

# Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!

## The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

### PRELUDE

### SONG OF PRAISE & PROCESSIONAL

#7 – Come down O love Divine

Words: Bianco da Siena;  
Music: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Please be seated.*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## The Word of God

### OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT

Priest                    Alleluia. Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People**                **Glory to God forever and ever. Alleluia.**

Priest                    God our security, who alone can defend us against the principalities and powers that rule this present age; may we trust in no weapons except the whole armor of faith, that in dying we may live, and, having nothing, we may own the world, through Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

### FIRST MESSAGE   Hebrews 12:18-29

Lay Leader              Let us prepare ourselves to hear the Word of God.

**People**                **Our hearts and minds are open.**

Lay Leader              You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.”) Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

*Please stand or choose another posture of reverence that is comfortable for your body.*

<b>GRADUAL</b>	<b>#23 – Take O Take Me As I Am</b>	Text & Music: John L. Bell
<b>GOSPEL</b>	<b>Luke 13:10-17</b>	
Deacon	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.	
<b>People</b>	<b>Glory to you, Lord Christ.</b>	
Deacon	Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.	
Deacon	The Gospel of the Lord.	
<b>People</b>	<b>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</b>	
<b>HOMILY</b>		The Reverend Lindsey R. Briggs, Rector

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Iona Abbey Worship Book & 1979 Book of Common Prayer*

Priest            Please stand in body or in spirit as we 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.***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessions for the Christian People, Liturgical Press*

Lay Leader      Let us raise our prayer to God for the Spirit sent to anoint us, singing:  
**People**           ***Alleluia, allelu!***  
***You are making all things new!***

Lay Leader      For the spirit of joy in the church, that our Eastertide Alleluias resound  
                    throughout the year, we pray to you, O God.  
**People**           ***Alleluia, allelu!***  
***You are making all things new!***

Lay Leader      For the spirit of peace in the world, that all peoples, especially nations in  
                    conflict, may live in harmony, we pray to you, O God.  
**People**           ***Alleluia, allelu!***  
***You are making all things new!***

Lay Leader      For the spirit of justice... that victims of prejudice, exploitation, and oppression  
                    be set free, we pray to you, O God.  
**People**           ***Alleluia, allelu!***  
***You are making all things new!***

Lay Leader      For the spirit of unity among all people, that our weakness makes us strong  
                    and our differences make us rich, we pray to you, O God.  
**People**           ***Alleluia, allelu!***  
***You are making all things new!***

Lay Leader      For the spirit of hope in the future, that we and all who have died may drink of  
                    the fruit of the vine in glory, we pray to you, O God.  
**People**           ***Alleluia, allelu!***  
***You are making all things new!***

Lay Leader Good and gracious God, send forth your Spirit into our hearts. Wipe away any fear between us. Tear down the walls that divide us, and make us one through Jesus Christ.

**People** ***Amen, Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!***

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

*Lay Leader invites people to offer concerns and thanksgivings in person or in chat.  
If the podium is inaccessible to you please wave to the Priest and they will bring a mic to you.*

Priest 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.

**People** ***Amen.***

*Please stand or choose another posture of reverence that is comfortable for your body.*

## **PEACE**

Priest The Peace of God be always with you.

**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.***

## **OFFERTORY**

Instrumental

*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](http://saintmarysepiscopal.org)*

# The Holy Communion

*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. Please stand or choose another posture of reverence that is comfortable for your body.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Eucharistic Prayer I, *Enriching Our Worship*

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

# **People**      *We lift them to God.*

**Priest** Let us give thanks to God.

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

Priest It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, Source of life and fountain of kindness. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Christ and knit us into one body.

**People** *Through your Spirit, you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.*

Priest Therefore, joining with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing,

## **SANCTUS**

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

## Setting from: A Community Mass Richard Proulx

Priest                   Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.

**People**      ***You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.***

Priest You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

**People** *But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves.*

Priest We would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

**People** *Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.*

Priest Through Abraham, Hagar, and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to live the life you called him to, he overcame death, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All** *Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

**Priest**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of those who’ve gone before us, that with Mary and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.**

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**Priest** For those worshiping with us virtually today, let us now say together the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

**All** *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.*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept.*

Priest                    We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
***People                    We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.***

*Please be seated.*

**COMMUNION HYMN #7 – Come down O love Divine** Words: Bianco da Siena;  
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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

adapted from *Enriching Our Worship*

**All** *God of Abundance, You feed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; You unite us with Christ and one another; And You make us one with all Your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of Your Spirit, that we may proclaim Your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ. Amen.*

## BLESSING

**CLOSING SONG #1 – African Processional**

Vs 203: Bret Hesla  
Collected by Elaine Hanson  
Arr. Ralph M. Johnson

**DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon dismisses the People.*

**People**      **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

Instrumental

**SOCIAL TIME IN PERSON & ON ZOOM**

Join us for good company and tasty treats on the front lawn.

**ST. MARY'S SERVING SCHEDULE****Sunday, August 21, 10:00 AM**

Verger	Lay Leader/ Officiant	Usher	Greeter	Reader	AV Tech	Zoom Host
Tom Brown	Erika Scheurer	Aimee Sutherland	Anne Valaas-Turner		James Wheeler	Anne Carter

**Sunday, August 28, 10:00 AM**

Verger	Lay Leader/ Officiant	Usher	Greeter	Reader	AV Tech	Zoom Host
Jennifer Wedel	Kim Locke	Tom Kellogg	Edie Meissner		Catherine Neuschler	Byung Matsubara

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