

# The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



Holy Eucharist  
November 15, 2020 10:30 am

## **WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Our mission is to be a community of Christian worship, well-being and service.

We will be worshiping outside as weather permits. We hope you will experience God's own welcome in this place and through our online ministry.

Worship and join us online at [www.smcportsmouth.org](http://www.smcportsmouth.org)  
or find us on [Facebook@smcportsmouth](mailto:Facebook@smcportsmouth).



### Notes about outdoor worship at St. Mary's

We are glad you are here today! If you are outside your car, please wear a mask and maintain a distance of 6 feet between you and anyone outside your family.

Should you require special assistance today, you will see various team members in blue vests who are glad to assist.

- Restrooms are available downstairs in the Parish House.
- Singing is not permitted because this may spread the virus. Dancing, humming and clapping are encouraged.

For Worship from your car:

- Please turn your radio to 88.7
- We ask that you remain in the car to maintain social distancing.
- Holy Communion will be brought to you. Please keep a mask on and wait until the minister is 6 feet away before consuming the sacrament.

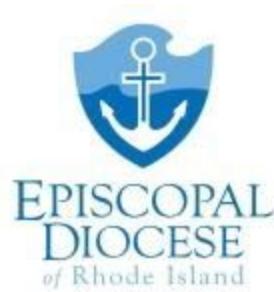
For Worship on the Lawn:

- A greeter will assign you a circle. Please remain in your circle until invited to come forward for Holy Communion. Keep 6' for social distancing as you walk and wait in line. Keep your mask on to receive and wait to return to your seat before consuming the sacrament.

For Worship from the Reserved Seating: (For those who need extra care and space.)

- Get on the list and we will save you a seat each week. Contact [srwarden@smcportsmouth.org](mailto:srwarden@smcportsmouth.org). Or you can find someone with a blue vest and they will get you a seat.
- Holy Communion will be brought to you. Please keep a mask on and wait until the minister is 6 feet away before consuming the sacrament.

For information and announcements please go to our website: [smcportsmouth.org](http://smcportsmouth.org), and read our weekly eNews, which arrives on Saturdays.



### **Covenant for Regathering**

I promise, to the best of my ability with God's help, to abide by the guidelines of the Diocese of Rhode Island and St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, for participation in church as we regather during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In fulfillment of the Baptismal Covenant (BCP p. 304-305), I will strive to:

#### **Love my neighbor as myself, I will...**

- Wear a mask or scarf over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings, except momentarily to receive the sacrament or lead worship by an assigned speaking part, and follow public health guidelines for hand sanitizing and disinfecting.
- Only attend worship if I am non-symptomatic for the COVID-19 virus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another person also attending.
- Abstain from attending if doing so would put me at greater risk due to my own health status.

#### **Respect the dignity of every human being, I will...**

- Make no physical contact with people beyond the members of my own household. ▪ Maintain a six foot or more distance from other members of the congregation.
- Respect any requests for distance, masking, cleaning, and disinfecting to ensure the safety and comfort level of others.

#### **Seek and serve Christ in all people...**

- Support the decisions of my diocesan and congregational leaders.
- Stay connected with others in my community by telephone, video chat, mail, or other means

This is our expectation for all those who wish to worship with us in person. By participating in our worship, you assume responsibility for following the above.

## Gathering

### Welcome and Announcements

*All may stand at the ringing of the church bell.*

**Processional Hymn:** Come Let Us Sing with Joy to the Lord

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.  
*People*            **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Song of Praise:** Let Us Sing Glory to God

Larsen

## The Word of God

### Collect of the Day

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People may be seated.*

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God!  
For the day of the Lord is at hand;  
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.  
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people  
who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,  
“The Lord will not do good,  
nor will he do harm.”  
Their wealth shall be plundered,

and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.  
The great day of the Lord is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.  
That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.  
I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the Lord,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.  
Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the Lord's wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

## Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

*All may stand for the Gospel Procession*

## **Gospel Procession: Halle, Halle, Halle**

## Traditional Caribbean

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well

done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick

*All may stand for the Nicene Creed.*

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us pray to God, for faith-filled generosity.

Leader: In faith, strengthen our speaking, O God, that we may proclaim your truth and your call for justice in your church, in our nation, and in the world.

*Silence*

Gracious God, **open our lips.**

In faith, open our minds, O God, that we might dream a Church reconciled, a Church that knows your abundance and Good News. We pray for our local churches, including St. Barnabas.

*Silence*

Gracious God, **open our minds.**

In faith, open our hearts, O God, to be transformed by the vast outpouring of your compassion, so that our will to serve others is modeled after the humility of Jesus.

*Silence*

Gracious God, **open our hearts.**

In faith, open our eyes, O God, to the lives of others who need us in ministry. Teach us to see where our own abilities and resources—and the world's deep hunger—meet. We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Regina, Priscilla, Malcom, Judith, Judy, Karl, Bobbie, Bev, Norma, Frances, Jerry, Donna, for all the patients and staff at Newport Hospital, and those we name aloud.

*Silence*

Gracious God, **open our eyes.**

In faith, open our hands, O God, to be your instruments of witness. Help us to work without hesitation, serve without recognition, and love without counting the cost.

*Silence*

Gracious God, **open our hands.**

In faith, open our memories, O God, as we recall those who have died. Remembering those who have died of Covid-19 and those we name silently or aloud.

*Silence.*

Help us honor the wisdom of those who devoted their lives to your service and church, for Sarah Gibbs, and all who generously gave of their time and treasure. May we follow their example in our generation.

*Silence*

Gracious God, **open our memories.**

*Celebrant:* Nurturing God, your love is free, your compassion unconditional, and your mercy infinite. Grant that we may know and trust your grace, that we may practice faith-filled generosity toward the church and all people. In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

**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.**

*the Celebrant 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**

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

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

### **The Holy Communion**

*If you would like to make an offering, please place it in one of the blue buckets.*

*The people may stand for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*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...*

...Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus and Benedictus : Holy**

Delaney

*The celebrant continues...*

*Celebrant* Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*People* **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his glory;**

*The celebrant continues...*

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction:** Lamb of God

Delaney

**Communion Music:** Take and Eat

Joncas

I Am the Bread of Life

Booth & Angrisano

## Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord Amen.**

## The Blessing and Dismissal

*Celebrant* The blessing ☩ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Song:** May Your Kingdom Come

Angrisano



### *Risking our lives to find them*

*How do I find greater meaning and purpose in my life? Why is happiness so fleeting and a lasting joy so elusive? Who am I and what am I supposed to do with the rest of my life?*

These are some of the big questions of life, and many of us begin to wrestle with them as we reach middle age and beyond. The best-selling book *The Second Mountain*, by David Brooks, suggests that we come to these questions most urgently when the “first mountain” of our life fails us either because we discover it to be ultimately unfulfilling (such as a life focused on financial success or career goals) or when it crumbles beneath our feet (as the result of a divorce or a life-changing health crisis). According to Brooks, most of us don’t come looking for the “second mountain” of our lives until we’ve been thrown off the first somehow. Until then, when life is still going our way, we don’t have the eyes to see or the ears to hear. But when we finally are forced off our perches, we have the chance to discover for ourselves what Jesus has tried to tell us all along — that meaning and purpose come not from our accomplishments, our perfect families, or even perfect health, but by risking all that we are and all that we have for the sake of others. If you are someone looking for the second mountain of your life, the question at the heart of our Gospel this week offers all the directions we need: *How will I risk the gifts I’ve been given, to do the work God is calling me to do?*

Notice that the story turns on risk. Playing it safe, worrying about ourselves and what others will say about us, is the first mountain all over again. And a life of tepid generosity, one that is constrained by fear and our need for control, leaves us languishing in the valley. Unless we are willing to risk it all for the sake of others – to take a leap into a Faith-Filled Generosity – we never reach the summit of a truly abundant life.

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### ***MLKC- November Collection***

**A Good way to serve others!** The Food Pantry at the Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center is once again accepting food donations. We will be doing a targeted food donation collection for the MLKC during the month of November. Our targeted items are **Pie supplies-crusts and fillings.**

Items can be conveniently dropped off at church upon arrival for Sunday service. Just hand it to the greeter at the welcome table.

### ***MLKC -Christmas Giving Tree- Gift Card Collection***

The Center is encouraging supporters to hold gift card drives, in \$25.00 increments, instead of the typical toy drive. Please consider purchasing gift cards to stores on the Island such as Walmart, Island Books, Barnes and Noble, Marshalls, TJ Maxx and Job Lot. The Center is also collecting gift cards in the amount of \$10.00 to Stop and Shop. The deadline to donate gift cards is November 30th. 29th. Gift Cards can be conveniently dropped off at church upon arrival for Sunday service. Just hand it to the greeter at the welcome table.

If you have any questions, please connect with Judy Hall at 401-924-4252 or at [woofer64@yahoo.com](mailto:woofer64@yahoo.com).

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