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As We Gather:

Tech Notes and Other Stuff+

We are glad that you are here! We hope that you feel right at home here--whether you are new to St. Mary's, new to Zoom, or a regular to both. Relax; you are among friends. Lift your heart and voice to the God who loves you.

If you are new to worshipping via Zoom, here are a few notes that may make it easier for you to relax during the service, so that it can be as meaningful as possible. None is essential.

- You will be muted, and unable to unmute yourself, so sing joyfully without any fear of broadcasting your voice.
- Using "Speaker View" for most of the service enhances your experience. You can choose this in the top right corner of most Zoom screens. During the Passing of the Peace, we will recommend that you switch you "Gallery View" to enjoy seeing others.
- We really love to be able to know who is joining us. If you would like for your name to be visible with your video, you can hover over your video image, click on the three dots in the upper right, choose "Rename," and then enter your name as you'd like it to appear.
 - If you are willing, please let us know who you are using this link:

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A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARISTⁱ

Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 10 am

Fifth Sunday in Easter Season

By Zoom at <https://godsviv.zoom.us/j/94031891877>

Meeting ID: 940 3189 1877; Telephone call-in: (301) 715-8592

Accompanying Coloring Pages may be found [HERE](#).

*If you'd like more information about our congregation,
or would like a call from our clergy, please let us know [HERE](#).*

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Preacher: [The Rev. Catherine Amy Kropp](#)

Celebrant: [The Rev. Michael Burke](#)

Gospel Reader: [The Rev. Dawn Allen-Herron](#)

Readers: Tracey Burke, Hayden Hunter, Alice Smith, Erick Backman,
Alvanna Ballantyne, Erin Ballantyne, Travis Talbott-Clark, and Esme Carter

Prayers: Kris Green

The Voice of the People: Eric Backman and Lana Ramos

Musicians: Molly Buttars and the St. Mary's Choir

Media Specialist: George Hyde

Sound and Media: Seth Eggleston

Director of Scripture Reading: Debra Kennedy

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

PRELUDE	<i>Various Hymns</i>	Molly Buttars
WELCOME		
HONORING OUR STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS		Musical presentation
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS		
OPENING HYMN ^{II}	<i>Ubi Caritas</i> verses 1 & 3	Hymnal #606

Antiphon **Where true charity and love dwell,
God himself is there.**

Verse 1 Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body,
let us all rejoice and be glad now and always.
And as we hear and love our Lord, the living God,
so let us in sincerity love all people.

Antiphon

Verse 3 Now we pray that with the blessed you grant us grace
to see your exalted glory, O Christ our God,
our boundless source of joy and truth, of peace and love,
for ever and for evermore, world without end.

Antiphon

OPENING SENTENCES	BCP p. 355
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Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.

GLORIA ^{III}	St. Mary's Choir	<i>Wonder, Love and Praise</i> #900
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Glo-ry to God in the high- est, — and peace to peo-ple on earth. —

— Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God — and Father, — we

wor - ship you — we give you thanks, we praise you for — your glory. —

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
 you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT

BCP, p. 224

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

I John 4:7-21

Reader A Reading from First John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 22:24-30

The St. Helena Psalter

My praise is of you in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.

***The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek you shall praise you:
May your heart live for ever!***

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.

***For yours is the royal power, O God;
you rule over the nations.***

To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before you.

***My soul shall live for you; my descendants shall serve you;
they shall be known as yours for ever.***

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that you have done.

GOSPEL HYMN^v

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him verses 1 and 3

Hymnal #37

Verse 1: God is Love, let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heaven above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.

Verse 3: God is Love; and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

THE GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Gospel Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord

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

SERMON

The Rev. Catherine Amy Kropp

TRANSITIONAL MUSIC^v

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High, verses 1 & 3

Hymnal #448

Verse 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

Verse 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought:
by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself, but us.

OFFERTORY

We respond to the things God is doing as we bring our gifts, praising God and giving God glory.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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by texting **StMarysAK** to **73256**, or at godsview.org.*

DOXOLOGY

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP, p. 372

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

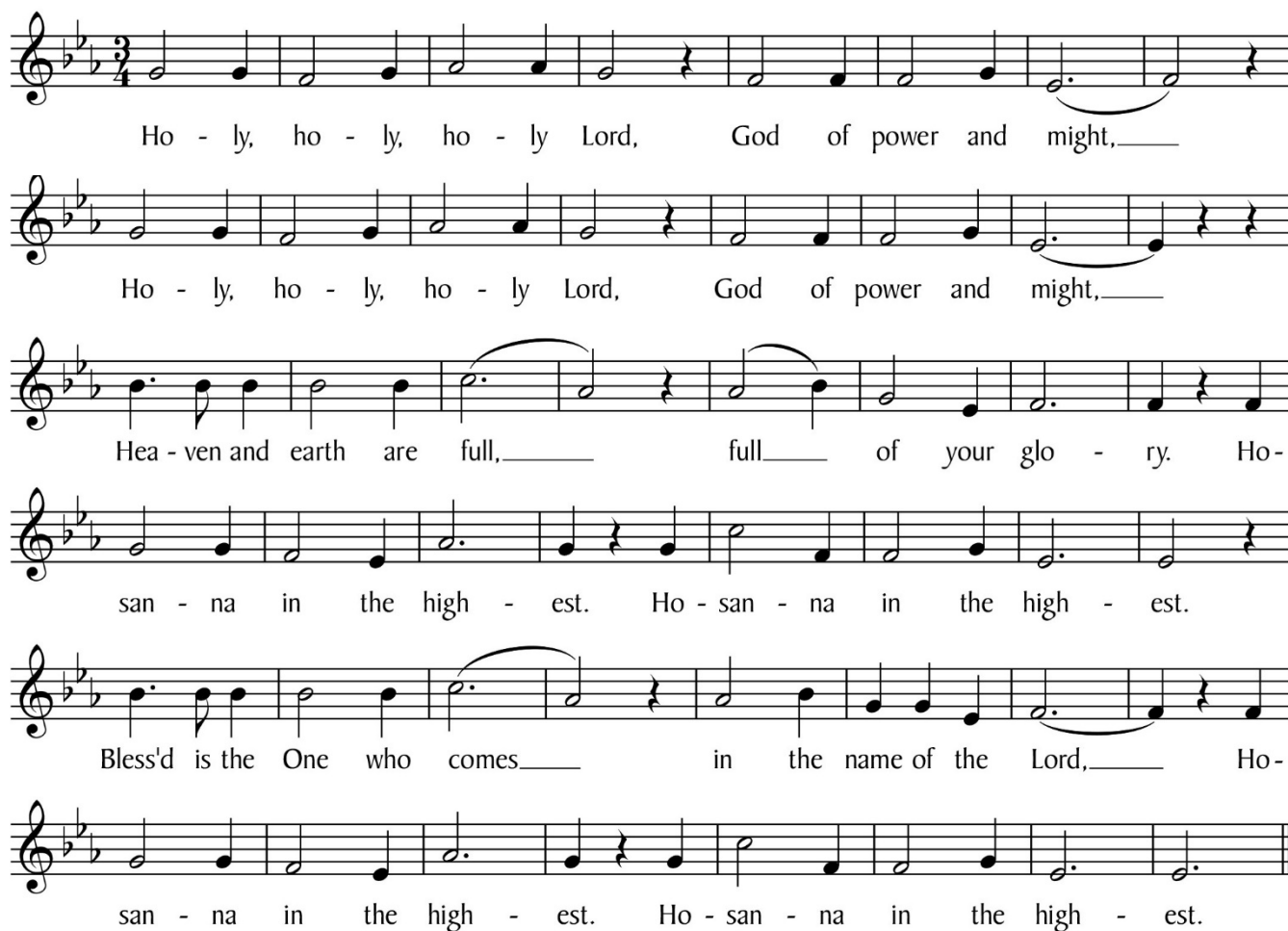
Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

SANCTUS^v

Hymnal #S-130

All, together, sing or say



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

Hea - ven and earth are full,____ full____ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless'd 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.

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin.

To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." 🕊️🕊️🕊️

After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." 🕊️🕊️🕊️

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People together

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Bishop Mark Lattime, and all lay people and clergy who minister in your Church.

Remember all who place themselves in harm's way in order to serve the common good, especially during this time of pandemic.

Remember and bless all schools, colleges, and universities, and those who work and study there, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find the source of all truth.

Remember _____. *(Here the People offer prayer requests, using the Zoom or Facebook chat box).*

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*Our Father in heaven, holy be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Do not bring us to the test,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

PEACE HYMN^{MI}

I Love to Tell the Story

St. Mary's Choir

The people are invited to switch to Gallery View and to greet one another.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The People are invited to join in the prayer.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Faithful God,

*in this communion you increase our faith and hope and love,
and remind us that you are present with us always.*

Here we have found refreshment for our living;

*here we remember that in every age,
you provide all that we need.*

Equip us now to live in this world in peace,

and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

Enriching Our Worship, p. 366

The Wisdom of God

The Love of God

and the Grace of God

strengthen you

to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,

in the name of the Holy Trinity. ***Amen.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

A priest says: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

CLOSING HYMN^{viii}

Thanks We Give and Adoration, verses 2 & 3

Hymnal #344

Verse 2 Thanks we give and adoration
for thy Gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of thy salvation
in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful
to thy truth may we be found;

Verse 3 so that when thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us,
glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with thee in endless day.

FUNNY MOMENTS: LOOKING BACK WITH THE ST. MARY'S YOUTH Video presentation by Maxwell Carter

Please join us for Coffee Hour following the service.

BLESSINGS

Birthdays

Watch over your *child*, O Lord, as *her* days increase; bless and guide *her* wherever *she* may be. Strengthen *her* when she stand(s); comfort *her* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *her* up if *she* fall(s); and in *her* heart(s) may your peace which passes understanding, abide all the days of *her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*BCP*, page 381)

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 *her* work of recovery; defend *her* in *her* sobriety; and bless *her* with strength and wisdom now and always. Amen.

Work transitions or retirement

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant(s) who *have/has* enriched this community and brought gladness to friends (and family); now bless and preserve *him* at this time of transition. Guide *him* 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 *him*. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

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^{vii} Author: Kate Hankey (1866); Author (refrain): William G. Fischer (1869); Tune: [I love to tell the story] (Fischer)

^{viii} Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817)



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[Cosmic Spirituality and Justice Prayer Group](#)

Meeting ID 976 5239 6581

Monday, May 3

6 pm

Explore the interconnectedness of our world through Christ in this prayerful gathering. Consider how the things that we do, and awake to, no matter how small, make a difference in the work of God's love and justice.

Come, rest, and be.

All are welcome.

[Bazaar Workshop](#)

Meeting ID 825 1329 8069

Saturday, May 8

11 am

Get together with other crafters online, work on your crafts at home, and chat. Join anytime between 11:00 and 1:00 via Zoom! All you need is an internet connection and a computer, tablet, or smart phone.

This Week at St Mary's

Sunday, May 2 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

10 am [Sunday Worship](#)

meeting ID: 940 3189 1877

Monday, May 3

6 pm [Cosmic Spirituality and Justice](#)

meeting ID: 976 5329 6581

7 pm [Outreach Committee](#)

meeting ID: 913 9876 8119

Tuesday, May 4

12 pm [Noonday Prayer](#)

meeting ID: 572 636 075

Wednesday, May 5

7 am [Worship](#)

meeting ID: 584 949 088

6:30 pm [St. Mary's Choir Practice](#)

meeting ID: 895 1220 9447

Thursday, May 6

12 pm [Noonday Prayer](#)

meeting ID: 572 636 075

7 pm [Caring Ministries](#)

meeting ID: 930 3924 5982

7 pm [Bible Workbench](#)

meeting ID: 383 910 814

Friday, May 7

12 pm [Noonday Prayer](#)

meeting ID: 572 636 075

Saturday, May 8

11 am [Bazaar Workshop](#)

meeting ID: 825 1329 8069

12 pm [Noonday Prayer](#)

meeting ID: 572 636 075