

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

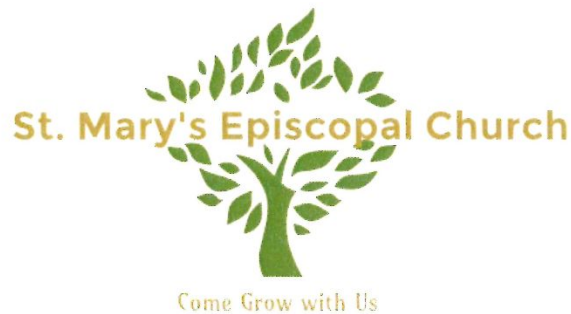


Holy Eucharist
October 11, 2020 10:30 am

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our mission is to be a community of Christian worship, well-being and service.
We will be worshipping 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 or
find us on 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. 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, 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: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
 cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
 For you have been a refuge to the poor,
 a refuge to the needy in their distress,
 a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
 When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
 the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
 you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
 the song of the ruthless was stilled.
 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
 And he will destroy on this mountain
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
 the sheet that is spread over all nations;
 he will swallow up death forever.
 Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
 and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
 for the Lord has spoken.
 It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that
 he might save us.
 This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Psalm: The Lord is My Shepherd

Blakesley

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

All may stand for the Gospel Procession

Gospel Procession: Thy Word

Grant & Smith

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests." "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick

HOLY BAPTISM

All may stand and turn toward the font.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Hudson Russell to receive the Sacrament of
- Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says Let us join with him who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

*The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant,
who then pours water upon him, saying*

Hudson Russell, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*When this action has been completed,
the Celebrant, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Celebrant places a hand on the newly baptized person's head,
marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying*

Hudson Russell, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then says Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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

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: This is the Body of Christ

Bell

Communion Music: One Bread, One Body

Foley, SJ

- We Come to You

Blakesley

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: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

MLKC- Gluten Free October

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 October. Our targeted items are **Gluten Free (GF) products**. Suggested Gluten Free options include:

Pasta, Bread/Muffin/Cake Mixes, Crackers, Cookies, Cereal/Oatmeal, Pretzels/Chips, Condiments, Breadcrumbs, Salad Dressings, Soups

Foods that are Gluten Free will say Gluten Free or have a designation on them that looks like this (GF).

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



Living into new ways of being Church

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me. Ps. 23

The comforting words of Psalm 23 have taken on new meaning as together we have walked through the “valley of the shadow of death” created by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

It has not been an easy time, yet God’s “goodness and mercy” have been abundantly reflected as God’s people have faithfully cared for strangers and for one another.

You have reached out to help bear the pain of those who have lost loved ones. Through simple acts of kindness — picking up groceries for elderly neighbors, regularly calling those who live alone in fearful isolation, sewing masks, serving in food pantries — God’s Holy Spirit has inspired you to be Christ’s daily loving, healing presence in the world. Our physical church doors may have necessarily been shuttered, but “the Church” has never been closed.

And God has never been absent. God has shepherded us, leading and guiding us along us pathways we could not have imagined a year ago. Perhaps it is in the hardest times when we most clearly recognize how God continues, always, always to sustain us.

Even when we could not gather together for Holy Communion, God continued to feed us — with God’s Holy Word, with live-streamed services and “virtual” coffee hours.

And now as some of us slowly, carefully begin to gather again inside our churches, we will learn new ways of including those who still need to “shelter in place” — and innovative ways of welcoming those who have never been “inside” our church buildings, but joyfully discovered Church on the internet in a time of pandemic.

As we live into new, exciting (yes, exciting!) ways of being Church, God will continue to reveal opportunities for us to welcome everyone so that, together, we may “dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.”

By The Rev. Melanie S. Donahoe - the rector of The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in San Carlos, California.

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