

Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost—July 11, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the One Holy and Living God.

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

SONG OF PRAISE

Canticle of the Turning
Saint Mary's Choir

Words: Rory Cooney

OPENING COLLECT

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST MESSAGE

Lay Leader Let us prepare ourselves to hear the Word Of God as it comes to use from _____.

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

TBD

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Bambalela/Never Give Up
Saint Mary's Choir

Words & Music: South African
Transcribed: Mairi & Gordon Munro

GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is

not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

HOMILY

The Reverend Susan Moss

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Lay Leader Let us 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.**

Lay Leader 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.

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.**

Lay Leader 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.**

Lay Leader Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

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

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

Lay Leader 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

Lay Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

After each bidding the people respond:

People **Hear our prayer.**

SAINT MARY'S COMMUNITY PRAYERS: CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Everyone is invited to offer concerns and thanksgivings.

Lay Leader O God, accept the prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, 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, Christ and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant Peace be 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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant God 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 Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant and People on Zoom

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

Celebrant and People

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your Name.

your kingdom com, 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 your, now and for ever. Amen

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant 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

COMMUNION HYMN

For Everyone Born

Words: Shirley Erena Murray

Music: Brian Mann

COMMUNION HYMN

Bread Is Broken

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Sidney Fowler

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray together.

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, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Saint Mary's Choir

Words: Charles Wesley
Music: *Hyfrydol*
Rowland Hugh Prichard

DISMISSAL

Deacon <Deacon says the words of dismissal.>

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

SOURCES

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