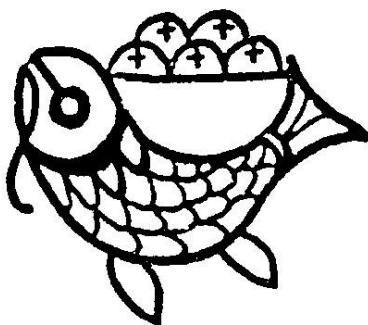


The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



July 11, 2026 • 5 pm & July 12, 2026 • 10 am

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

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

We hope you will experience God's own welcome here and return again and again. Find us online at www.smcportsmouth.org and on Facebook.

NOTES ABOUT WORSHIP AT ST. MARY'S

- If you are our guest today, please complete a welcome card and put it in the offering plate or give it to the greeter. This will give us a chance to learn your name welcome you more personally.
- It is our pleasure to welcome children and their parents at all services. We understand that children's energy and voices are gifts they may share during worship. That is how God made them and we are grateful they are worshipping with us. Feel free to step out and step back in as needed. Sitting as close to the front as possible helps them to see.
- If you have need, restrooms are accessible on both levels of the parish house.
- Text written in **bold** in this bulletin is to be spoken by all. When printed, the ✠ indicates an appropriate time to make the sign of the cross.
- All Christians are invited to the Holy Table to receive communion. If it is difficult for you to walk, please notify a greeter, and we will bring communion to you. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. If you are interested in Holy Baptism, please speak with our rector, Jennifer. We welcome the opportunity to prepare people of all ages for baptism.
- Music Notes:
Our music books for worship include Wonder Love and Praise, WLP & The Hymnal 1982. Both can be found in the pew. Additional music can be found in the bulletin.
If you would like to make an offering electronically you may do so using the QR code below.



The Holy Eucharist

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven Hymnal 1982, 410

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God

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

Hymn of Praise:

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

WLP, 761



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
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Taste and see that God is good.
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All who hunger gather gladly, #761 from *Wonder Love and Praise* — Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: *Holy Manna*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. harm., *Columbian Harmony*, 1825.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People may be seated.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 65

Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930)



9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very **plenteous**; *
the river of God is full of **water**. *
10 You prepare the **grain**, *
for so you provide for the **earth**. *

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the **ridges**; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its **increase**. *
12 You crown the year with your **goodness**, *
and your paths overflow with **plenty**. *

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for **grazing**, *
and the hills be clothed with **joy**. *
14 May the meadows cover themselves with **flocks**,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and **sing**. *

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All may stand for the Alleluia and Holy Gospel.

Alleluia

Celtic Alleluia

C. Walker



Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil,

this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick

All may stand for the Nicene Creed

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

The leader will say, “Come, Holy Spirit,”

Our response will be
Fill us with new life.

Confession

Celebrant Merciful God, we trust that you hear us when we pray. We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

Celebrant and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. **Amen.**

The celebrant, stands and says

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory:

Give Me Ears to Listen

T. R. Smith

Verses



1, 4. ♪ Let me be your ser-vant; let me walk your way.
 2. In si-lence, when you call me, let me hear your voice.
 3. Last night, when I a-woke I heard you call my name.



1, 4. Guide me on your path; give night the light of day. ♪
 2. Je-sus, walk be-side me; let my soul re-joice. When
 3. You re-freshed my soul; I felt your burn-ing flame. Oh,



1, 4. Let me be a sure foun-da-tion, pure and strong.
 2. winds and cur-rents bat-ter me, help me be sure.
 3. strength-en me to bear my cross and walk your way.

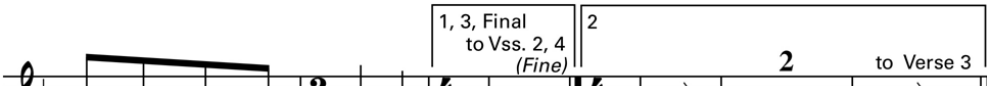


1, 4. Let me tell of your sal-va-tion all life long.
 2. Give me cour-age from the storms when they oc-cur.
 3. Give me grace to com-fort those with all I say.

Refrain



Give me ears to lis-ten. Give me eyes to see. Give me words to



1, 3, Final to Vss. 2, 4 (Fine) 2 2 to Verse 3

speak and show your face to me. me.

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If you would like to make an offering there is a plate at the rear of the church, or if electronically, please use the QR code below.



Please stand as the gifts are brought forward.

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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal 1982, S124

The Celebrant continues...

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues...

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.**

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

Christ Our Passover

Hymnal 1982, S154

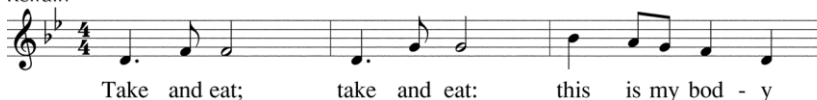
Please come forward at the invitation: "The gifts of God for the people of God . . ."

Communion Hymn

Take and Eat

M. Joncas

Refrain



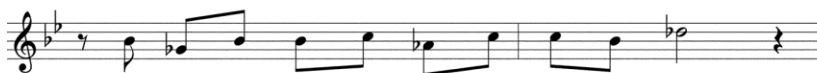
Verses



1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
2. I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
3. I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
4. I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid;
5. I am the light that came in - to the world;
6. I am the first and last, the Liv - ing One;



- I am the seed that died to be re - born;
- I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;
- I am the gate that guards you night and day;
- A cho - sen stone and pre - cious in his eyes;
- I am the light that dark - ness can - not hide;
- I am the Lord who died that you might live;



- I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
- I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
- You are my flock: you know the shep-herd's voice;
- You are God's dwell - ing place, on me you rest;
- I am the morn - ing star that nev - er sets;
- I am the bride-groom, this my wed - ding song;



I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
 I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
 You are my own: your ran-som is my blood.
 Like liv-ing stones, a tem-ple for God's praise.
 Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.
 You are my bride, come to the mar-riage feast.

D.C.

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Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and 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.**

Procession Hymn

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

Hymnal 1982, 411

Liturgical Ministers

Altar Guild: 5 pm & 10 am Carol Brierley, Jennie Nestlerode

Musicians: 10 am Michael DiMucci

Greeters: 5 pm Christine Cotsoridis, Rick Updegrove
10 am David & Lynne Burke

Lector and Intercessor: 5 pm Rick Updegrove
10 am Mattie Gustafson

Crucifer/Server: 5 pm Jennie Nestlerode
10 am Cory Howland

Audio Visual: 10 am Charley Collins

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