

ST. MARY'S Episcopal Church

April 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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. Israel Portilla-Gomez, *Associate Rector*

Celebrant: The Rev. Betty Glover, G.M., *Thomas Center for Sr. Leadership*

Gospel Reader: The Rev. Michael Burke, *Rector*

Readers: Jane Thomas and Deb Kennedy

Voice of the People: Kristina Reza

Prayers of People: Sherrie Simmonds

Musicians: Praise Singers

Media Specialist: Seth Eggleston

Flowers: Amy Gruber, *in honor of my parents, Joe and Phyllis*

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

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

GATHERING MUSIC • *I'm Getting Stronger* • W.H. Miller

I take all hate and I turn it around, (3x)

I'm getting stronger every day.

[CHORUS] *I'm getting stronger, (3x)*

I'm getting stronger every day.

You can't lock me out and you can't shut me down (3x)

I'm getting stronger every day.

You can build a wall but it's going to fall, (3x)

I'm getting stronger every day.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

The one who was lost has now been found, (3x)

I'm getting stronger every day.

The one who was dead is alive again, (3x)

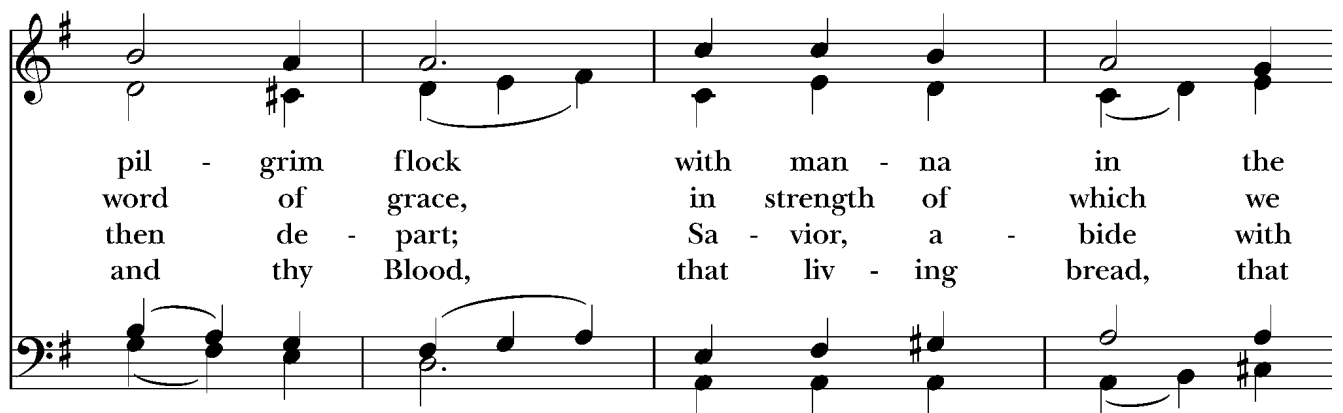
I'm getting stronger every day.

[REPEAT CHORUS TWICE]

WELCOME • The Rev. Michael Burke

*OPENING HYMN • *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless* • Hymnal #343, v. 1,2


1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy



pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bid with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that



wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

*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.*

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| SERVICE OF THE WORD |
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***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Priest God be with you.

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

Priest Let us pray.

Priest O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

FIRST READING • Acts 4:5-12

Reader A Reading from Acts.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 23

ANTIPHON

God is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

God makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

God renews my life
and guides me along right pathways
for the sake of God's name.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of God
forever.

*ANTIPHON (ALL SING)***SECOND READING • 1 John 3:16-24**

Reader A Reading from 1 John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before God whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and knows everything. *(continued on next page)*

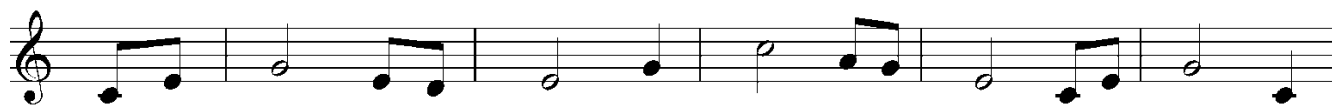
Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL HYMN • *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* • Hymnal #664**



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
 is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
 all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be



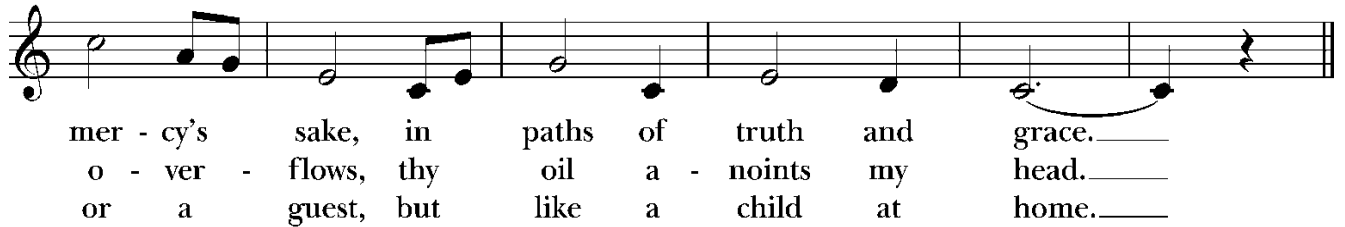
makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
 mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
 There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
 ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
 go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger



***GOSPEL • John 10:11-18**

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

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

Priest Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."


The Gospel of the Lord.

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


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 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.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

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 • *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* • Ortiz, Clapmett, Thrupp

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
 Much we need Thy tender care;
 In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
 For our use Thy folds prepare:
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.*

*We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,
 Be the guardian of our way;
 Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
 Seek us when we go astray:
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Hear, O hear us when we pray;
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Hear, O hear us when we pray.*

*Thou hast promised to receive us,
 Poor and sinful though we be;
 Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
 Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 We will early turn to Thee;
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 We will early turn to Thee;*

*Early let us seek Thy favor,
 Early let us do Thy will;
 Blessed Lord and only Savior,
 With Thy love our bosoms fill:
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Thou hast loved us, love us still;
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Thou hast loved us, love us still.*

***DOXOLOGY**

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

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Priest God be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The priest continues

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

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

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

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

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SANCTUS • S128

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

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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.

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 • *Sheep May Safely Graze (Instrumental)*

(second hymn on next page)

COMMUNION HYMN • *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* • W.H. Baker

The King of Love my shepherd is, whose
goodness failith never. I no-thing lack if
I am His, and He is mine for ever. 2 - Where

2 - *Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.*

3 - *Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.*

4 - *In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;*

*thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.*

5 - *Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!*

6 - *And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever*

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.*

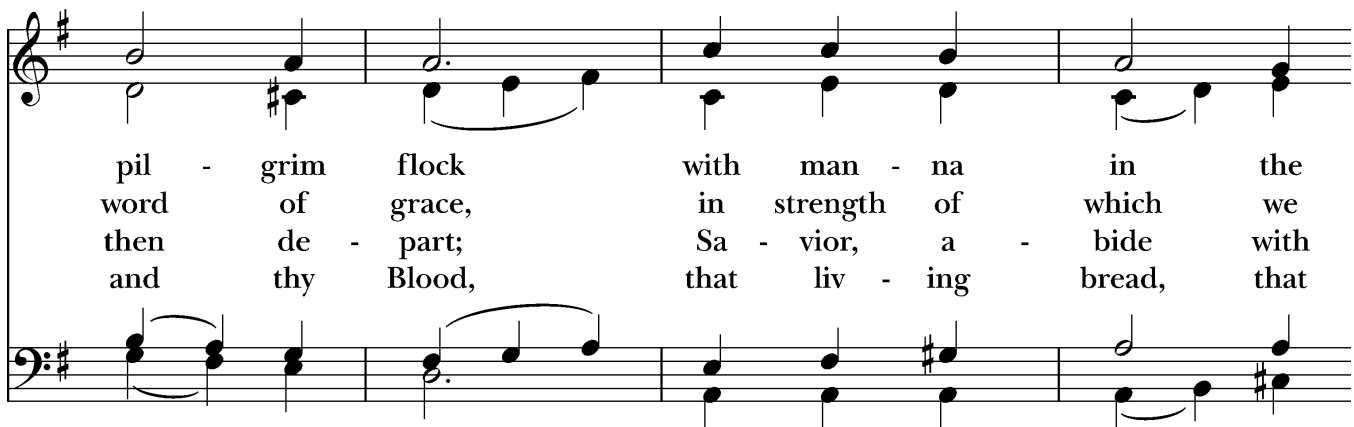
**Spirit of Peace [second verse]*

*RECESSIONAL HYMN • *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless* • Hymnal #343,

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 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that



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 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

SAVE THE DATE

April 28
11:30 am
Waldron Hall

Lunch and Learn Estate Planning

Charitable Remainder Trusts
It is easier than you think!



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CATERED LUNCH AND PRESENTATION

Sunday, April 28 at 11:30am

Waldron Hall

For more information, and to RSVP, call or text
Al Alvarez at (831)915-2496.

Estate planning can seem intimidating but it doesn't have to be. Returning to shed light on this subject, we are delighted to welcome Chelsea Rae Riekkola from the Anchorage law firm of Foley and Pearson. Chelsea will focus her presentation this year on Charitable Remainder Trusts and their role in overall estate planning. Her presentation at last year's luncheon was very well received so you won't want to miss it. Join us for the luncheon by contacting Al Alvarez at albertjalvarez08@gmail.com to reserve your seat. Please act now, this is a popular event!



St. Mary's Bazaar Spring Sale

In Waldron Hall until 12 pm today!
Spring is on the way, and Mothers' Day is right around the corner! After the service, come shop for a motherly figure in your life, for a spring birthday gift, or for yourself! All proceeds support local outreach programs.



Third Sunday Lunch

Following the service
Waldron Hall

The weather is getting warmer, so we are welcoming spring with some tropical-themed cuisine today. Join us for food and fellowship time after the service!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

April 21-28, 2024



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Sunday, April 21

- 8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**
Chapel
- 8:30 am-12:30 pm **Bazaar Spring Sale**
Waldron Hall
- 10 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Sanctuary & online; ID 940 3189 1877
- 10 am **Godly Play & Sunday School**
Downstairs classrooms
- 11:30 am **Third Sunday Potluck Lunch**
Waldron Hall
- 11:20 am **Sermon Circle**
Cay's Room
- 4 pm **Evening Prayer**
Sanctuary

Monday, April 22

No scheduled events

Tuesday, April 23

No scheduled events

Wednesday, April 24

- 7 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Sanctuary & online; ID 584 949 088
- 6:15 pm **Choir Rehearsal**
Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm Women's Book Club
Online; ID 864 8947 7980

Thursday, April 25

- Deanery Annual Meeting in Anchorage*
- 7 am **Men's Group**
Waldron Hall

Friday, April 26

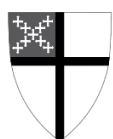
- Deanery Annual Meeting in Anchorage*
- No scheduled events at St. Mary's*

Saturday, April 27

- Deanery Annual Meeting in Anchorage*
- 10 am **Bazaar Workshop**
Room 2 (downstairs)

Sunday, April 28

- 8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**
Chapel
- 9 am **6:30 pm Colombia Prep Meeting**
Youth Group Room (downstairs)
- 10 am Service of Holy Eucharist
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- 10 am **Godly Play & Sunday School**
Downstairs classrooms
- 11:30 am **Lunch & Learn: Planned Giving**
Waldron Hall
- 4 pm **Evening Prayer**
Sanctuary



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