

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 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 give it to the greeter or priest. This will give us a chance to learn your name welcome you more personally.
- In the spirit of worship, kindly silence your cell phone.
- 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.
- If you have need, restrooms are accessible on both levels of the parish house. You will find two restrooms on each level.
- 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.
- We have a hearing loop system to assist with hearing during worship. Please ask a greeter if you need assistance with this.
- If you would like to make an offering electronically you may do so using the QR code below.



# The Holy Eucharist

**Prelude** Chorale Prelude on Slane

R. Hobby

**Welcome and Announcements**

*All may stand as you are able for the Opening Song.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 362** Holy, holy, holy

*Nicaea*

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

## Opening Acclamation

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Hymn of Praise: 432 O praise ye the Lord! (vs 3 & 4)**

*Laudate Dominum*

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,  
\*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;  
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;  
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;  
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;  
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea -vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,  
praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,  
loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,  
For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright-ness ar - rayed.  
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.  
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.  
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.; based on Psalms 148 and 150. Music: *Laudate Dominum*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

## Collect of the Day

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—

though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 66:7-18**

*Spoken by all*

Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;  
Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.  
Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.  
I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;  
But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.  
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

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

**Gospel Alleluia** Easter Alleluia

*M. Haugen*

*All sing the alleluia. Then the cantor sings the verse and all repeat the alleluia.*

Refrain



Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**Holy Gospel:** John 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

*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, “Jesus, Lord of life,”

*Our response will be  
In your mercy, hear us.*

## Peace

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*You may greet one another with a handshake or other sign of God's peace.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Hymn:** 516 Come down, O Love divine

*Down Ampney*

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com-fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt. Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

*Please stand as the gifts are brought forward.*

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Priest*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Priest*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*      **We lift them to the Lord.**

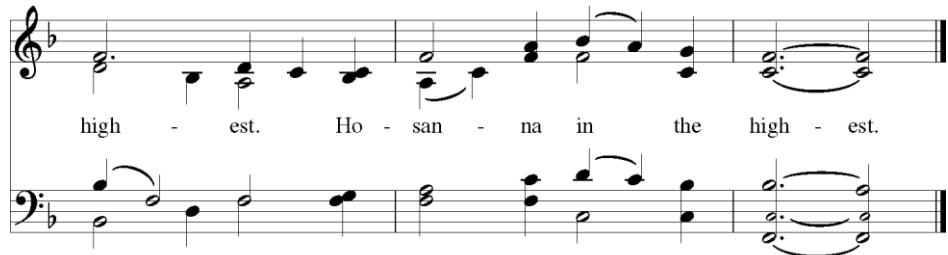
*Priest*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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** WLP 858 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. \*Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being **☩** sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In

the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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**

*Priest* 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** WLP 876 The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor, then all*

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord\_ Je - sus\_\_\_\_ in the break - ing-

— of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -  
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

ia, is the com - mun-ion of the Bod - y of Christ.  
ia, for though\_\_\_\_ ma - ny we share one\_\_\_\_ bread.

*Fine Verses*

*All repeat Antiphon*

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

Communion Hymn: 488 Be thou my vision

*Slane*

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,

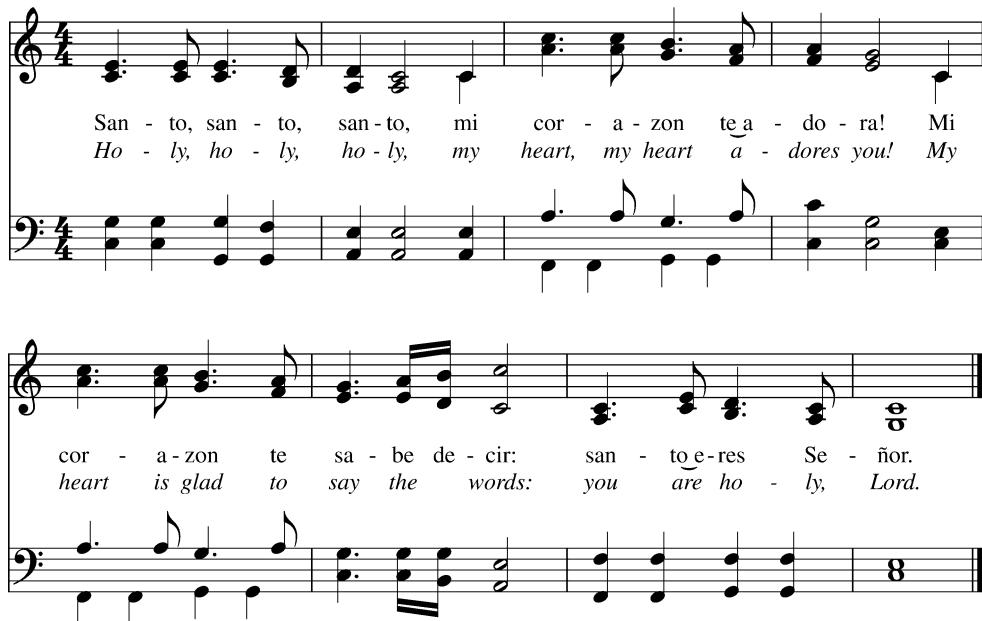
all else be nougnt to me, save that thou art -  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927

## Communion Hymn: WLP 785 Santo, santo, santo



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text. Music: Composer of melody unknown; arr. based on a two-part version as taught by Pablo D. Sosa (b. 1933).

## Prayer after Communion

*Priest* 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**

*Priest* God, who through the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing  of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Going Forth**

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Recessional Hymn: 657 Love divine, all loves excelling

*Hyfrydol*



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing, ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

**Postlude** Psalm XIX

*B. Marcella*

## Support the MLKCC Food Drive!

St. Mary's donates food weekly to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center food pantry. Faithful members deliver the food from St. Mary's to the MLKCC during the week.

Along with the food listed in the picture the MLKCC currently needs **pop top soup cans** for the pantry. This need is for those people who have arthritis and have difficulty using a can opener or don't have a can opener at all. Please be mindful when contributing nourishing food for the pantry.  
If you'd like to help with deliveries, contact [Jon Edwards](#)

**FOOD DRIVE**

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**What We Need**

**Canned Protein:**  
SPAM, tuna, salmon, chicken, sardines, stew, etc

**Breakfast Items & Bread Toppings:**  
peanut butter, sun butter, nut butters  
jams, jellies, hot & cold cereals

**Oils:**  
olive, canola, peanut, coconut

**Condiments:**  
salad dressing, ketchup, mustard, relish,  
mayonnaise

**Canned Fruits & Veggies (all kinds):**  
beets, spinach, peaches, pears

**Canned/Bagged Beans (all kinds):**  
lentils, kidney beans, peas, green beans

**Canned Foods (all kinds):**  
soup, tomato sauce, tomatoes, cranberry sauce

**Side Dishes & Pasta**  
rice, noodles, mac & cheese, spaghetti, macaroni

**Drinks:**  
coffee, tea, juices, water

**Grains:**  
100% whole grains like brown rice, quinoa,  
bulgur, barley, rolled oats, wild rice

**Gluten-free Foods**

**Low Salt or No-Salt Foods**

**International foods (Non-perishable)**

**Personal Care Products:**  
toothpaste, deodorant, razors, toilet paper,  
soap, shampoo

**Household Products:**  
Laundry detergent, dish liquid, paper towel

## **Liturgical Ministers**

**Altar Guild:** Carol Brierley, Sheila Benevides

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick

**Musicians:** David Warfield & The St. Mary's Choir

**Greeters:** Cory Thurston, Christine Cotsoridis

**Lector and Intercessor:** John Corbishley

**Crucifer/Servers:** Bob Vergnani, Steve Downing

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