



St. Mary's Episcopal Church

OCTOBER 1, 2023

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. - Jeremiah 17:8

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

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MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

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

Preacher: Al Alvarez, *Stewardship Chair*

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

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

Readers: Amy Gruber and Sarah Stoops

Voice of the People: Kate McClellan

Prayers of the People: Ross McKay

Musicians: Luke Honeck, Rachel Morgan, and the St. Mary's Choir

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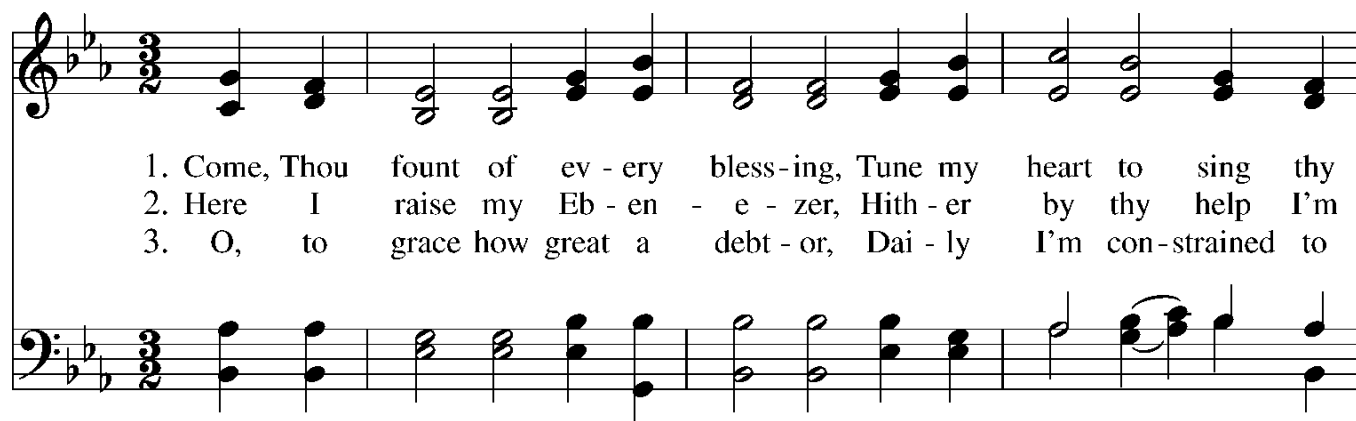
Flowers: Al and Sally Alvarez

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE • *Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love* • by Robert J Powell • Rachel Morgan, organ

WELCOME • The Rev. Michael Burke

*OPENING HYMN • *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing* • LEVAS #111



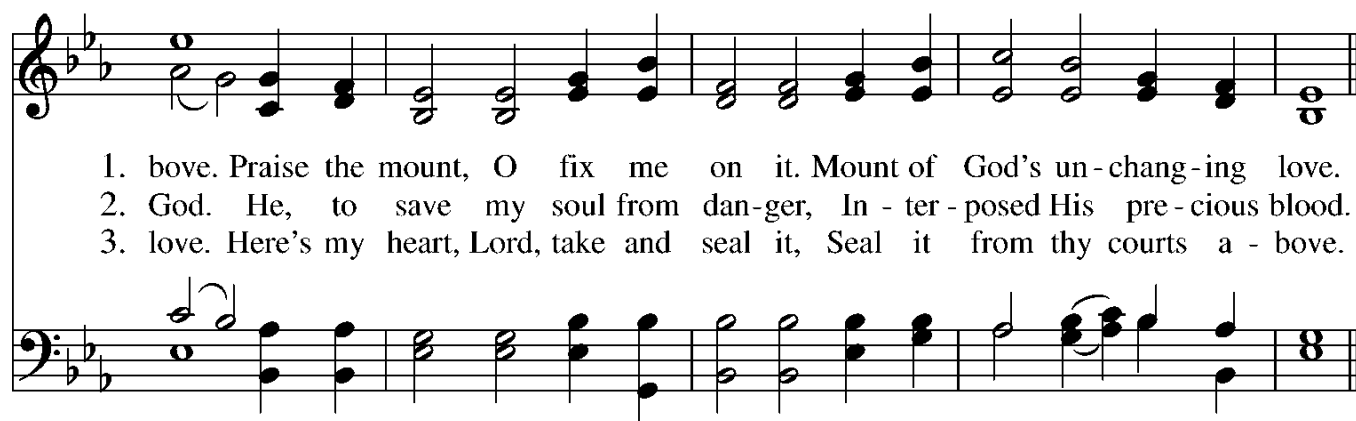
1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ery bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing thy
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm
 3. O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con-strained to



1. grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas-ing, Call for songs of loud-est
 2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas-ure, Sure - ly to ar - rive at
 3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan-d'ring heart to



1. praise. Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a -
 2. home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan-d'ring from the fold of
 3. Thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I



1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
 2. God. He, to save my soul from dan-ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a - bove.

*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.***

*GLORIA WLP 901

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to

peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

a little slower

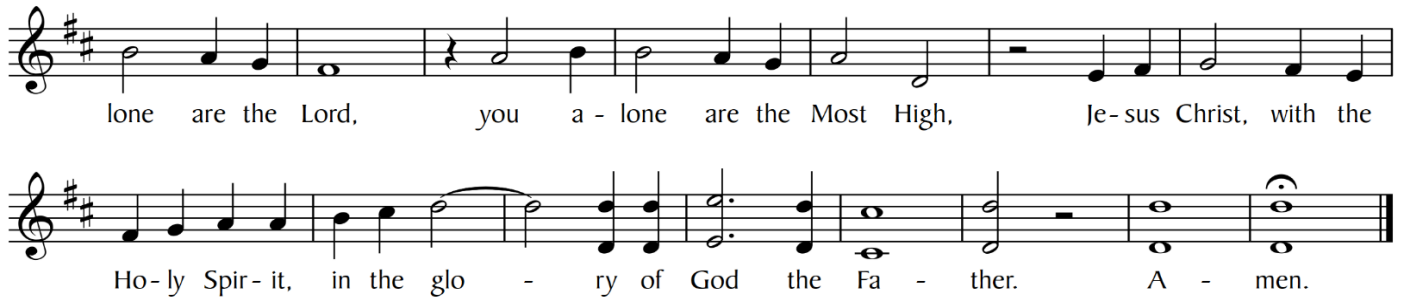
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;—

— you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

a tempo

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



SERVICE OF THE WORD

*THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest God be with you.

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

Priest Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

FIRST READING • Ezekial 17:22-24

Reader A reading from Ezekial.

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig

from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one

from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it

on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,

and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
 in the shade of its branches will nest
 winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know
 that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree,
 I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
 and make the dry tree flourish.

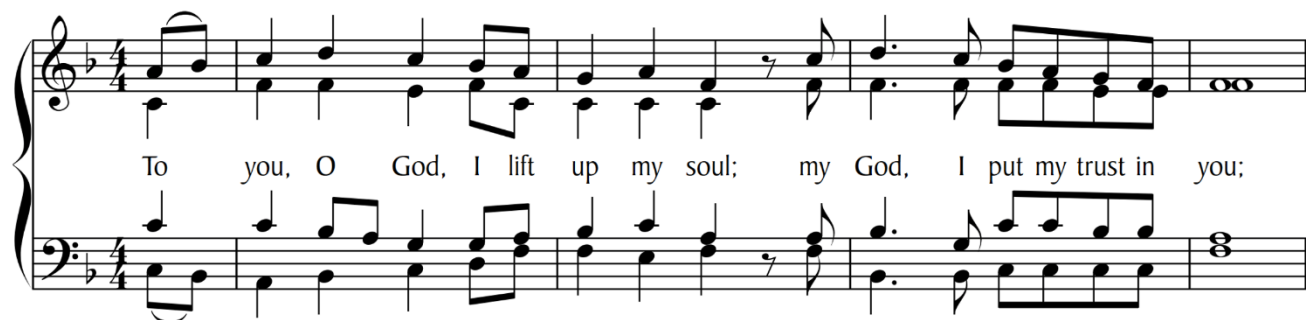
I the Lord have spoken;
 I will accomplish it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 25:1-8 • Braydon Perrupato, *cantor* • arr. by Luke Honeck

ANTIPHON



To you, O God, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;

Let me not be humiliated,
 nor let my enemies triumph over me.
 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
 Show me your ways, O God,
 and teach me your paths.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God
 of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
 Remember, O God, your compassion and love,
 for they are from everlasting.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
 remember me according to your love
 and for the sake of your goodness, O God.

Gracious and upright are you;
 therefore you teach sinners in your way.

You guide the humble in doing right
 and teach your way to the lowly.

All your paths are love and faithfulness
 to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)**SECOND READING • Ephesians 3:14-19**

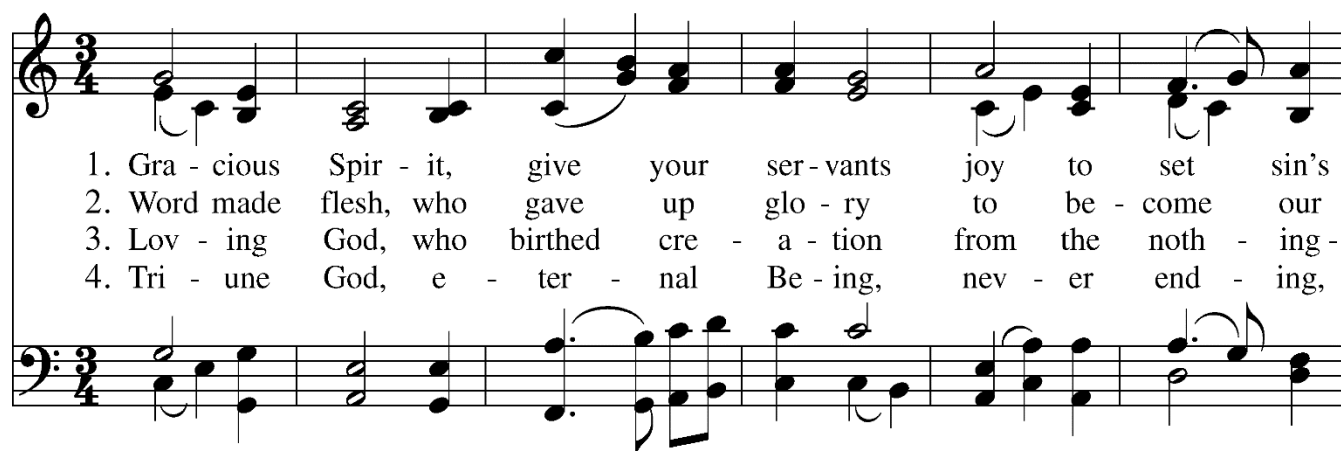
Reader A reading from Ephesians.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

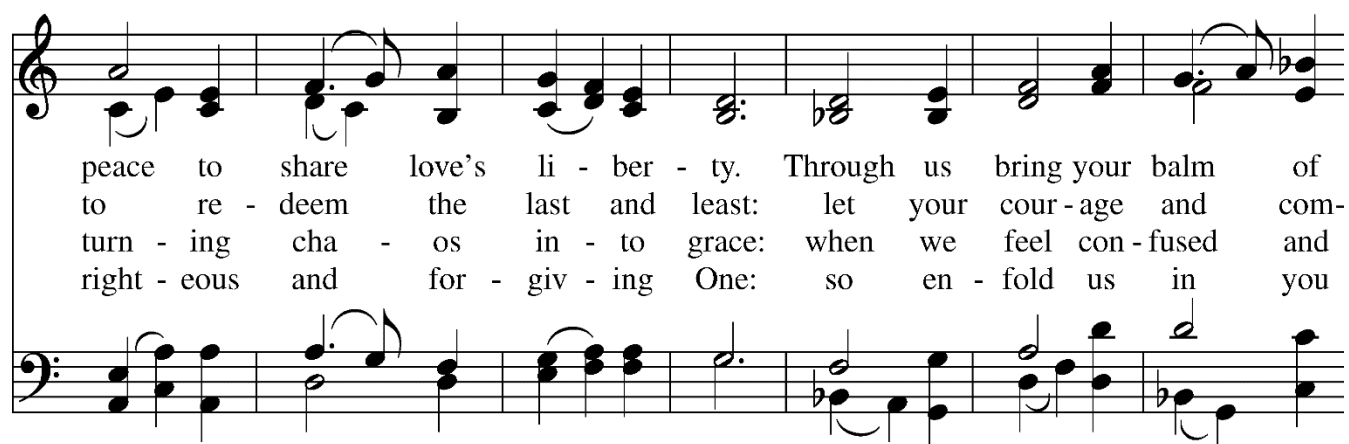
*GOSPEL HYMN • *Gracious Spirit, Give Your Servants* • WLP #769, v. 1,2,4



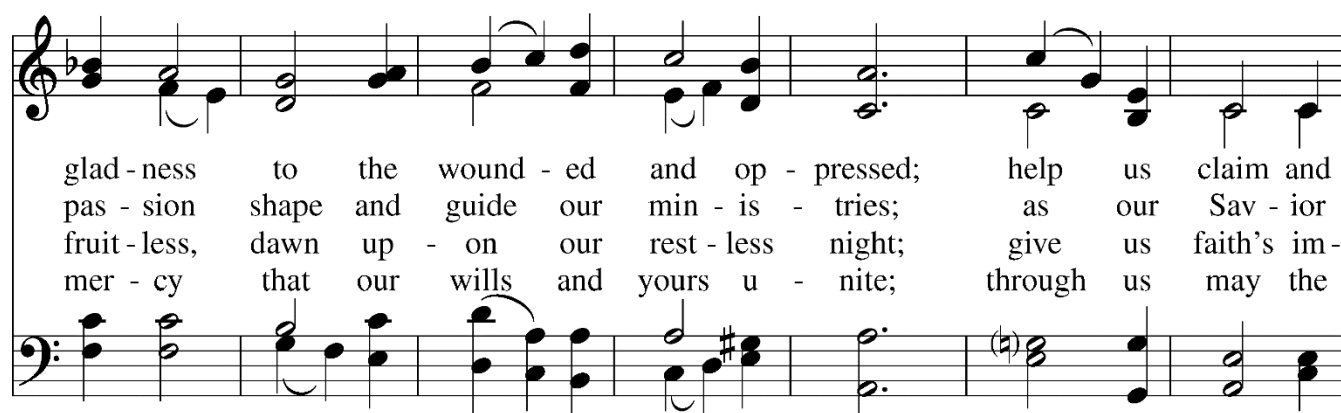
1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
 2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
 3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
 4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,



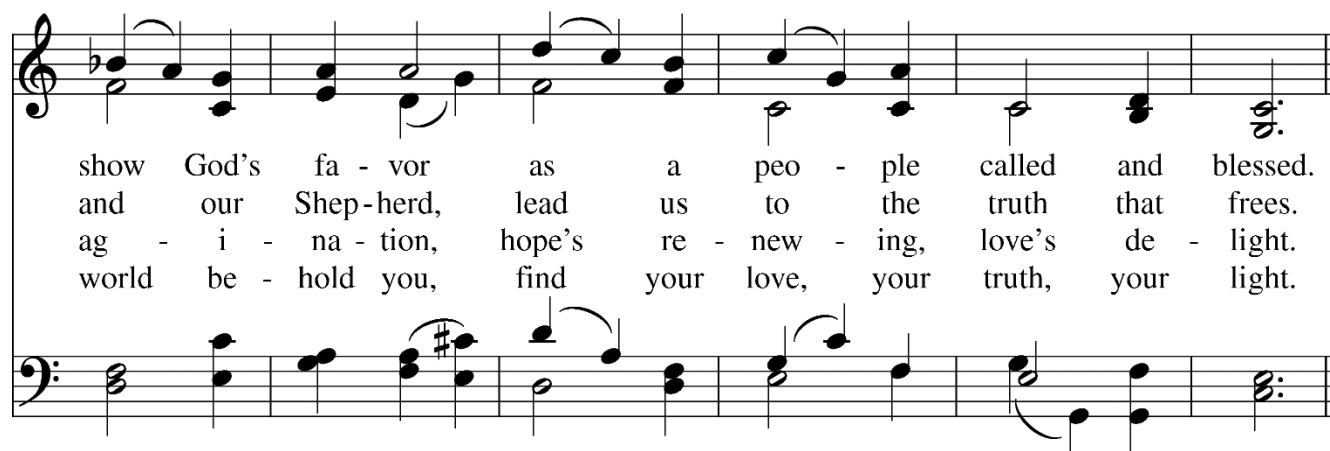
cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
 great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
 ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,
 un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,



peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
 to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
 turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and
 right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in you



glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
 pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
 fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -
 mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the



***GOSPEL • John 15:1-15**

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

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

Priest 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 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. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.


'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

The Gospel of the Lord.


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

THE SERMON • AL Alvarez


*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH WLP 769




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

Gather us together, O God, that we might share the prayers, intentions, and thanksgivings of our community.

We are generous with our gifts,
because we are rooted in abundance.

I ask your prayers for the Church, for all who worship God this day. For clergy, diocesan leaders, and for this congregation. We pray especially for this season in which we celebrate stories of our shared mission and ministry.

We are generous with gifts of leadership,
because we are rooted in abundance.

I ask your prayers for our nation and all nations; for refugees fleeing climate change and war; for conflicts of resources and land; for lawmakers, peacekeepers, and informed citizens. We pray for a distribution of wealth that supports justice for the poor and the marginalized, and right relations among all people.

We are generous with gifts of peace,
because we are rooted in abundance.

I ask your prayers for the sick, the lonely, the lost, and those who grieve. We remember those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now in silence or aloud.

[Here prayers are shared in the chat box, or by voicing them aloud.]

We are generous with gifts of healing,
because we are rooted in abundance.

I ask your prayers for those who have died, those who are dying, and those who mourn. For those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name now in silence or aloud.

[Here prayers are shared in the chat box, or by voicing them aloud.]

We are generous with gifts of support,
because we are rooted in abundance.

I ask for your thanksgivings and blessings, for we are given time, talent, and treasure to share with the world.

We are generous with gratitude,
because we are rooted in abundance.

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**

The Peace is now exchanged

Priest The peace of God be always with you.

People Also with you.

Then the People may greet one another in the name of God.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING

*Offerings toward the work and ministry of St. Mary's may be made
by texting **StMarysAK** to 73256, at [GodsView.org](https://www.GodsView.org), or by using the
QR code to the right of this message.*



Open. Aim. Tap.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM • *Praise, O Praise the Lord* • Wilfred Robinson

*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

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 our thanks and praise.***

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

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

Celebrant You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

(next page)

SANCTUS WLP 854

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est. San - to,


san - to, san- to es el Se-ñor. Ho- san - na, ho- san - na, ho- san- na en el


cie - lo. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en el cie - lo.

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
 because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
 you showed us how much you love us.
 He cares for the poor and the hungry.
 He suffers with the sick and the rejected.
 Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
 but overcame hatred with love.
 On the cross
 he defeated the power of sin and death.
 By raising him from the dead
 you show us the power of your love
 to bring new life to all your people.

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

Celebrant On the night before he gave up his life for us,
 Jesus, at supper with his friends,
 took bread, gave thanks to you,
 broke it, and gave it to them,
 saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
 this is my body which is given for you." 

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
 said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
 and said, "Drink this, all of you:
 this is the cup of my blood,
 the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
 which is shed for you and for many,
 so that sins may be forgiven.
 Do this in memory of me." 

People ***Glory to you for ever and ever***

Celebrant Gracious God,
 with this bread and wine
 we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
 and we offer ourselves to you in him.
 Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
 that we may know the presence of Jesus
 in the breaking of bread,
 and share in the life
 of the family of your children.

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

Celebrant Father, you call us to be your servants;
 fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
 that all the world may gather in joy
 at the table of your kingdom.
 We sing your praise, almighty Father,
 through Jesus, our Lord,
 in the power of the Holy Spirit,
 now and for ever.

People ***Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.*** 

Priest As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, each in the language of their heart,

People and Celebrant,

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and
forever. Amen.*

DEG XINAG VERSION

*Dinaxito' ngi'ezre' yan' ngizrenh.
Yitots'in' yoye dhedo.*

*Yitots'in ngutl'ogh xiye
Tr'ididl'tth'e.*

*Go dranh nighantl'itthin dinadhong
he'on.*

*Tr'ixet'ixdi xits'in' dinatighelalin.
(Yitots'in) trixet'xdi xits'in
Dinak'odz xudingitnek*

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

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes that support the vocal lines.

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

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

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

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest Let us pray.

People *God of Abundance and Grace,*
by the provision of this feast,
the Sacrament of our Savior, Jesus Christ
you have united us together in purpose and place.
May we who have gathered and broken bread
now live in the abundance of your grace,
grow in liberating, life-giving love,
and serve you with joy and steadfast faith,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING OUT EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: (Name), in the name of this congregation, we send you to share our Eucharist with _____. May you take the prayers of all of us as you deliver the sacrament of Christ's presence.

All: *We who are many are one body, because we all share in the one cup!*

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

Watch over your child, O God, as their days increase; bless and guide them where ever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful, raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding, abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES

Send, O God, your blessing upon these your servants. Sustain them in their love and commitment to each other, that their home may be a place of peace and hospitality now and always. Amen.

SOBRIETY

Bless, O God, your servant in their work or recovery; defend them in their sobriety; and bless them with strength and wisdom now and always. Amen.

WORK TRANSITION OR RETIREMENT

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant who has enriched this community and brought gladness to friends and family; now bless and preserve them at this time of transition. Guide them in the continued use of your gifts; provide sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends to cheer the way, and a clear vision of the ministry to which you are now calling them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING SONG

May the blessing of God be upon you, the blessing of the Father and the Son. And may the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Love, be with you all your days.*

**Spirit of Peace [second verse]*

RECESSIONAL HYMN • *Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing* • Hymnal #344

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE • Rachel Morgan, organ



Open. Aim. Tap.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

OCTOBER 1-8, 2023

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Sunday, October 1

Diocesan Convention (Juneau)

8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**- Chapel

9 am **First Sunday Breakfast**

Waldron Hall

10 am [Service of Holy Eucharist](#)

Sanctuary & online; ID 940 3189 1877

10 am **Godly Play** - Room 1 (downstairs)

11:00 am **Budget Forum** - Waldron Hall

11:20 am **Sermon Circle & Sunday**

School - Cay's Room, Classrooms

4 pm **Evening Prayer** - Sanctuary

Monday, October 2

7 pm [Outreach Team Meeting](#)

Cay's Room & online;

ID 873 7864 5166

Tuesday, October 3

6 pm [Dreaming Our Future Team](#)

Cay's Room & online;

ID 816 8065 3359

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

Waldron Hall

Wednesday, October 4 – Feast of St.

Francis

7 am [Service of Holy Eucharist](#)

Sanctuary & online; ID 584 949 088

8 am [Caring Ministries Team](#)

Cay's Room & online;

ID 867 6384 4495

6 pm **Budget Hearing** - Cay's Room

6:15 pm **Choir Practice** - Sanctuary

Thursday, October 5

7 am **Men's Group**

Waldron Hall

6:pm [Midweek@St.Mary's](#) - Waldron Hall

6:30 pm **Ask A Pediatrician**- Waldron Hall

7 pm [Bible Workbench](#)

Online; ID 821 8564 8348

Friday, October 6

No scheduled events

Saturday, October 7

No scheduled events

Sunday, October 8

8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**

Chapel

10 am [Service of Holy Eucharist](#)

Sanctuary & online; ID 940 3189 1877

10 am **Godly Play**

Room 1 (downstairs)

11 am **Stewardship Interactive Workshop**

Waldron Hall

11:15 am **Clare House Meal Prep**

Waldron Hall Kitchen

11:20 am **Sermon Circle & Sunday**

School

Cay's Room, Classrooms

4 pm **Evening Prayer**

Sanctuary

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