

OCTOBER 22, 2023
INGATHERING SUNDAY



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 <a href="www.GodsView.org/Connect/">www.GodsView.org/Connect/</a>.



# 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

Celebrants: The Rev. Michael Burke, Rector, and The Rev. Betty Glover,

General Manager, Thomas Center for Senior Leadership

Gospel Reader: The Rev. Dawn Allen-Herron, Associate Rector

**Readers:** Deb Kennedy and Jane Thomas **Voice of the People:** Kristina Reza

Prayers of People: Hannah Moderow

Musicians: Praise Singers

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

# GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

GATHERING MUSIC • Various selections from the Liturgical Music • Praise Singers
GATHERING MUSIC • How Can I Keep From Singing? • Music by Robert Wadsworth
Lowry; lyricist unknown

My life flows on in endless song

Above earth's lamentation,

I hear the real though far off hymn

That hails the new creation,

No storm can shake my inmost calm While to this rock I'm clinging, It sounds an echo in my soul How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest round me rears, *I know the truth it liveth*. What though the darkness round me nears *Songs in the night it giveth*.

No storm can shake my inmost calm While to this rock I'm clinging, It sounds an echo in my soul How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die,

I know my Savior liveth.

What through the darkness gather round?

Songs in the night he giveth.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine since I am his!

How can I keep from singing?

How can I keep from singing?

## **WELCOME** • The Rev. Michael Burke

\*OPENING HYMN • Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun • Hymnal #544, v. 1, 3, 5



## **\*OPENING SENTENCES**

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

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Priest Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you

no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Savior. *Amen.* 

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

#### \*THE COLLECT

*Priest* God be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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 45:1-7

Reader A Reading from Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whose right hand I have grasped

to subdue nations before him

and strip kings of their robes,

to open doors before him--

and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze

and cut through the bars of iron,

I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob,

and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

so that they may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is no one besides me;

I am the Lord, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe:

I the Lord do all these things.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 99

#### **ANTIPHON**



God reigns, let the people tremble.

God is enthroned upon the cherubim, let the earth shake.

God is great in Zion

and is high above all peoples.

Let them confess the Name, which is great and awesome;

God is the Holy One.

"O mighty ruler, lover of justice,

you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of God, our God

and fall down before God's footstool;

God is the Holy One.

# ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

Moses and Aaron among his priests,

Samuel among those who call upon the Name,

they called upon God,

who answered them.

God spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; and kept the testimonies and the decree that were given to them. "O God, our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them,

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

Proclaim the greatness of God, our God, and worship upon the holy hill; for God, our God is the Holy One.

yet punished them for their evil deeds."

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

**SECOND READING** • 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Reader A Reading from 1 Thessalonians.

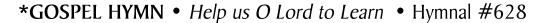
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

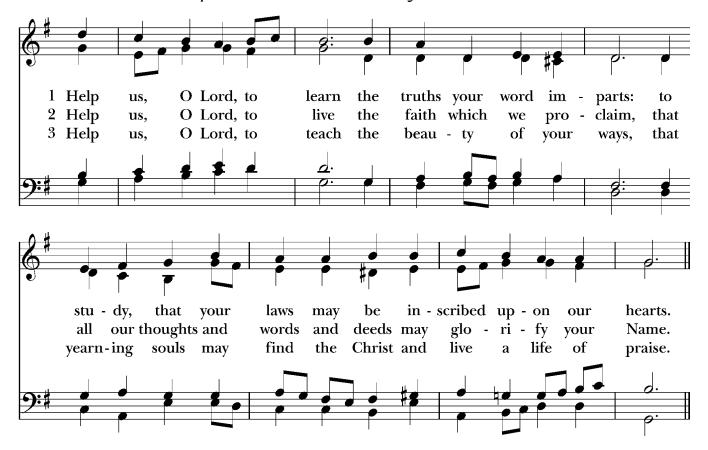
Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.





\*THE GOSPEL • Matthew 22:15-22

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Priest The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

# SERMON • The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gómez

## \*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH



## \*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.

*Priest*: Hear the prayers of your people, Creator God. May we who are entrusted with so much share with a world in need. *Amen*.

A Priest says And now, let us confess our sin, to God and each other. 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

#### PLEDGE INGATHERING

Offerings toward the work and ministry of St. Mary's may be made by texting **StMarysAK** to **73256**, at <u>GodsView.org</u>, or by using the QR code to the right of this message.



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**OFFERTORY HYMN** • Servant Song (instrumental)

OFFERTORY HYMN • Spirit of God, Unseen As the Wind • Margaret Old





[CHORUS] Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove; teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour's love!

You spoke to us long, long ago, gave us the written word; we read it still, needing its truth through it God's voice is heard.

# [REPEAT CHORUS]

Without your help we fail our Lord, we cannot live His way; we need Your power, we need Your strength, following Christ each day.

# [REPEAT CHORUS]

#### 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.

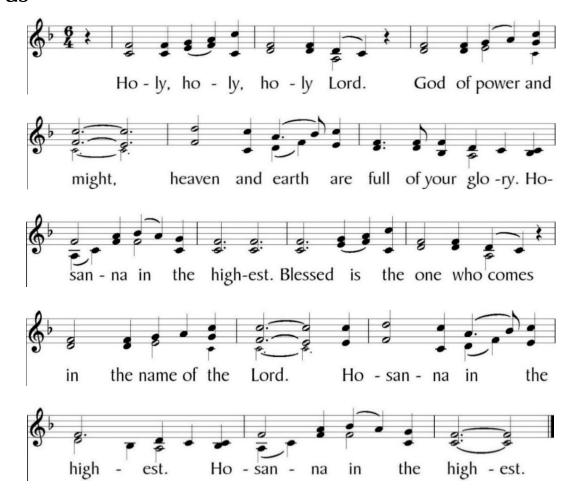
Therefore, with all who serve you

on earth and in heaven,

we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

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## **SANCTUS**



Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, loving God, 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."  $\triangle \triangle \triangle$ 

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 all,

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 God, 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 God,

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, 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** • *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* • Joseph Hart



# **COMMUNION HYMN** • Let There Be Peace on Earth • Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as Creator, brothers and sisters, we are family.
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me!

#### 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	e 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 Chris	t'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**

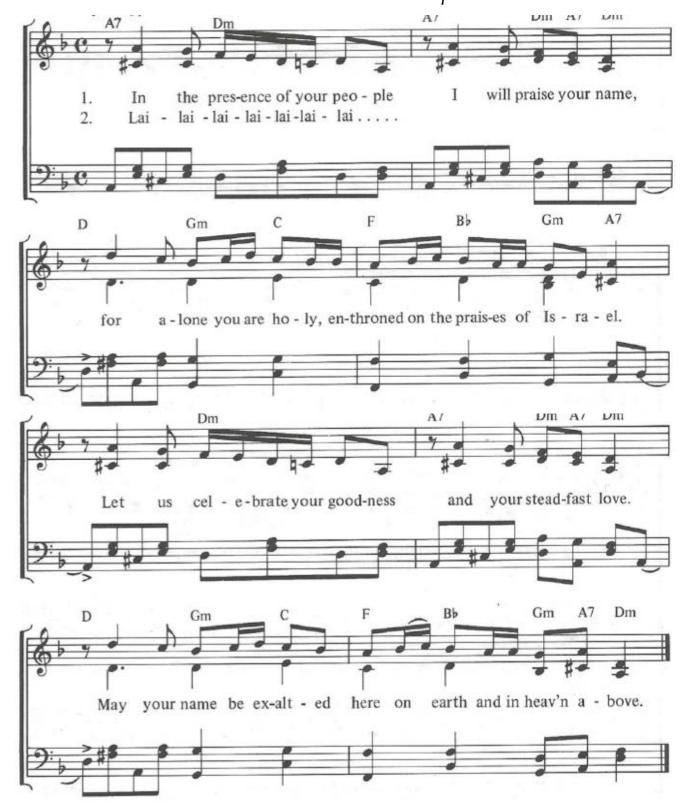
Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of this servant who has enriched this community and brought gladness to friends and family; now bless and preserve them at this time of transition. Guide them in the continued use of your gifts; provide sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends 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 • In the Presence of Your People • Brent Chambers



## **DISMISSAL**

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

**PARTNERS in SERVICE:** In 2022-2023, St. Mary's has partnered with over seventy-five groups and organizations through a combination of joint programing, provision of services, building use, or pastoral care services or funding.

Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC)
Alaskans for Better Choices / Volunteers
of America (DUI re-education / victim
impact panels)

Alaska Coalition to End Homelessness Best Beginnings (early childhood education)

Standing Together Against Rape Partners in Homeless Education

United Thank Offering (UTO)

Malawi Children's Village

Children's Lunchbox – Hunger Program

The Episcopal Diocese of AK

**Episcopal Native Ministries** 

Faith Into Tomorrow

Diocesan Investment Committee

Commission on Ministry

South Central Deanery

**Episcopal Prison Ministry** 

Fellowship In Serving Humanity

Helping Hand Bags

P.L.UM.E. Ecumenical Ministry

Anchorage Faith In Action -

Congregations Together (AFACT)

Dancing in the Spirit Ministries

Numerous 12-Step recovery groups:

St. Mary's Creative Playschool

Alaska Native Medical Center

pastoral care department

**Brother Francis Shelter** 

Beans Café

99+ I (Homelessness)

First Christian Church After School

Program

Nasenga Primary School (Malawi)

The Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission

Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness

Heifer Project International

Nets for Life (Malaria Prevention)

Episcopal Relief and Development

Older Persons Action Group

Christians For Equality

Homeward Bound / Karluk Manor

Hope Community Resources

Anchorage Interfaith Council

Sand Lake parishes- Malawi, Africa

Identity, Inc. – civil rights

The Alaska Christian Conference

Thomas Center for Senior Leadership

Red Cross - Disaster Relief

New Chance Ministries Ukrainian

Refugee Relief

The Lullaby Project at Hiland Mountain

Bread for the World

Open Arms Orphan Nursery (Malawi)

Choosing Our Roots (COR)

Arciniega Productions Youth Program

Covenant House Alaska

Hope Community Resources

Henning, Inc. (Homelessness)

AK Cubs Closet (kids and families)

St. Mary's Rapid Rehousing Fund

The Queen's Guard

Knitters of the North

Community Yoga for Elders

Girdwood Chapel

Hospice of Anchorage

I-Act Little Ripples Program

PILA Global (kids at the border)

**AK Correctional Ministries** 

Assist Ukraine (refugees)

**Underground Pride** 

Water.org (safe water - developing

world)

Magic Yarn Project (kids w/cancer)

Newborns in Need – AK Chapter

The Listening Post

Cafecito Bonito

**Anchor Gardens** 

Facing Foster Care

Cub Scouts / Scouting

**Tudor Elementary School** 

The Alaska Conference of the United

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# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

October 22-29, 2023

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# Sunday, October 22 – Ingathering Sunday

8 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Chapel

10 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online; ID 940 3189 1877

10 am Godly Play

Room I (downstairs)

11:20 am Sermon Circle & Sunday School

Cay's Room, Classrooms

4 pm Evening Prayer

Sanctuary

# Monday, October 23

No planned events

# Tuesday, October 24

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

# Wednesday, October 25

7 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online; ID 584 949 088

6:15 pm Choir Practice

Sanctuary

6:30 pm Women's Book Club

Online; ID 864 8947 7980



## Thursday, October 26

7 am Men's Group

Waldron Hall

6:pm Midweek@St.Mary's

Waldron Hall

6:30 pm Way of Love

Waldron Hall, Cay's Room

7 pm Bible Workbench

Online; ID 821 8564 8348

## Friday, October 27

5 Trunks & Treats

St. Mary's Parking Lot & Grounds

# Saturday, October 28

9:30 am Bazaar Workshop

Waldron Hall

5 pm Youth Pumpkin Carving

Contact the Kam-Magruders for info

# Sunday, October 29

8 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Chapel

9 am Carved Pumpkin Sale

Narthex

10 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online; ID 940 3189 1877

10 am Godly Play

11:20 am Sermon Circle & Sunday School

Cay's Room, Classrooms

4 pm Evening Prayer

Sanctuary