

Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Baptism of Eliah Christine Ebbers**

September 4th, 2022

Presiders The Reverend Chris Ebbers
The Reverend Lindsey Briggs
Parents Anna and Jaron Ebbers
Sponsor Mike Travaille

PRELUDE

SONG OF PRAISE & PROCESSIONAL

#1 – Baptized in Water

Text: Michael Saward

Music: Gaelic une; arr. Hymnal version

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 Grant, good God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST MESSAGE Philemon 1-21

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

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

Lay Leader Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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.

GRADUAL #2 – Open Your Ears

Words: Willard E Jabusch
Music: Torah Song (Yisrael V'oraita), Hasidic Melody;
arr. Richard Proulx

GOSPEL**Luke 14:25-33**

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Deacon

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People***Praise to you, Lord Christ.*****HOMILY**

The Reverend Lindsey R. Briggs, Rector

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Rev. Lindsey

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents &

Sponsor

I present Eilah Ebberts to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Rev. Chris

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents &

Sponsor

I will, with God's help.

Rev. Chris

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents &

Sponsor

I will, with God's help.

Rev. Chris

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents &

Sponsor

I renounce them.

Rev. Chris	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Parents & Sponsor	I renounce them.
Rev. Chris	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Parents & Sponsor	I renounce them.
Rev. Chris	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Parents & Sponsor	I do.
Rev. Chris	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Parents & Sponsor	I do.
Rev. Chris	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your God?
Parents & Sponsor	I do.
Rev. Lindsey	Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ?
People	<i>We will.</i>
Rev. Lindsey	Let us join with the baptismal candidate in committing ourselves to Christ by renewing our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Rev. Lindsey	Do you believe in God the Father?
People	<i>I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.</i>
Rev. Lindsey	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People	<i>I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.</i>

Rev. Lindsey Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People *I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.*

Rev. Lindsey Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

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

Rev. Chris 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.*

Rev. Chris Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

Rev. Chris Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

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

Rev. Chris 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 for the Candidate

Rev. Lindsey Let us now pray for Eilah who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O God, from the way of sin and death.

People *God, hear our prayer.*

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People *God, hear our prayer.*

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People *God, hear our prayer.*

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People *God, hear our prayer.*

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People *God, hear our prayer.*

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People *God, hear our prayer.*

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People ***God, hear our prayer.***

Rev. Chris Grant, O God, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Rev. Lindsey The Lord be with you.

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

Rev. Lindsey Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Rev. Chris We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

People ***We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.***

Rev. Chris Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Rev Lindsey touches the water saying:

Rev. Lindsey Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Rev. Chris gently pours water over Eilah's head saying:

Rev. Chris Eilah Ebbers, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Rev. Chris Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O God, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Rev Lindsey places holy oil in the sign of the cross on Eilah forehead saying:

Rev. Lindsey Eilah, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Rev. Chris Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Rev Chris presents Eilah to the congregation.

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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***

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*

Priest God be with you.

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

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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

#3 – Santo

***Santo, santo, santo,
Mi corazon te-adora!
Mi corazon te sabe decir:
Santo eres Senor!***

***Holy, holy, holy,
My heart, my heart adores you.
My heart knows how to say to you:
Holy are you Lord!***

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 worshipping 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

Priest And now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your 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 yours 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.

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 HYMNS #4 – Jesu Tawa Pano

Zimbabwe

#5 – All You Who Are Thirsty

Music: Michael Connolly

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

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 **#6 – Now We Are All Sent Forth** Words: Anonymous, Central America Eng tr.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the People.

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

POSTLUDE **#7 – Signed Sealed Delivered I'm Yours**

SOCIAL TIME IN PERSON & ON ZOOM

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

ST. MARY'S SERVING SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 4, 10:00 AM

Verger	Lay Leader/ Officiant	Usher	Greeter	Acolyte	AV Tech	Zoom Host
Julie Thomas	Nina Johnson	Anne Hanson	Craig Hanson		Julie Phillips	Beth Varro

Sunday, September 11, 10:00 AM

Verger	Lay Leader/ Officiant	Usher	Greeter	Acolyte	AV Tech	Zoom Host
Robert Butterbrodt, Sr.	Paulette Brieese	Tom Kellogg	Maura Roby	Clare E.	Fran Roby	Brian Nerbonne

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