



The Twenty-fourth Sunday  
After Pentecost  
November 12, 2023 • 9 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.

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## 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 or priest. 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 voice is a gift they may share during worship. That is how God made them and we are grateful they are worshiping with us. Feel free to step out and step back in as needed.
- 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 or associate rector, Meaghan. We welcome the opportunity to prepare people of all ages for baptism.
-  We have a hearing loop system to assist with hearing during worship. Please ask a greeter if you would like to use a receiver with headphone, or you may prefer to use your own ear buds. If you have hearing aids with the T-coil function, adjust to that setting.
- 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.



Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn:

Gather Us In

M. Haugen



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,  
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,  
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,  
We are the old— who yearn for your face,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,  
We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,



Brought here to you in the light of this day,  
Called to be light to the whole hu - man race,  
Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.



Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,  
Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;  
Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,  
 Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 Give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.  
 Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

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 Tune: GATHER US IN, Irregular; Marty Haugen, b.1950  
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## Acclamation

BCP 355

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

## Hymn of Praise:

For the beauty of the earth (stanzas 4 & 6) Hymnal 1982 416

## Collect of the Day

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People may be seated.*

**First Reading:** Wisdom 5:18-24

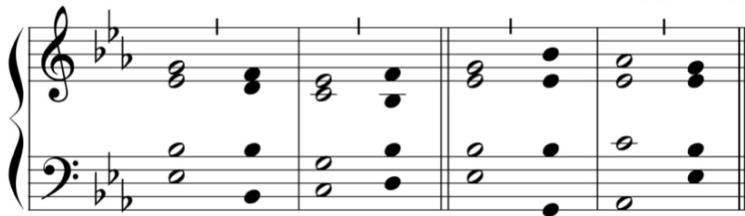
Wisdom is radiant and unfading,  
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,  
and is found by those who seek her.  
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.  
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,  
for she will be found sitting at the gate.  
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,  
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,  
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,  
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,  
and meets them in every thought.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 70**

Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)



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Be please, O God, to de-/liver me;\*  
O Lord make haste to /help me.  
Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dis-/mayed;\*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be dis-/graced.

Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me  
turn/**back**;

because they are a-/**shamed**.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in/**you**;

Let those who love your salvation say for ever,

“Great is the /**Lord!**”

But as for me, I am poor and /**needy**;

come to me speedily, O/**God**.

You are my helper and my de-/**liverer**;

O Lord, do not /**tarry**.

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*All may stand for the Alleluia and Holy Gospel.*



**Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

**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**

*After each intercession, the leader will say, "We seek to be generous..."*

*Our response will be*

**For we are Rooted in Abundance.**

## Confession

BCP 360

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

*Silence*

*Celebrant 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 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**

*Celebrant* 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.**

## 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 Anthem

So they gave their bodies

P. Ashton

So they gave their bodies to the commonwealth,  
and received praise that will never die,  
and a home in the minds of men.

Their story lives on without visible symbol,  
woven into the stuff of other men's lives.

*Words from the Funeral Oration Pericles (495-429 BC)*

*Please stand as the gifts are brought forward.*

## Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

*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

Hymnal 1982 S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_ hea - ven and earth are

The musical score is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff begins with a long note for 'might,' followed by the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff continues the melody for the second line of lyrics. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_ hea - ven and earth are'.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues...*

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

BCP 363

*People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues...*

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

*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 Anthem

Jesus Lamb of God

Hymnal 1982 S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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

**Communion Hymn:** Let us break bread together Hymnal 1982 325

**Communion Hymn:** Let all mortal flesh keep silence Hymnal 1982 324

**Prayer after Communion** BCP 365

*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**

### **Blessing**

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

**Dismissal** BCP 366

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** Eternal Father, strong to save Hymnal 1982 608

**Postlude:** Pastorale P.S. Berton

## Liturgical Ministers

**Altar Guild:** Ruth Siebens, Jennie Nestlerode

**Musicians:** Peter Berton & The St. Mary's Choir

**Address:** Ric Wild, Community Outreach & Volunteer Manager,  
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**Greeters:** Lynne & David Burke

**Lector and Intercessor:** John Corbishley

**Crucifer/Server:** Jennie Nestlerode

**Audio/Visual:** John Corbishley

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