

JULY 16, 2023 SEVENTH 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/Celebrant/Gospel Reader:

The Rev. Betty Glover, Adjunct Priest General Manager, Thomas Center for Senior Leadership

Reader: Marcia Nattrass

Voice of the People: Deb Kennedy Prayers of People: Hannah Moderow

Musicians: Praise Singers

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

Communion Bread Baker: Laura Hanrahan

Flowers: Anne Donaghy, in loving memory of Tay Thomas' birthday

Donuts: Anne Donaghy

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

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

GATHERING MUSIC • I Saw the Light

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin, I wouldn't let my dear Saviour in, Then like a blind man God gave back his sight, Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

[CHORUS]

I saw the light! I saw the light!
No more darkness, no more night,
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight,
Praise the Lord! I saw the Light!

Just like a blind man I wandered alone, Worries and fears I claimed for my own, Then like a blind man God gave back his sight, Praise the Lord! I saw the Light!

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong from the right,
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!

WELCOME • The Rev. Betty Glover

*OPENING HYMN • Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken • Hymnal #522, v. 1,2





*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

Amen.

Priest God be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

O God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING • Isaiah 55:10-13

Reader A Reading from Isaiah.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65

ANTIPHON



You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;

to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions.

Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

O God of our salvation.

O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might.

You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)



SECOND READING • Romans 8:1-11

Reader A reading from the letter to the Romans.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending God's own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, God condemned sin in

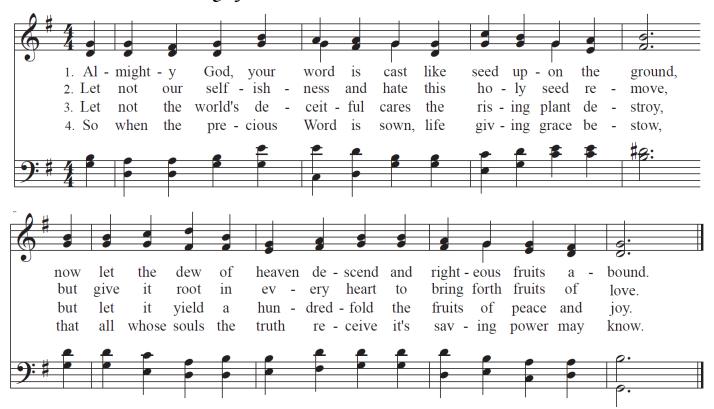
the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then God, who raised Christ from the dead, will give life to your mortal bodies also through the Spirit of God that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL HYMN • Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



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Words: John Cawood (1775 - 1852). alt. Tune: St. Flavian.

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*THE GOSPEL • Matthew 13:1-9;18-23

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Priest Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON • The Rev. Betty Glover

*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

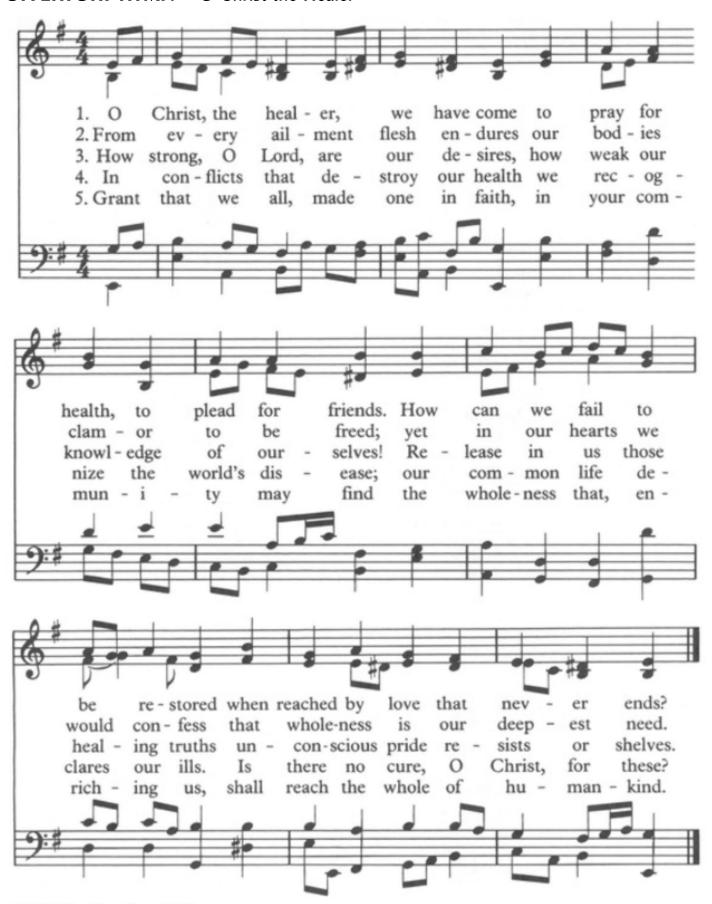
Offerings toward the work and ministry of St. Mary's may be made by texting **StMarysAK** to **73256**, or at **GodsView.org**.



Open. Aim. Tap.



OFFERTORY HYMN • O Christ the Healer •



WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1967

MUSIC: Geistliche Lieder (Klug), 1543; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1725

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

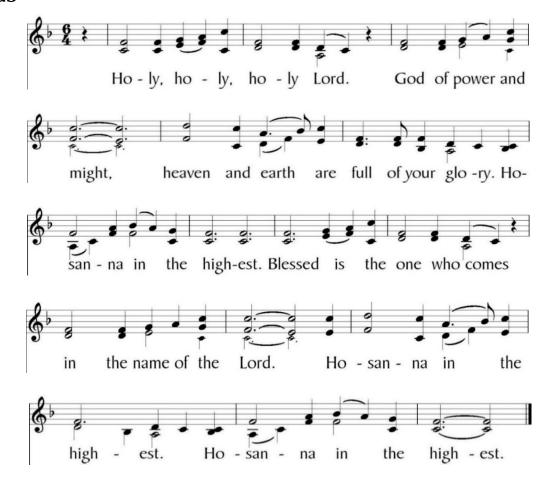
It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

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:

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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 sins.
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.

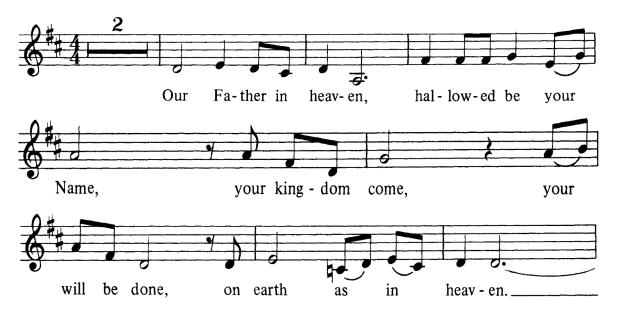
Christ will come again.

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 • Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Instrumental)

COMMUNION HYMN • *Pathfinder* • Words and arr. by W.H. Miller

Guide me Lord Jesus and help me to see, The type of good person you want me to be.

[CHORUS]

Be my reminder, Help me be kinder, Be my pathfinder as I make my way.

When fogbanks are rolling in my line of sight, Be a bell tolling to guide through the night.

[CHORUS]

When highways are icy, when bridges are blocked, When evil men triumph and goodness is mocked.

[CHORUS]

When parents are dying from effects of old age, When children are crying or shaking with rage,

[CHORUS]

Anguish like arrows piercing my breast, New hope like sparrows landing to rest.

[Chorus]

Cleanse me and fill me with your mystery, Send me and will me to my destiny.

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 delive
the sacrament of Christ	e'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 • Rolling Home • Words by W.H. Miller, Music Traditional

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

[CHORUS]

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

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

[CHORUS]

Black and white both work the rigging, from all nations is the crew. We need all hands to face the struggle, to see us home, to see us through.

[CHORUS]

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

[CHORUS]

DISMISSAL

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

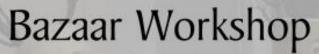


Those using Zoom are invited to join breakout rooms for conversation and fellowship.



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

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Saturday July 22 10 am-2 pm Waldron Hall

You are invited to help prepare for the 2023 Holiday Bazaar! It's all about community building on this fun and friendly team!

Pride in the Valley!

Saturday, July 22 12-8 pm

St. Mary's will be at Underground Pride on the State Fairgrounds, July 22!

Check your newsletter to sign up for a shift at our table, or just come join the celebration!

TO KNOW CHRIST &



Open. Aim. Tap.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

July 16-23, 2023

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Sunday, July 16

Yukon Island Youth Retreat

8 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary

10 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online; ID 940 3189 1877

4 pm Evening Prayer

Sanctuary

Monday, July 17

No scheduled events

Tuesday, July 18

No scheduled events

Wednesday, July 19

7 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online; ID 584 949 088

Thursday, July 20

7 am Men's Group

Waldron Hall

7 pm Bible Workbench

Online; ID 821 8564 8348

Friday, July 21

No scheduled events

Saturday, July 22

10 am Bazaar Workshop

Waldron Hall

12 pm Underground Pride

State Fair Grounds, Palmer

Sunday, July 23

8 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary

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



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