

# Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!



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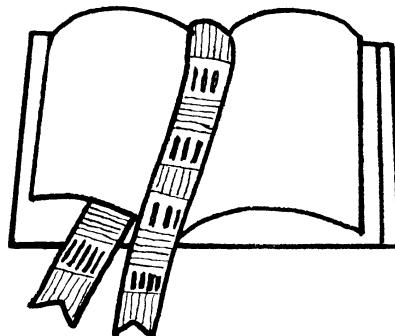
## Fifth Sunday of Easter May 15, 2022

For 135 years, Saint Mary's has been  
a Christ-centered community  
with a mission to express God's love for all people.

# The Holy Eucharist

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/TRANSITION TO WORSHIP



## The Word of God

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### SONG OF PRAISE

#5 – *Canticle of the Sun*  
Prayer of Saint of Assisi

Text: adapt. Marty Haugen  
Tune: Marty Haugen

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church*, Steven Shakespeare

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

God of glory, whose Beloved took the shadow road and found life in the darkness; may his love be our law, undimmed by the fear that condemns what it does not understand; slipping through the hands of those who cling to sacred power; making us witness to the power of new birth; through Jesus Christ, the Firstborn. Amen.

*The people may be seated.*

## FIRST MESSAGE

Acts 11:1-18

*Lay leader* Let us prepare ourselves to hear the Word of God as it comes to us from the Book of Acts.  
*People* Our hearts and minds are open.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*#2 –A New Commandment*

Roy Crabtree

## GOSPEL PROCESSION

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John 13:31-35

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

*The people may be seated.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A New Zealand Prayer Book*

*Celebrant* Please join together in affirming our faith.

*People* You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
 You create our world and give us life.  
 Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
 You have always been with us.  
 You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.  
 You came to us before we came to you.  
 You have revealed and proved Your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
 Who lived and died and rose again.  
 You are with us now.  
 You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
 You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
 You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
 You are our God.  
 We worship You.  
 Amen.

## BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*The Book of Common Prayer*

*Celebrant* Let us renew our Baptismal promises translating the beliefs in our hearts into action in our lives.  
 Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

9AM Worship and Music Teams

*Lay Leader* Jesus, even death cannot entrap you.  
Risen from the tomb, you are with us still; we see you everywhere.  
In the golden sun rising from the east,  
In the tenderness of a newborn's grip,  
In the transformation of things old becoming new,

***Sung Refrain:*** **YOU rise again in a spirit of justice.**  
**YOU rise again in a spirit of love.**  
**We live anew in your spirit of justice.**  
**We live anew in your spirit of love.**

*Lay Leader* In flashes of insight and leaps of imagination,  
In challenges that demand our best selves,  
In time spent in the service of others,

*People* ***Sung Refrain***

*Lay Leader* In perfume of lilacs and newly tilled gardens,  
In works of art that stir our souls,  
In warming embers of faithful friendships,

*People* ***Sung Refrain***

*Lay Leader* In those who risk much for the common good,  
In passion to bring peace to the world,  
In wealth released to bring dignity to all,

*People* ***Sung Refrain***

*Lay Leader* In courage mustered to do a hard thing,  
In the open door beckoning a better way,  
In confessions offered and forgiveness given,

*People* ***Sung Refrain***

*Lay Leader* In relief from suffering,  
In restoring of health and hope,  
In your embrace extended to those who die,

*People* ***Sung Refrain***

## SAINT MARY'S COMMUNITY PRAYERS: CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

*Lay Leader invites members of the congregation to offer concerns and thanksgivings.*

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*Lay leader* Hear the prayers of your people O God; look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory Creator, Risen Christ and Holy Spirit Amen.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*The people may be seated.*

*Wherever you find yourself on the Journey of Faith, you are invited to receive communion.  
To receive a blessing from the priest, cross your arms over your chest as you stand or kneel.*

## 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 serving.



## The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY

*You are welcome to make an online offering by using the "contribute" button on our website, [saintmarysepiscopal.org](http://saintmarysepiscopal.org).*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 3, *Enriching Our Worship 1*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

*Celebrant* All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

## SANCTUS

### Hymnal S 125 – *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Richard Proulx

*Celebrant*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you have Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Celebrant  
& People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*Celebrant*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and forever. **AMEN.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*

And now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,,

*Celebrant  
& People*

**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.**

*Celebrant*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body for we all share in the one bread.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Celebrant* For those worshiping with us virtually today, let us now say together the prayer for spiritual communion.

*Celebrant & People* Gracious God, You stand at the door of our hearts and knock. You wait for us and we only can let you in. We believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill us with your presence. Nourish us with your body and unite us in your blood, that we may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

*The congregation may be seated.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

#9 – *Eat this Bread*

Text: John 6; adapt Robert J Batastini  
and Taize Community  
Tune: Jacques Berthier

## COMMUNION HYMN

#3 – *Bread is Broken*

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*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Celebrant* 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.**

## EASTER BLESSING

*Celebrant* The blessing of God who creates life, be upon you as you celebrate life.  
The blessing of God who restores life, be upon you as you seek new life.  
The blessing of God who sanctifies life, be upon you as you give life to others.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

#18 – *Salaam Aleikum*

Trad African Folks Song

## EASTER DISMISSAL

## POSTLUDE

## SOCIAL TIME/BREAKOUT GROUPS