

Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

PRELUDE

SONG OF PRAISE & PROCESSIONAL

#12 – Wade in the Water

Words: African American Spiritual

Music: African American Spiritual

arr. By Monya Davis Logan

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 Spirit of energy and change, in whose power Jesus was anointed to be the hope of the nations: be poured out also upon us without reserve or distinction, that we may have confidence and strength to plant your justice on the earth, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

FIRST MESSAGE For a New Beginning

John O'Donohue

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

People *Our hearts and minds are open.*

Lay Leader In out-of-the-way places of the heart,
Where your thoughts never think to wander,
This beginning has been quietly forming,
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.

For a long time it has watched your desire,
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,
Noticing how you willed yourself on,
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.

It watched you play with the seduction of safety
And the gray promises that sameness whispered,
Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,
Wondered would you always live like this.

Then the delight, when your courage kindled,
And out you stepped onto new ground,
Your eyes young again with energy and dream,
A path of plenitude opening before you.

Though your destination is not yet clear
You can trust the promise of this opening;
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning
That is at one with your life's desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure;
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;
Soon you will be home in a new rhythm,
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.

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 #5 – Be Thou My Vision

Words: Irish, ca 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne
Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody

GOSPEL John 12:1-7

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

Deacon Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, the hometown of Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. So they hosted a dinner for Jesus there. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with Him. Then Mary took about a pint of expensive perfume, made of pure nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was going to betray Him, asked, "Why wasn't this perfume sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" Judas did not say this because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief. As keeper of the money bag, he used to take from what was put into it.

"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "She has kept this perfume in preparation for the day of my burial."

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

HOMILY The Reverend Lindsey R. Briggs, Rector

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Iona Abbey Worship Book & 1979 Book of Common Prayer

Priest Please stand in body or in spirit as we 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.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessions for the Christian People, Liturgical Press

Lay Leader Let us raise our prayer to God for the Spirit sent to anoint us, singing:

People ***Alleluia, allelu!
You are making all things new!***

Lay Leader For the spirit of joy in the church, that our Eastertide Alleluias resound throughout the year, we pray to you, O God.

People ***Alleluia, allelu!
You are making all things new!***

Lay Leader For the spirit of peace in the world, that all peoples, especially nations in conflict, may live in harmony, we pray to you, O God.

People ***Alleluia, allelu!
You are making all things new!***

Lay Leader For the spirit of justice... that victims of prejudice, exploitation, and oppression be set free, we pray to you, O God.

People ***Alleluia, allelu!
You are making all things new!***

Lay Leader For the spirit of unity among all people, that our weakness makes us strong and our differences make us rich, we pray to you, O God.

People ***Alleluia, allelu!
You are making all things new!***

Lay Leader For the spirit of hope in the future, that we and all who have died may drink of the fruit of the vine in glory, we pray to you, O God.

People ***Alleluia, allelu!
You are making all things new!***

Lay Leader Good and gracious God, send forth your Spirit into our hearts. Wipe away any fear between us. Tear down the walls that divide us, and make us one through Jesus Christ.

People ***Amen, Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!***

SAINT MARY'S COMMUNITY PRAYERS: CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

*Lay Leader invites people to offer concerns and thanksgivings in person or in chat.
If the podium is inaccessible to you please wave to the Priest and they will bring a mic to you.*

Priest 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.

People ***Amen.***

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

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, O 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 HYMN #22 – One Voice

by: Ruth Moody

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

#19 – Trees of the Field

Words: Steffi Geiser Rubin

Music: Stuart Dauermann

DISMISSAL *The Deacon dismisses the People.*

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

POSTLUDE

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 18, 10:00 AM

Verger	Lay Leader/ Officiant	Usher	Greeter	Acolyte	AV Tech	Zoom Host
Tom Brown	Steve Andrews	Erika Scheurer	Anna Valaas-Turner	Penelope T.	Catherine Neuschler	Byung Matsubara

Sunday, September 25, 10:00 AM

Verger	Lay Leader/ Officiant	Usher	Greeter	Acolyte	AV Tech	Zoom Host
Kim Locke	Michael Phillips	Steve Andrews	Edie Meissner		Fran Roby	Brian Nerbonne

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