

August 13, 2023 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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A Service of Holy Eucharist at 10am

Welcome.

We are glad that you are here today.

We hope that you feel right at home, whether you are a first-timer or an old-timer. Relax; you are among friends.

Lift your heart and voice to the God who loves you.

However you found us, and by whatever means you are here, we are delighted to share this Way with you. If you'd like more information about St. Mary's, or would like a call from our clergy, please let us know - either in person, or by visiting www.GodsView.org/Connect/.



MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

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

Preacher: The Rev. Michael Burke, Rector

Celebrant: The Rev. Dawn Allen-Herron, Associate Rector

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

Reader: Kate McClellan

Voice of the People: Rich Dyson Prayers of People: Ross McKay

Musicians: Praise Singers

Media Specialists: Seth Eggleston, Nicki Thurwanger, Jamie Aiden Green

Communion Bread Baker: Laura Hanrahan

Flowers: Nancy & Michael Burke, in thanksgiving of our anniversary
Ruth Fahl, in memory of Charlie Fahl
Judy Brady, to the glory of God

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

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

GATHERING MUSIC • Wade in the Water • Traditional spiritual

[CHORUS]

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, Wade in the water, God is gonna trouble the....water.

Verse 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]

Verse 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]

Verse 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 • The Celebration Song • J. Asprey & T. Whipple

For our life together, we celebrate.

Life that lasts forever, we celebrate.

For the joy and for the sorrow, yesterday, today, tomorrow, we celebrate.

For your great creation, we celebrate.

For our own salvation, we celebrate.

For the sun and for the rain, through the joy and through the pain, we celebrate.

Ah! There's the celebration!

Ah! There's the celebration!

Ah! There's the celebration!

Celebrate the whole of it!

For his body, broken, we celebrate.

For the word he's spoken, we celebrate.

For the feasting at his table, by his grace, we are able to celebrate.

For the Lord above, we celebrate.

For our Father of love, we celebrate.

For the Son who is our brother, for his Spirit, for the three together, we celebrate.

Ah! There's the celebration!

Ah! There's the celebration!

Ah! There's the celebration!

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*OPENING SENTENCES

Priest Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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

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 • Isaiah 58:1-9

Reader A Reading from Isaiah.

"Shout it aloud, do not hold back.
Raise your voice like a trumpet.
Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins.

For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.

'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?'
"Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers.

Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high.

Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.

Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85:8-13

ANTIPHON



Show us your mer- cy, O God, and grant us your sal- va- tion.

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.

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

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

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. God will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before them, and peace shall be a pathway for their feet.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

SECOND READING • Romans 10:5-15

Reader A reading from the 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 God is God of all and is generous to all who call on the Lord. 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.

*GOSPEL HYMN • Will You Come and Follow Me? • Bell & Maule

Verse 1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Verse 2 Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

*THE GOSPEL • Matthew 14:22-33

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.

SERMON • The Rev. Michael Burke

*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 the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Michael Curry our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop; and all bishops and ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions, aloud or via chat boxes Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

The People may add their own thanksgivings, aloud or via chat boxes

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions, aloud or via chat boxes

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

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 using our online offering plate.



Open. Aim. Tap.

OFFERTORY HYMN • Will You Come and Follow Me? • Bell & Maule • v. 3-5

- Verse 3 Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
- Verse 4 Will you love the 'You' you hide if I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
- Verse 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

 In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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.

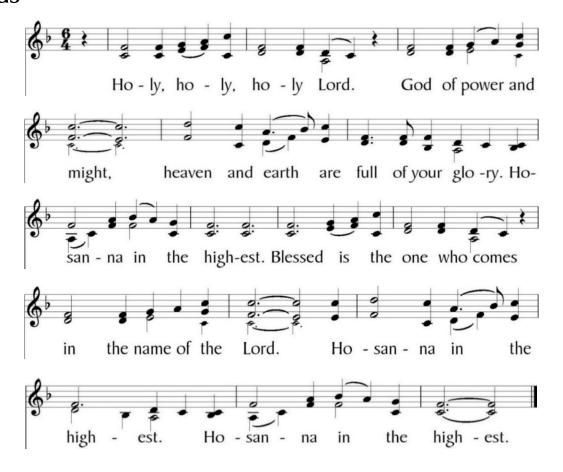
The priest continues

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.

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

SANCTUS



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 sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The 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:



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)*

COMMUNION HYMN • Every Grain of Sand • words & music by 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.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After Communion, a priest says Let us pray.

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever 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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Officiant: Whose backpacks and school items are these?

Students: N. (Each person calls out his or her name)

Officiant: (To the congregation) Will you fill the backpacks of these students with your love, prayers, and support?

People: We will.

Officiant: (To the congregation) Will you sustain the work of teachers, caregivers, helpers, leaders, volunteers, school staff, administrators, and bus drivers; with your love, prayers, and support?

People: We will.

Students:

At the age of twelve, Jesus was found "in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions." (Luke 2:46).

LITANY FOR THE WHOLE CONGREGATION

One: Together we are the body of Christ,

All: and we belong to each other.

One: We can share our joy, laughter, and hope,

All: We can share our fears, overwhelm, and sadness.

One: When we share what is good,

All: It is multiplied.

One: When we share what is hard,

All: The load is divided.

One: In our schools and communities,

All: May we learn and grow.

One: In our classes and groups,

All: May we show support and build each other up.

One: In our homes and families,

All: May we embody care and spark love.

One: Together we are the body of Christ,

All: And we belong to each other.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Priest O God, whose love encompasses all, as we start this new school year, we offer ourselves to you. We pray for students, teachers, helpers, volunteers, school staff, administrators, bus drivers, and all those who support education. Through the ups and downs that this year will bring, may they know your unfailing love and their connection to this church.

Like the multitude of colors and shapes that make up stained glass, you have made each person unique and beautiful. Help us to see how we fit together, with no piece more important than another, creating a masterpiece of love.

Thank you, Lord, for all who are learning, and all who support the process of teaching and learning. Bless and keep them. Let your face shine upon them. Be gracious to them, and give them peace.

Accept and bless these backpacks and school items to be for those who carry them as a sign of your (and our) love, support, and presence. All this we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. *Amen*.

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 this 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 • God Has Spoken to His People • SC #309

[CHORUS] God has spoken to His people, hallelujah! And His words are words of wisdom, hallelujah! (2x)

Verse I Open your ears, O Christian people,
Open your ears and hear good news,
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you, God has come to you.

[Repeat Chorus]

Verse 2 They who have ears to hear God's message,
They who have ears, then let them hear,
They who would learn the way of wisdom,
Let them hear God's word, let them hear God's word.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Verse 3 Israel comes to greet the Savior,
Judah is glad to see His day,
From east and west the peoples travel,
God will show the way, God will show the way.

[Repeat Chorus]

DISMISSAL

A priest says Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia! People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



Those using Zoom are invited to join breakout rooms for conversation and fellowship.



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

Bazaar Workshop Jamboree!

Saturday August 19 & 26 10 am-2 pm Waldron Hall

Come lend a hand as the Bazaar Team makes jam for November's holiday bazaar!

Third Sunday Potluck Lunch Sunday, August 20 12 pm Waldron Hall

Bring a favorite dish to share, and enjoy food and fellowship time after the 10 am service next Sunday!

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

August 13-20, 2023

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<u>Sunday, August 13 – Blessing of the Backpacks</u>

8 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Chapel

10 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online; ID 940 3189 1877

11:30 am Sermon Circle

Cay's Room

4 pm Evening Prayer

Sanctuary

Monday, August 14

3 pm Memorial Service for Beverly Burnett Sanctuary

6:30 pm Vestry Meeting

Cay's Room & online;

ID 945 8664 7527

Tuesday, August 15

6:30 pm **Spanish Class and Dinner**Waldron Hall

Wednesday, August 16

7 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online; ID 584 949 088

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Thursday, August 17

7 am Men's Group

Waldron Hall

7 pm Bible Workbench

Online; ID 821 8564 8348

Friday, August 18

No scheduled events

Saturday, August 19

10 am Bazaar Workshop Jamboree

Waldron Hall

10 am St. Mary's Dreamers

email SMCdreamers907@gmail.com

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