



ST. MARY'S Episcopal Church

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10 AM

ST. MARY'S CLERGY

The Rev. Michael Burke, Rector – Michael@GodsView.org

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MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

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

PRESIDER AND PREACHER: The Rev. Michael Burke

CELEBRANT: The Rev. Hannah Moderow

GOSPEL READER: The Rev. Ross McKay

READERS: Charlene Davis and Rich Dyson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Sherrie Simmonds

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE: Kristina Reza

MUSICIANS: Praise Singers

MEDIA SPECIALISTS: Ida Taylor and Katie Beckwith

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC • *Various Selections from Liturgical Music*

GATHERING MUSIC • *We Shall Rise* • John E. Thomas

I. Leader: On that Resurrection morning when the trumpet call will sound,
We shall rise,

All: *Hallelujah! We shall rise!*

Leader: Then the saints will come rejoicing and no tears will e'er be found.
We shall rise,

All: *Hallelujah! We shall rise!*

CHORUS:

Leader: We shall rise!

All: *Hallelujah!*

Leader: We shall rise!

All: *Amen!*

We shall rise, we shall rise.

Leader: On that Resurrection morning, when the prison bars are broken,
We shall rise!

All: *Hallelujah! We shall rise!*

2. On that Resurrection morning, such a joyful thought to me,
We shall rise,
Hallelujah! We shall rise!

I shall see my blessed savior who so freely died for me.
We shall rise,
Hallelujah! We shall rise!

SING CHORUS

3. On that Resurrection morning we shall meet Him in the air.
We shall rise,
Hallelujah! We shall rise!

And be carried up to glory to our home so bright and fair.
We shall rise,
Hallelujah! We shall rise!

SING CHORUS

WELCOME • The Rev. Michael Burke



***OPENING HYMN • Sing to Our Father • Cry Hosanna #9**

Please stand as able.

Bold and rhythmical

In unison

1. Sing to our Fa-ther, Cre - a - tor and King, who sent his Son, Je - sus, to
 2. Sing to our broth-er, who of him-self poured out life to his peo-ple to
 3. Sing to the Spi - rit, — let us all hear and know that he frees us from

suf - fer and bring us in - to his fam'-ly. Oh, mag - ni - fy him!
 see them re - stored. — Sing to our heal - er and sing to our Lord!
 sin and from fear to love one an - oth - er, to serve and to care.

Sing, sing, sing, sing,

Am B7 Em

sing to the Lord of

love!
 life!
 peace!

Optional 4-part harmony
Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia,

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

Final ending
Em D Em

al - - le - lu - ia!

*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 us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

FIRST READING • Exodus 12:1-14

Please be seated.

Reader A Reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:33-40 • Legem pone

ANTIPHON: "Elevate my understanding. Ever in my heart keep watch. Find my strength in your commandments for your truth is all I've sought."

♩ = 100

Dmi C Dmi C

El - e - vate my un - der - stand - ing. Ev - er in my heart keep watch. Find my

Led. * Led. * Led. * Led.

B^b Ami B^b Dmi vamp in Dm

strength in your com - mand - ments for your truth is all I've sought.

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

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with all my heart.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

Make me go in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;
give me life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which you make to those who fear you.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

Turn away the reproach which I dread,
because your judgments are good.
Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness preserve my life.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

SECOND READING • Romans 13:8-14

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

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

***GOSPEL HYMN • *Where Two or Three are Gathered in My Name* • Bruce Harding**
Please stand as able.

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♩ = 55

A
D

B
D

C
D

Em7/A

Em7/A

Where two or three are ga-thered in my name, I am there,

D
D

Em7/A

I am there.

Piano

Pno.

*THE GOSPEL • Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

Priest Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Silence. Please be seated.

THE SERMON • The Rev. Michael Burke

*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Please stand as able.


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



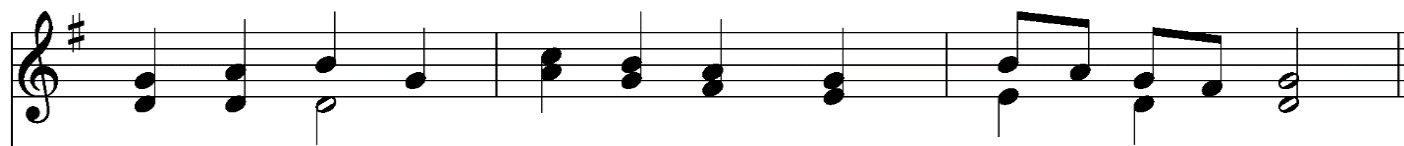
things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens,
 cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied—
 saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly,



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. Please remain standing as able.

*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 • *We Shall All Be Reunited* • Wade Hampton Miller

*1. Though today the Church is battered,
From without and from within,
In our hearts, we know what matters:
We are family, we are kin.*

CHORUS: *We shall all be reunited!
When God's call shall fill the skies.
When there'll be no separation:
No more marching, no more sighs.*

*2. Building up the Tower of Babel,
High and shiny, just for show.
Then we split into a rabble,
Strident pride is...thus brought low.*

*3. Just like Jesus in the Garden,
Just like Cranmer at the stake,
We must ask God for His pardon,
For our sins and...our sad mistakes.*

REPEAT CHORUS

*4. Bitter words and cruel derision,
Schism tears our hearts apart.
Pray to end needless division
Come together...and never part.*

*5. No more Baptist or Pentecostal,
No more Lutheran or Church of Rome,
No more High Church Episcopalian,
All just pilgrims...in our new home.*

REPEAT CHORUS

***DOXOLOGY**

Please stand as able.

*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.** 

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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.

*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.

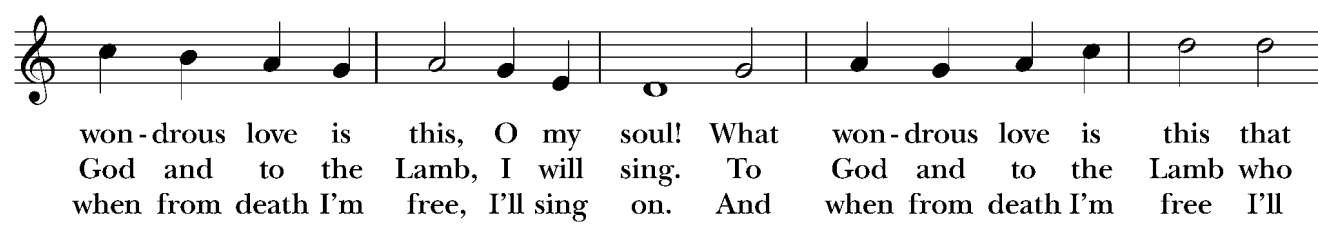
COMMUNION HYMN • *The New Land (Instrumental)*

COMMUNION HYMN • *What Wondrous Love is This?* • Traditional, Author Unknown

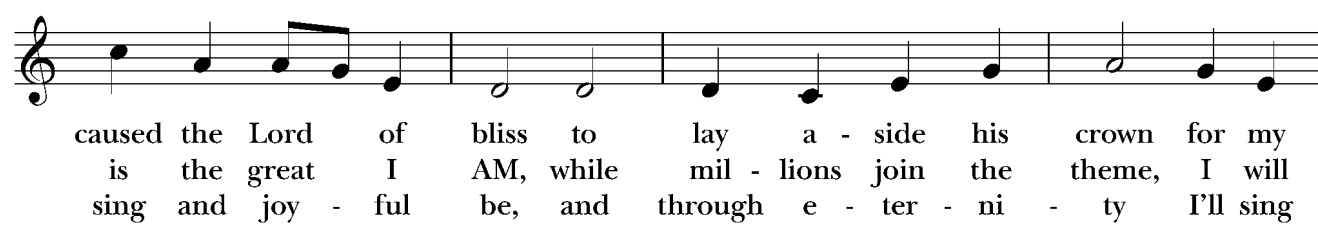
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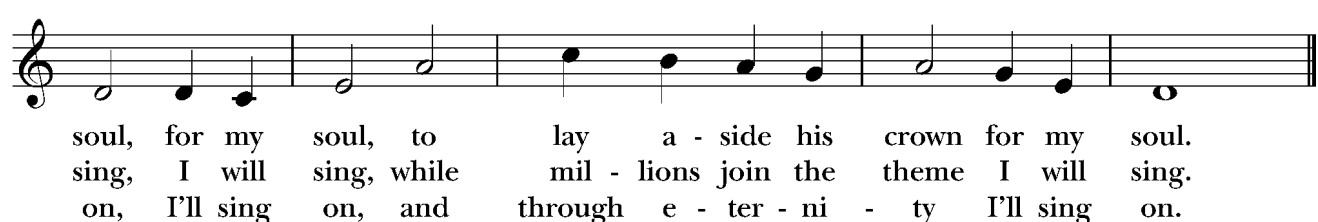
1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

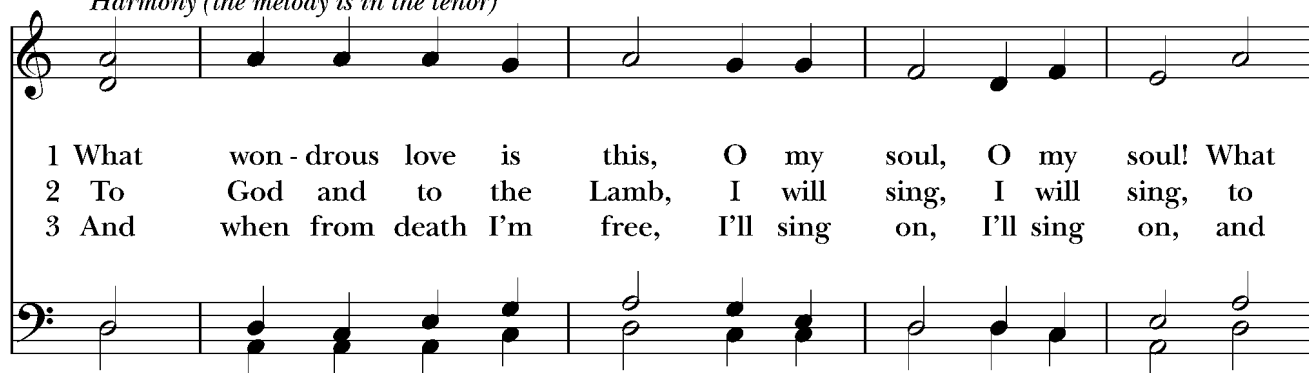


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is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

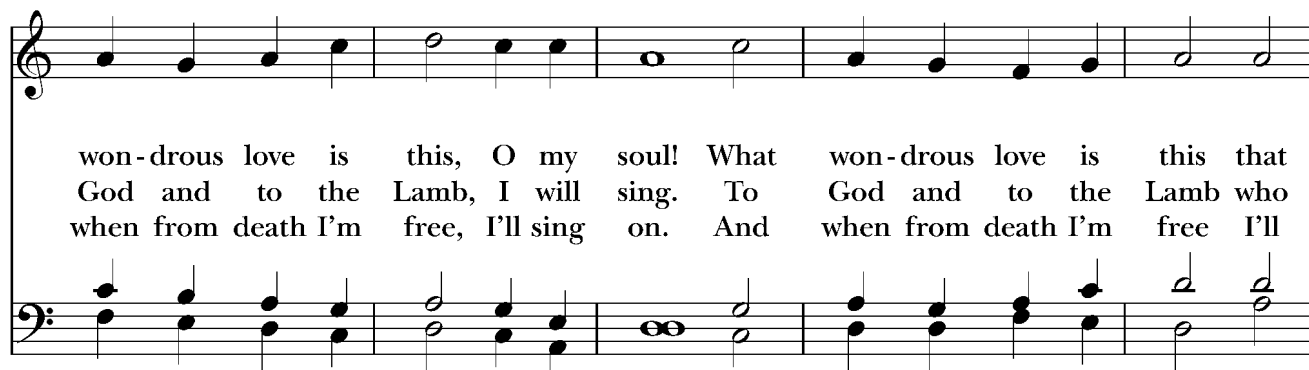


soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

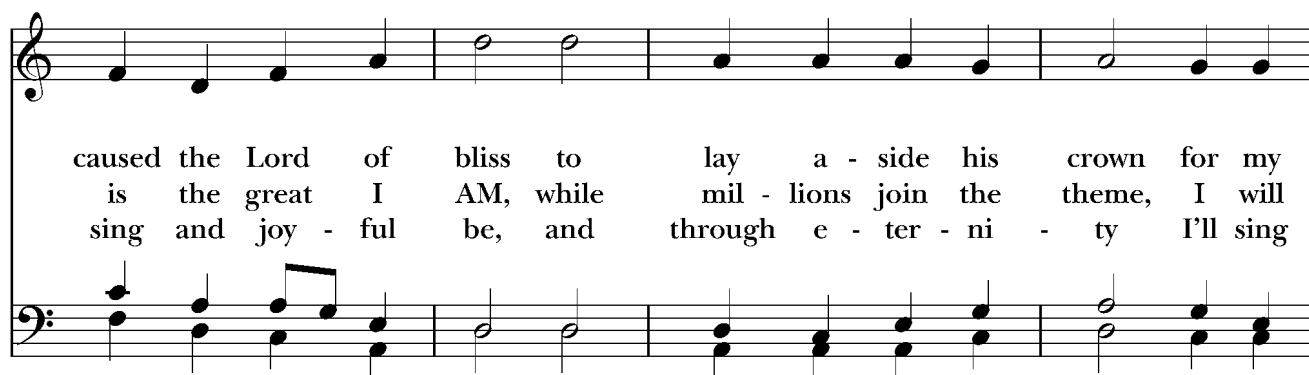
Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



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soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

*THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After Communion, a priest says

Let us pray.

Please stand as able.

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.*

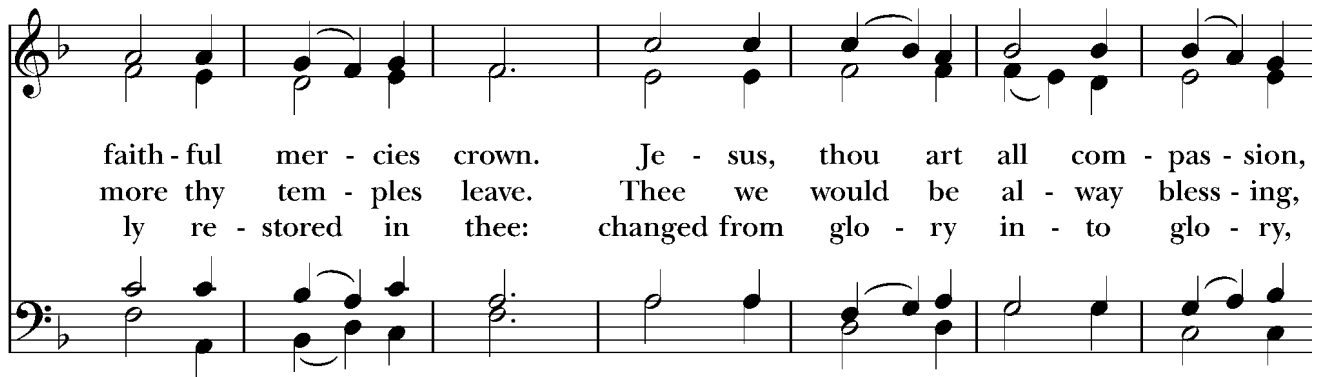
**Spirit of Peace [second verse]*

*RECESSIONAL HYMN • Love Divine • Hymnal #657

Please stand as able.

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - mighty - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

DISMISSAL

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

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

Announcements and Coming Events

Church Office Closed for Labor Day
Monday, September 7

Friday Afternoon Bible Study

Fridays at 1 pm at the Thomas Center

Friday afternoon Bible study returns with a continuation of the book of Acts, plus a study of Paul's letters and his extensive travels in Asia Minor and the eastern Mediterranean.

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!

The Ministry Fair falls on the third Sunday, when we usually have a church potluck, so the Community Building team and the Stewardship team are coordinating to provide light lunch snacks at the display tables for you to enjoy.

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, September 6

11:20 am Fellowship Hour - Waldron Hall
11:30 am Youth Ministry Team - Cay's Room
4 pm Evening Prayer - Sanctuary

Monday, September 7

6 pm Fierce Women Book Study - Cay's Room

Tuesday, September 8

No scheduled church events

Wednesday, September 9

7 am [Service of Holy Eucharist](#) - Sanctuary & online
6 pm Cub Scouts - Waldron Hall

Thursday, September 10

7 am Men's Group - Waldron Hall
6 pm Youth Game Night - Waldron Hall
7 pm [Bible Explorers](#) - Online

Friday, September 11

1 pm Afternoon Bible Study - Thomas Center

Saturday, September 12

9:30 am Bazaar Workshop - Waldron Hall

Sunday, September 13

8 am Service of Holy Eucharist - Chapel
10 am [Service of Holy Eucharist](#) - Sanctuary & online
11:15 am Clare House Meal Prep Waldron Kitchen
11:20 am Fellowship Hour - Waldron Hall
1 pm Eucaristía en español - Sanctuary
4 pm Evening Prayer - Sanctuary