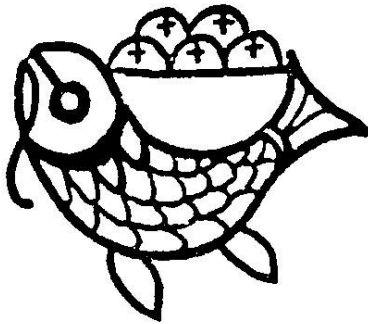


# The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost



August 1, 2026 • 5 pm & August 2, 2026

## **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](http://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:** Lord of All Hopefulness Hymnal 1982, 482

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God  
*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

## Hymn of Praise:

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Verses 1 &amp; 2)

LEVAS, 189



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

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

*Spoken in unison.*

**8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

**9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.**

**15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

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

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

**18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.**

**19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.**

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

**21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, \*  
but he destroys all the wicked.**

**22 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* 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**

Halle, Halle, Halle

J. Bell

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

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

*Gospeller*      The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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. 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:** Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless Hymnal 1982, 343

*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, S130

*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**                                      **Jesus, Lamb of God**                                      **Hymnal 1982, S164**

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

**Communion Hymn**                                      **Taste and See**                                      **WLP, 764**

## **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**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymnal 1982, 657

## **Liturgical Ministers**

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

**Musician:** 10 am Michael DiMucci

**Greeters:** 5 pm Lisa Lyons, Marlo Pratt  
10 am Sheila Benevides, Jennie Nestlerode

**Lector and Intercessor:** 5 pm Audrey Chase  
10 am Carol Brierley

**Crucifer/Server:** 5 pm Jennie Nestlerode  
10 am Lauren Lema, Dave Laroche

**Audio Visual:** 10 am David Brierley

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