

# Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!

## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost—August 1, 2021

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

*Mary and Great*

Saint Mary's Choir

Words: American Folk Hymn

para Phillip Frazier

Music: Lacquiparle

Dakota Indian Chant

OPENING COLLECT

*Officiant* God be with you.

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

*Officiant* God of Moses, who rained down bread on Israel's wandering people: lead us to the food that never leaves us craving... but fills our whole humanity with life enough for all; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

THE FIRST MESSAGE

EXODUS 16:2-4,9-15

*Officiant* Let us prepare ourselves to hear the Word Of God.

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

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

*Among Us and Before Us*

Music: GATEHOUSE

John L. Bell

*Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL

John 6:24-35

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

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

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

HOMILY

Vonda Humburg

*Please stand as you are able.*

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.**

*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.

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.**

*Officiant* 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.**

*Officiant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Officiant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Officiant* 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 FORM IV

*Officiant* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
 Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Please be seated.*

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. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

PEACE

*Officiant* 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.

<Short time of silence>

## LORD'S PRAYER

*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.

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Officiant* Holy and ever living God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed;  
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live  
each day in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*People* Amen.

## BENEDICTION

*Officiant* May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy  
Spirit be with us all.  
*People* Amen.

## CLOSING SONG

*How Wondrous and Great*  
Saint Mary's Choir

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk  
Music: Lyons  
att Johann Michael Haydn

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

### SOURCES

The Opening Collect is from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* by Steven Shakespeare.  
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The Closing Prayer is from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*.