

# The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

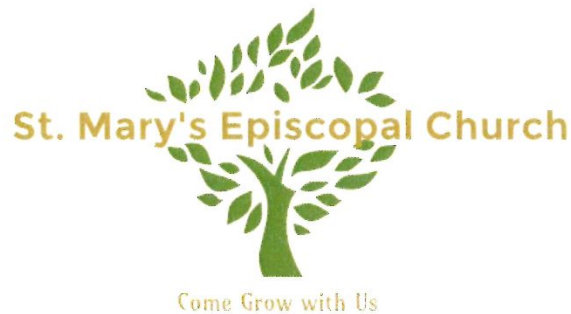


Holy Eucharist  
August 2, 2020 9:00 am

**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 that you  
will return again and again.



### **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

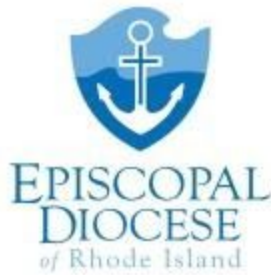
For Worship on the Lawn:

- 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:** Fresh as the Morning  
Alonso

Tony

### 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:** Glory to God

Ed Bolduc

## The Word of God

### Collect of the Day

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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The People may be seated.*

**First Reading:** Isaiah 55:1-5

Thus says the Lord:

"Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you."

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

**Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22**

*spoken by all*

**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

**The LORD is loving to everyone  
and his compassion is over all his works.**

**The LORD upholds all those who fall;  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

**You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**

**The LORD is righteous in all his ways  
and loving in all his works.**

**The LORD is near to those who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him faithfully.**

**He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;  
he hears their cry and helps them.**

**The LORD preserves all those who love him,  
but he destroys all the wicked.**

**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;  
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.**

**Second Reading:** Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

*All may stand for the Gospel Procession*

**Gospel Procession:** Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 14:13-21

*Gospeller*       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*Gospeller*       The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*           **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Laura Palmer

*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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Help us to stay curious and engaged as racist systems are seen and dismantled. Keep us focused on the fight against white supremacy in our nation. Help us to follow Jesus, loving all our neighbors, changing our minds, our hearts, our nation and accepting God's grace as we are freed from our sins.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Keep us grateful for the gifts that sustain and delight us, and mindful of their source.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for scientists, leaders, and those in the medical profession. May they be blessed with wisdom, skill and knowledge to fight the Covid-19 virus and heal your people everywhere.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering especially Regina, Priscilla, Judith, The Naval Chaplain School, Bonnie, Tom, Donna, Bette Carol, Michael, Mary, Karen, Megan and those we name aloud.

*The people may add their own petitions.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, remembering especially Congressman John Lewis who was buried this week, the 150,000 souls who have died of Covid-19 in the United States, and for those we name aloud.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

*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.

*the Priest, stands and 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**

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>

*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:** Lamb of God

**Communion Music:** All Who Hunger

Taste & See

Moore

### **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* Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. 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.**

**Closing Song:** I Want To Walk As A Child of the Light

**Outdoor Worship Coordinator**

Marlo Pratt

**The Worship Team**

The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick, Michael Templeton, Julie Zecher, The Rev. Laura Palmer, Sheila Benevides, Paul Westrom, and Lydia DeAngelo.

**Parking and Safety Team**

David Brierley, George LeBlanc, Lynn Carlson LeBlanc, Steve Bakios, Jennie Nestlerode, Harry Gustafson

**Welcome Team**

Murry Edwards, David Spengler, Lee Ferreira, Rose Muller, Tara and Gretchen Alaniz, Judy & Bill Hall

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