

Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost—October 17, 2021
Morning Prayer

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Blessed be the One Holy and Living God.
People **Glory to God forever and ever.**

SONG OF PRAISE #635 – *If You but Trust in God to Guide You* Words: Georg Neumark
tr. Catherine Winkworth
Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*
Georg Neumark

OPENING COLLECT

A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 632

Officiant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Officiant Holy and eternal God, give us such trust in your sure purpose, that we measure our lives not by what we have done or failed to do, but by our faithfulness to you. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST MESSAGE

Job 38: 1-7, 12-13, 16-21

Officiant Let us prepare ourselves to hear the Word of God.
People **Our hearts and minds are open.**

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this. Where is the way to the dwelling of light, and where is the place of darkness, that you may take it to its territory and that you may discern the paths to its home? Surely you know, for you were born then, and the number of your days is great!"

Officiant Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

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

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

Please be seated.

HOMILY

Nina Johnson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Officiant Let us stand and affirm our faith.

People **We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
 in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,
 conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.
 We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity,
 a feasting God.
 We affirm a faith, that takes us beyond a safe place into action,
 into vulnerability, into the streets.
 We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line;
 to bear responsibility, to take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;
 to stand with those on the edge;
 to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of Hope. Amen.**

From Iona Abbey Worship Book by The Iona Community

Officiant And now, we join together with members of the worldwide Anglican/Episcopal Communion in translating the beliefs in our hearts into action in our lives, in these baptismal questions. Please respond to each promise by saying, "I will with God's help."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Book of Common Prayer Form II

Officiant Please respond to each prayer by humming or quietly singing.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Michael and Craig; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

People

Sung response: *Teach Us and Show Us the Way*

Conie Borchardt

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the sung response. Each staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. Below each staff, the lyrics 'Teach us and show us the way.' are written, followed by a blank line for a response.

Officiant I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. **<Sung response>**

Officiant I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. **<Sung response>**

Officiant I ask your prayers for all who seek God or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God. **<Sung response>**

Officiant I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. **<Sung response>**

Officiant Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. **<Sung response>**

Please be seated.

SAINT MARY'S COMMUNITY PRAYERS: CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Everyone is invited to offer concerns and thanksgivings.

Officiant Hear our prayers most gracious God, for the people of St Mary's, who thank you for setting us at tasks that demand our best efforts, leading us to accomplishments that satisfy and delight us. In this season of transition and discernment, we seek the Spirit's guidance and wisdom for important decisions ahead. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Word and Wisdom of God. **Amen.**

O God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus, in whom we live and move and have our being. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

PEACE

Officiant The Peace of Christ be always with us.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

People **God be in my head and in my thinking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in my heart and in my loving.
God be in my hands and in my giving. Amen.**

We are not passing the offertory plate at this time.

You are welcome to place your offering in the plate at the entrance to the sanctuary or make an online offering by pressing the "contribute" button on our website, saintmarysepiscopal.org

LORD'S PRAYER

People **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

*Officiant and
People* **Life is short, and we haven't much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us
along the way. So be quick to love, make haste to be kind--and the blessing of God goes with
us.**
(Adapted from 19th Century Swiss philosopher Henri Amiel)

CLOSING SONG

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Words: Tom Colvin

Music: Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

Arr. Jane Marshall

DISMISSAL

Deacon *<Deacon says the words of dismissal.>*
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (Reprise)

SOCIAL TIME