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Sunday, September 12, 2021

The sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME!

We are glad that you are here today. 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.

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/.



A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARISTⁱ

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

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

Accompanying Coloring Pages may be found at www.godsview.org/online-worship/

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

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

Reader: Deb Kennedy

The Voice of the People: Stacy & Stephen Thorpe *or* Wade Hampton Miller

Prayers: Kris Green

Musicians: The Praise Singers

Media Specialist: George Hyde

Sound and Media: Seth Eggleston

Wearing a mask is encouraged. Even more, we urge all unvaccinated persons to wear masks.

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

Praise Singers

Selections from the service music as announced, and *Climbing High Mountains* (lyrics below)

Climbing High Mountainsⁱ

Leader: Lord, I'm climbing high mountains trying to get home.

Group: Lord, I'm climbing high mountains trying to get home.
 Lord, I'm climbing high mountains, climbing high mountains,
 Climbing high mountains trying to get home.

Leader: Lord, I'm bearing my burdens trying to get home.

Group: Lord, I'm bearing my burdens trying to get home.
 Lord, I'm bearing my burdens, bearing my burdens,
 Bearing my burdens trying to get home.

Repeat pattern with additional verses

Lord, I'm having hard trials trying to get home.

Lord, my way's sometimes weary trying to get home.

Lord, I'm climbing high mountains trying to get home.

WELCOME

The Rev. Michael Burke

OPENING HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spokenⁱⁱⁱ

Hymnal #522

As able, all stand and sing

Verse 1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
 Zion, city of our God;
 he whose word cannot be broken
 formed thee for his own abode;
 on the Rock of Ages founded,
 what can shake thy sure repose?
 With salvation's walls surrounded,
 thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Verse 2 See! the streams of living waters,
 springing from eternal love,
 well supply thy sons and daughters
 and all fear of want remove.
 Who can faint, when such a river
 ever will their thirst assuage?
 Grace which, like the Lord, the giver
 never fails from age to age.

OPENING SENTENCES

EOW 1 p. 50

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

BCP, p. 233

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 7:26-8:1

Reader A Reading from the Book of Wisdom.

For wisdom is a reflection of eternal light,
 a spotless mirror of the working of God,
 and an image of God's goodness.

Although she is but one, she can do all things,
 and while remaining in herself, she renews all things;
 in every generation she passes into holy souls
 and makes them friends of God, and prophets;
 for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.

She is more beautiful than the sun,
 and excels every constellation of the stars.
 Compared with the light she is found to be superior,
 for it is succeeded by the night,
 but against wisdom evil does not prevail.

She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other,
 and she orders all things well.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 116:1-8

The Emergent Psalter


ANTIPHON You have de - live-ered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stum- bling

I love God, for God hears my voice, my supplication,
 for God inclines an ear to me whenever I call.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;
 I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the Name of God:
 "O God, save my life."



ANTIPHON You have de - live-ered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stum- bling

Gracious is God, and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

God watches over the innocent;
I was brought very low, and God helped me.

Be at rest again, my soul,
for God has treated you well.

For you have delivered me from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of God
in the land of the living.

ANTIPHON

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

Reader A Reading from James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me?^v

Iona Community/J.L. Hooker

Verse 1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my Name be known?
Will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Verse 2 Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Verse 3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ner free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?.

Verse 4 Will you love the 'You' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

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

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord

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

SERMON

The Reverend Michael Burke

TRANSITIONAL MUSIC

Will You Come and Follow Me?

Verse 5 Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.

In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show,
thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ANZP, p. 481

As able, all stand and say together

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you.

You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.

You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

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

Offerings toward the work and ministry of St. Mary's may be made

by texting [StMarysAK](https://www.stmarysak.org) to 73256, or at [godsview.org](https://www.godsview.org).

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^v

EOW, p. 60; NZPB, p. 162

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.***

The Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a good mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death

and to reveal the riches of your grace,

you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,

that she might conceive and bear a son,

Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,

healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself

yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross

the sacrifice of his life,

and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,

Jesus was at table with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to you,

broke it, and gave it to them, 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.

Again, he gave thanks to you,

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." 🕊️🕊️

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

We pray for the hungry and the overfed
May we have enough.

For the mourners and the mockers
May we laugh together.

For the victims and the oppressors
May we share power wisely.

For the peacemakers and the warmongers
May clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony.

For the unemployed and the overworked
May our impress on the earth be kindly and creative.

For the troubled and the sleek
May we live together as wounded healers.

For the homeless and the cosseted
May our homes be simple, warm and welcoming.

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

For the vibrant and the dying
May we all die to live.

For 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 in the fullness of time bring us,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.
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.**

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

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*As those gathered on-site receive communion,
those gathered by Zoom are invited to change to Gallery View and to greet each other.*

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Following Jesus who welcomed everyone, we welcome you to receive Holy Communion at St. Mary's, whatever your faith affiliation or stage of life.

- Please approach the altar down the center aisle, remaining safely distanced.
- As one of the stations becomes available, approach it and extend your hands. Bread will be placed into outstretched hands.
- Gluten-free wafers are available. Just ask the person serving bread.

We invite those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion to come forward for a blessing from the priest. Simply cross your arms over your chest as you stand in front of the priest.

COMMUNION HYMN

Pathfinder^{vi}

W.H. Miller

Verse 1 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.*

Verse 2 When fogbanks are rolling in my line of sight,
Be a bell tolling to guide through the night.

CHORUS

Verse 3 When highways are icy, when bridges are blocked,
When evil men triumph and goodness is mocked.

CHORUS

Verse 4 When parents are dying from effects of old age,
When children are crying or shaking with rage,

CHORUS

Verse 5 Anguish like arrows piercing my breast,
New hope like sparrows landing to rest.

CHORUS

Verse 6 Cleanse me and fill me with your mystery,
Send me and will me to my destiny.

CHORUS *Be my reminder, help me be kinder,
Be my pathfinder as I make my way.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

Together, all pray, saying

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

A priest offers a blessing.

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

God Has Spoken^{vii}

Songs for Celebration H-309

CHORUS *God has spoken to His people, hallelujah!
And His words are words of wisdom, hallelujah! (2x)*

Verse 1 Open your ears, O Christian people,
Open your ears and hear good news,
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you, God has come to you.

CHORUS

Verse 2 They who have ears to hear God's message,
They who have ears, then let them hear,
They who would learn the way of wisdom,
Let them hear God's word, let them hear God's word.

CHORUS

Verse 3 Israel comes to greet the Savior,
Judah is glad to see His day,
From east and west the peoples travel,
God will show the way, God will show the way.

CHORUS

Following the service, those using Zoom are invited to join breakout rooms for conversation and fellowship. Those who are gathered on the St. Mary's campus may enjoy refreshments.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

September 12-18, 2021

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Sunday, September 12

10 am [Sunday Worship](#)

Meeting ID: 940 3189 1877

Monday, September 13

5:15 pm [Worship Committee](#)

Meeting ID: 938 6117 6115

6:30 pm [Vestry meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 945 8664 7527

Tuesday, September 14

12 pm [Noonday Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 844 447 67936

6 pm **Education for Ministry**

Wednesday, September 15

7 am [Worship](#)

Meeting ID: 584 949 088

6 pm **Choir Practice**

St. Mary's Sanctuary

Thursday, September 16

10:30 am-1 pm **Gardening at St. Mary's**

All are welcome!

5 pm [Adult Christian Formation](#)

Meeting ID: 236 511 2736

7 pm [Bible Workbench](#)

Meeting ID: 383 910 814

Friday, September 17

12 pm [Noonday Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 844 447 67936

Saturday, September 18

10 am **St. Mary's Dreamers**

email SMCdreamers907@gmail.com

for more information

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