



# St. Mary's Episcopal Church

August 27, 2023

**THIRTEENTH 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

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## MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

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

**Preacher:** [The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gómez](#), Associate Rector

**Celebrant:** [The Rev. Dawn Allen-Herron](#), Associate Rector

**Gospel Reader:** [The Rev. Michael Burke](#), Rector

**Reader:** Deb Kennedy

**Voice of the People:** Kristina Hunter

**Prayers of People:** Sherrie Simmonds

**Musicians:** Praise Singers

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

**Communion Bread Baker:** Laura Hanrahan

**Flowers:** Sherrie Simmonds, *in memory of her mom, Beverly Steve and Deb Kennedy, in celebration of Ari Corbisier's birthday*

## GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

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

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

Is your notion of glory like a flash in the pan?  
 Embrace salvation's story,  
 take your Savior by the hand,  
 with bottle rockets bursting and  
 a brassy marching band,  
 no more doubt, grief or darkness in your soul?

Is the light of Jesus dazzling like a fancy laser show?  
 Or is it something subtle like a nightlight's steady glow?  
 Will you find your way through darkness,  
 or stop to watch the show?  
 Will you still suffer dark nights of the soul?

**[Chorus]** *Some days high, some days low,  
 keep it steady as you go,  
 there'll be days when you'll still want to cry.  
 Sometimes fast, sometimes slow,  
 keep it steady as you go.  
 The road to grace is still a bumpy ride.*

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

**WELCOME** • The Rev. Michael Burke

**\*OPENING HYMN** • *Sing to Our Father* • S. Ball, J. Wilkes, and L. Ball

*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,

sing to the Lord of { love!  
 life!  
 peace!

Em D G D Em Bm7 Em

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

D G D 1, 2. Em D Em

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

Final ending Em D Em

al - - le - lu - ia!

Detailed description: The image shows a three-system musical score for a hymn. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The second system includes a first and second ending bracket over the piano accompaniment. The third system is labeled 'Final ending' and also includes a vocal line and piano accompaniment. Chord markings are placed above the vocal line and below the piano line.

### \*OPENING SENTENCES

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

*People* *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

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

### FIRST READING • Isaiah 51:1-6

*Reader* A Reading from Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the Lord.

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

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

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

For the Lord will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;

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

Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

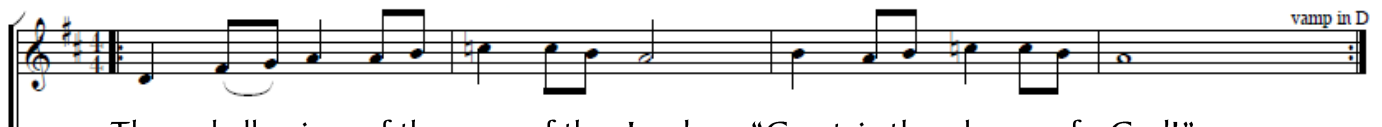
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
 my salvation has gone out  
 and my arms will rule the peoples;  
 the coastlands wait for me,  
 and for my arm they hope.  
 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
 and look at the earth beneath;  
 for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
 the earth will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

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

## PSALM 138

### *ANTIPHON*



They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, "Great is the glory of God!"

I praise you with my whole heart;  
 before the divine beings I sing to you.  
 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
 and praise your Name, because of your love and faithfulness,  
 for you have glorified your Name, your word, above all things.  
 When I called, you answered me;  
 you gave me strength.

### *ANTIPHON (ALL SING)*

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O God,  
 when they have heard the words of your mouth.  
 They will sing of your ways,  
 that great is your glory.

Though you are high, you care for the lowly;  
and perceive the haughty from afar.

**ANTIPHON (ALL SING)**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, “Great is the glo- ry of God!”

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand  
your right hand shall save me.  
You will make good your purpose to me.  
O God your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

**ANTIPHON (ALL SING)**

**SECOND READING • Romans 12:1-8**

*Reader* A reading from the letter to the Romans.

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

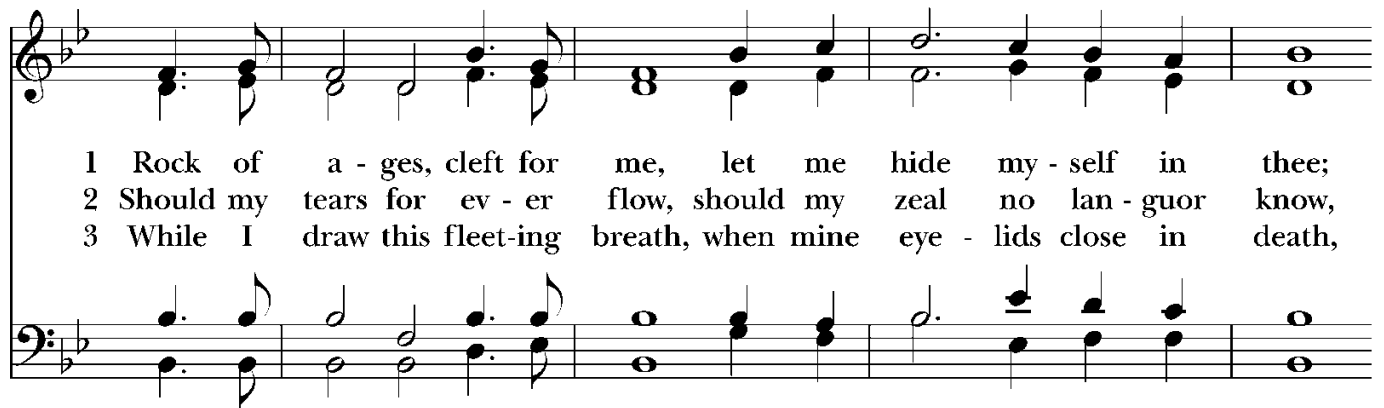
For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,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

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

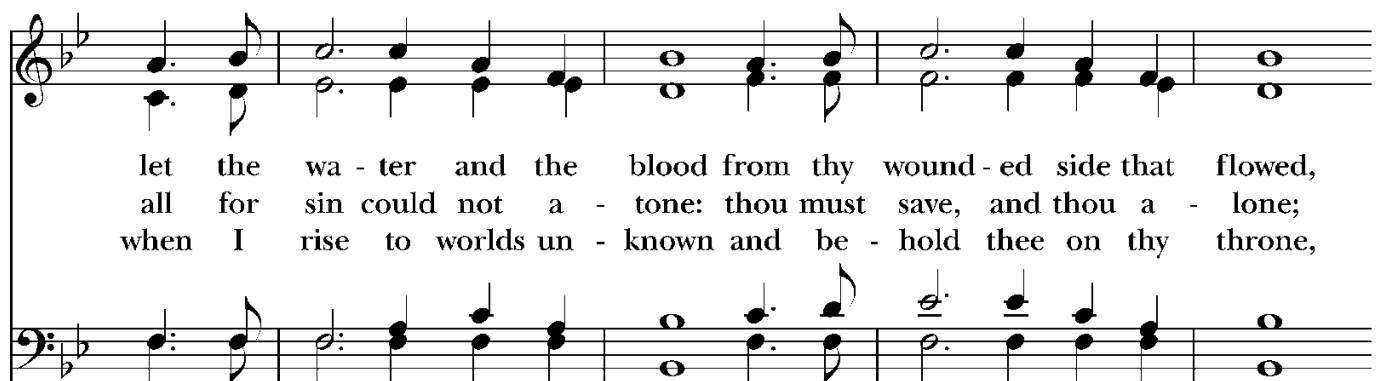
*People* **Thanks be to God.**



\*GOSPEL HYMN • *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* • Hymnal #685



1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
 3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

\*THE GOSPEL • Matthew 16:13-20

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

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

*Priest* When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you,

Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SERMON • The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gómez

**\*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.

*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.*

## **OFFERING**

# **SERVICE OF THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*Offerings toward the work and ministry of St. Mary's may be made  
by using our online offering plate.*



Open. Aim. Tap.

OFFERTORY HYMN • *Now Thank We All Our God* • Hymnal #397

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
 With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever-more.

## 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


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.


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:

*People*    ***Christ has died.***  
              ***Christ is risen.***  
              ***Christ will come again.***

*A priest continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection,  
we now present to you from your creation  
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us  
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts  
may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.



At the last day, bring us with all your saints,  
past, present, and yet to come,  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**



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

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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 • *Mear (Instrumental)*

COMMUNION HYMN • *Serenity* • W. H. Miller

In the midst of blackest night, do I still keep up the fight?

Or, should I curl myself up in a ball?

Keep on going if I dare, or should I just beware  
of the demons and the dangers of the Fall?

*[Chorus] I seek comfort, I seek warmth,  
I seek shelter from the storm,  
But most I seek a deep abiding calm.  
No more bitter, lashing rain,  
No more deep and writhing pain,  
But serenity, a vision and a balm.*

On a raging inland sea whitecaps towered over me,

And a sky as bruised and battered as my face.

Leaking boat and creaking ropes, Jagged rocks and sagging hopes.

Then the storm was gone, without a single trace.

**[Repeat chorus]**

As I stumble towards the dawn, will my sorrow all be gone?  
Or will it chase me through the brightest day?  
Should I keep it by my side to remind me of the tide  
That nearly overwhelmed me on the way?

*[Chorus] I seek comfort, I seek warmth,  
I seek shelter from the storm,  
But most I seek a deep abiding calm.  
No more bitter, lashing rain,  
No more deep and writhing pain,  
But serenity, a vision and a balm.*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Priest* Let us pray.

*People* **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

### 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 • *We Shall All Be Reunited* • W. H. Miller**

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.***

Building up the Tower of Babel,  
high and shiny, just for show.  
Then we split into a rabble,  
strident pride is thus brought low.    **[Repeat chorus]**

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]**

Bitter words and cruel derision,  
schism tears our hearts apart.  
Pray to end needless division,  
come together and never part.    **[Repeat chorus]**

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]**

**DISMISSAL**

*Priest*    Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!  
*People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S**  
**August 27-September 3, 2023**

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to sign up for our newsletter

**Sunday, August 27**

8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**

Sanctuary

10 am [Service of Holy Eucharist](#)

Sanctuary & online; ID 940 3189 1877

11:30 am **Christian Formation Hour**

Cay's Room, Classrooms

4 pm **Evening Prayer**

Sanctuary

**Monday, August 28**

*No scheduled events*

**Tuesday, August 29**

6:30 pm **Spanish Class**

Waldron Hall

**Wednesday, August 30**

7 am [Service of Holy Eucharist](#)

Sanctuary & online; ID 584 949 088

6:15 pm **Choir Practice**

Sanctuary

**Thursday, August 31**

7 am **Men's Group**

Waldron Hall

7 pm [Bible Workbench](#)

Online; ID 821 8564 8348

**Friday, September 1**

*No scheduled events*

**Saturday, September 2**

*No scheduled events*

**Sunday, September 3**

8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**

Sanctuary

9 am **First Sunday Breakfast**

Waldron Hall

10 am [Service of Holy Eucharist](#)

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11:20 am **Christian Formation Hour**

Cay's Room, Classrooms

4 pm **Evening Prayer**

Sanctuary