

# Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!

## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost—July 18, 2021

PRELUDE

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
Trombone/Saxophone

Chuck Watt

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

*Holy, Holy, Holy,*  
Saint Mary's Choir

Words: Reginald Heber  
Music: Nicaea, John Bacchus Dykes

OPENING COLLECT

*Officiant* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST MESSAGE

PSALM 23

*Officiant* Let us prepare ourselves to hear the Word Of God.  
*People* **Our hearts and minds are open.**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;

for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

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

## GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

## HOMILY

Colleen Carpenter

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*Officiant* 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.**

*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.**

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

*Everyone is invited to offer concerns and thanksgivings.*

#### COLLECT

#### 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.**

## BLESSING

## CLOSING SONG

*Hamba Nathi*  
Saint Mary's Choir

Text/Tune: Trad. South African  
Arr: Anders Nyberg

## 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.

The Gospel is from the New Revised Standard Version.

The Prayers of the People are from *The Book of Common Prayer*.

Affirmation of Faith is from *Iona Abbey Worship Book* by The Iona Community.

The Closing Prayer is from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*.