REPEAT CHORUS

3. *Down by the river soon I'll be standing,*
Bidding farewell to friends left behind,
As loved ones free me old friends will greet me,
Shining their light at the river for me.

REPEAT CHORUS

*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]*

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***RECESSIONAL HYMN** • *Rolling Home* • Words: W. H. Miller / Music: Traditional

There's a ship all rigged and waiting, here to take the Christians home,
Get on board while you're still able, 'Cross the stormy seas we'll roam.

CHORUS: ***Rolling home, Rolling home, Rolling home across the sea,***
Rolling home to our dear savior, Rolling home dear God to thee.

Jesus Christ walked on the water, and he stilled the stormy sea,
Face the tempest that life offers with the man from Galilee.

REPEAT CHORUS

Here on earth not just in heaven, you can make a difference now,
Live your life as Christ intended, read his words they'll show you how.

REPEAT CHORUS

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. In addition, some of us will be going on a walking tour (weather permitting) of the orchard and garden at the same time.

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ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PRESENTS

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAY & CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

CELEBRATE THE START OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR!

10:00 AM - YOUTH-LED SERVICE

- Special Music
- Youth Sermon by **Jess Sulley**
- Annual **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

All children, youth, and educators are invited to bring a **backpack, keyring, or symbol of work** for a blessing.

PARISH PICNIC & SUMMER BARBECUE BASH

AFTER THE 10:00 AM SERVICE
(OUTSIDE or WALDRON HALL if rainy)

Music by the **ANCHORAGE JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

- ☑ **CHURCH PROVIDES** Main Dishes!
- ☑ **YOU PROVIDE** Side Dishes & Desserts!

Share your favorite picnic recipes with the whole St. Mary's family!

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Announcements and Coming Events

Rescheduled Garden Tour

11:30 am today!

Weather permitting, Rev. Michael will offer a tour of the orchard, garden, amphitheater, and other parts of our campus today.

Annual Church Picnic

11:30 am, Sunday August 16

Summer is winding to a close, but we won't let that dampen our spirits! Join us next week at the annual church picnic as we celebrate our community with food and fun. Bring a side dish or dessert to share while enjoying the music of the Anchorage Jazz Ensemble.

Youth-Led Service and Back-To-School Sunday

10 am, Sunday August 16

School starts August 19, and that means it's time for blessings! This year, our youth will be leading the 10 am service. Students and education workers, please bring a backpack or other symbol of your work to be blessed.

Communion Cruet Fundraiser

Our remaining altar cruet needs to be retired. To replace it, we are raising funds for a new set, which will be dedicated to the memory of Bill and Margaret Sharrow. You will find contribution envelopes in the Narthex.

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, August 9

11:15 am **Clare House Meal Prep** - Waldron Kitchen
11:20 am **Fellowship Hour** - Waldron Hall
11:30 am **Campus Tour** - meet in the Narthex
4 pm **Evening Prayer** - Sanctuary

Monday, August 10

6 pm **Fierce Women Book Study** - Waldron Hall
6:30 pm Vestry Meeting - Cay's Room

Tuesday, August 11

No scheduled church events

Wednesday, August 12

7 am Service of Holy Eucharist - Sanctuary & online
6:30 pm **Youth Game Night** - Waldron Hall

Thursday, August 13

7 am **Men's Group** - Waldron Hall
7 pm Bible Explorers - Online

Friday, August 14

No scheduled church events

Saturday, August 15

10 am St. Mary's Dreamers

Sunday, August 16

8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist** - Chapel
10 am Service of Holy Eucharist - Sanctuary & online
11:30 am **Annual Parish Picnic** - Waldron Hall/Lawn
4 pm **Evening Prayer** - Sanctuary