

Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost—November 14, 2021
Morning Prayer

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

#693 – *Just As I Am*

Words: Charlotte Elliott

Music: *Woodworth*, William Batchelder Bradbury

OPENING COLLECT

Adapted from Episcopal Diocese of Washington *Prayers for Stewardship*

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

Officiant Gracious and loving God, You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing Your message to those we serve in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

FIRST MESSAGE

Hebrews 10:11-25

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

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

GOSPEL

Mark 13:1-8

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

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

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

HOMILY

Steve Andrews

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*A New Zealand Prayer Book**Officiant* Please stand as you are able and join together in affirming our faith.

People **You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are God. We worship you.**

Please respond to each promise by saying, "I will with God's help."

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.

Please turn and face the middle aisle as we make our promises to each other and to God. We can't yet touch each other, but we can make eye contact. Please respond to each promise by saying, "I will with God's help."

Officiant I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for our Bishops Michael and Craig; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

People **Sung response:** *Teach Us and Show Us the Way* Conie Borchardt

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the sung response. Each staff is in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The melody is simple, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Teach us and show us the way.' are written below each staff, with a blank line at the end of each line for a breath or continuation.

Officiant I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. **<Sung response>**

Officiant I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. **<Sung response>**

Officiant I ask your prayers for all who seek God or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God. **<Sung response>**

Officiant I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. **<Sung response>**

Officiant Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. **<Sung response>**

SAINT MARY’S COMMUNITY PRAYERS: CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Everyone is invited to offer concerns and thanksgivings.

Officiant Hear our prayers most gracious God, for the people of St Mary’s, who thank you for setting us at tasks that demand our best efforts, leading us to accomplishments that satisfy and delight us. In this season of transition and discernment, we seek the Spirit’s guidance and wisdom for important decisions ahead. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Word and Wisdom of God. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

PEACE

Officiant The Peace of Christ be always with us.

People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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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.**

We are not passing the offertory plate at this time.

*You are welcome to make an online offering by pressing the "contribute" button on our website,
saintmarysepiscopal.org.*

LORD'S PRAYER

People

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, 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 yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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Life is short, and we haven't much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us along the way. So be quick to love, make haste to be kind--and the blessing of God goes with us. (Adapted from 19th Century Swiss philosopher Henri Amiel)

CLOSING SONG

#707–*Take My Life*

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal
Music: *Hallingside*, John Bacchus Dykes

DISMISSAL

Deacon

<*Deacon says the words of dismissal.*>

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

SOCIAL TIME