

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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: <u>The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gómez</u>, Associate Rector Celebrant: <u>The Rev. Dawn Allen-Herron</u>, Associate Rector Gospel Reader: <u>The Rev. Dawn Allen-Herron</u>, Associate Rector

Reader: Kristina Reza

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

Musicians: Praise Singers

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

Flowers: Jim and Penny Cowan Donuts: Jim and Penny Cowan

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

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

GATHERING MUSIC • Down to the Valley to Pray • Praise Singers

[CHORUS] As I went down to the valley to pray,

Thinking about that good old way, And who shall wear the starry crown,

Good Lord show me the way.

Verse One Come on brother, let's go down,

Come on down, don't you want to go down?

Come on brother, let's go down,

Down to the valley to pray.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Verse Two Come on sister, let's go down,

Come on down, don't you want to go down?

Come on sister, let's go down, Down to the valley to pray.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Verse Three Come on sinner, let's go down,_etc.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Verse Four Come on preacher, let's go down, etc.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

WELCOME • The Rev. Dawn Allen-Herron

*OPENING HYMN • Not Here for High and Holy Things • Hymnal #9



*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.

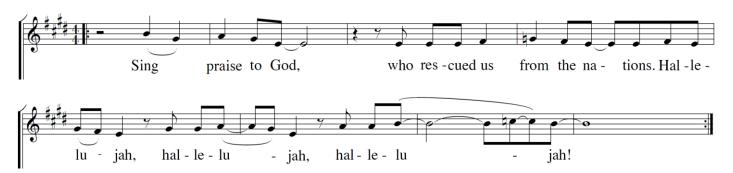
People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

ANTIPHON



Give thanks to God

call upon the Name;

make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God, sing praises,

speak of all the marvelous works.

Glory in the holy Name;

let the hearts of those who seek the God rejoice.

Search for God and God's strength;

continually seek God's face.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

Remember the marvels done,

the wonders and judgments of God's mouth,

O offspring of Abraham, the servant,

O children of Jacob, the chosen.

God led out the people with silver and gold;

in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

Egypt was glad of their going,

because they were afraid of them.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

God spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light in the night season.

They asked, and quails appeared,

God satisfied them with bread from heaven.

God opened the rock, and water flowed,

so the river ran in the dry places.

For God remembered the holy word

and Abraham, the servant.

So the people were led forth with gladness,

the chosen with shouts of joy.

He gave his people the lands of the nations,

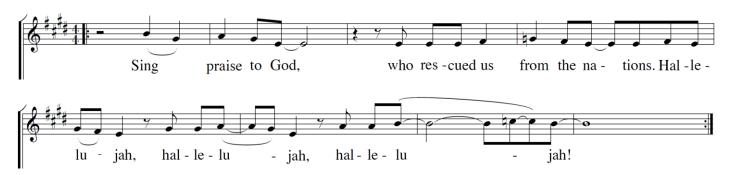
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

that they might keep the statutes

and observe the laws.

Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)



FIRST READING • Exodus 16:2-15

Reader A Reading from Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL HYMN • The Servant Song • Richard Gillard



*THE GOSPEL • Matthew 20:1-16

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early Priest in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON • The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gómez

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



*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 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 using our online offering plate.



Open. Aim. Tap.

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care; In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are; Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, Be the guardian of our way; Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray:

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray; Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be; Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee; Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor, Early let us do Thy will; Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill:

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still; Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us. love us still.

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 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.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen. $\triangle \triangle \triangle$ People



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 • Naima (Instrumental)

COMMUNION HYMN • *Praise God for the Body* • SC #304

Praise God for the body, Praise God for the Son.

Praise God for the life that binds our hearts in one.

[CHORUS] Joy is the food we share, Love is our home, Christians. Praise God for the body, shalom, shalom.

Guard your circle, Christians. Clasp your hand in hand. Satan can not break the bond in which we stand.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Shed your extra clothing. Keep your baggage light. Rough will be the battle. Long will be the fight, but,

[REPEAT CHORUS]

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

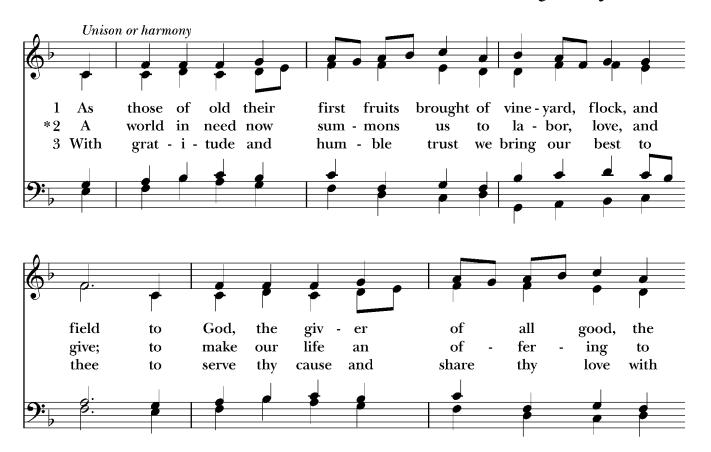
Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of this servant who has enriched this community and brought gladness to friends and family; now bless and preserve them at this time of transition. Guide them in the continued use of your gifts; provide sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends 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 • As Those of Old, Their First Fruits Brought • Hymnal #705





DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

First Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, October I

9 am in Waldron Hall

Come get your bellies and hearts off to a good start to the week with a delicious breakfast among friends!

Are you a morning person? Come at 8 and help cook!

Pediatric Workshop

Thursday, October 5

Dinner: 6 pm; Workshop: 6:30 pm

Parents with children four and under are invited to join Dr. Norm Herron and Dr. Tom Nighswander for a conversation on young children's health.

Childcare will be provided.

LEARN

A Way of Love: Practices for Growing in Love

Thursday, 6:30-8 pm Waldron Hall

Return to ancient ways of observing a Rule of Life, by committing to these core practices — Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest — as we grow in love for God and one another.

Be a Donut Deliverer!

Want to be a hero on Sunday morning?

Volunteer to pick up the donut order

on your way to church!

Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S September 24 - October 1, 2023

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Sunday, September 24

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 **Dream Group** – **An Introduction**

Waldron Hall

11:20 am Sermon Circle & Sunday School

Cay's Room, Classrooms

4 pm Evening Prayer

Sanctuary

Monday, September 25

No scheduled events

Tuesday, September 26

6:30 pm Spanish Class and Dinner

Waldron Hall

Wednesday, September 27

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, September 28

Diocesan Convention (Juneau)

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

6:30 Celtic Spirituality

Online; ID 862 6159 1234

7 pm <u>Bible Workbench</u>

Online; ID 821 8564 8348

Friday, September 29

Diocesan Convention (Juneau)

No scheduled events

Saturday, September 30

Diocesan Convention (Juneau)

10 am Dreamers Group Training

Cay's Room (registration required)

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 I (downstairs)

11:00 am Budget Forum

Waldron Hall

11:20 am Sermon Circle & Sunday School

Cay's Room, Classrooms

4 pm Evening Prayer

Sanctuary