

# Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!

## Third Sunday after Pentecost—June 13, 2021

### Welcome/Announcements

### Prelude

### 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

*Brighter than the Sun*  
Saint Mary's Choir

Ray Makeever  
John Helgen

#### Opening Collect

*Celebrant*      God be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 Henri Nouwen.  
*People*        **Our hearts and minds are open.**

"How different our life would be if we could but believe that every little act of faithfulness, every gesture of love, every word of forgiveness, every little bit of joy and peace will multiply and multiply...Imagine your kindness to your friends and your generosity to the poor are little mustard seeds that will become strong trees in which many birds can build their nests...Imagine that you're trusting that every little movement of love you make will ripple out into ever new and wider circles...You and I would dance for joy were we to know that we...are chosen, blessed, and broken to become the bread that will multiply itself in the giving."

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

#### Gradual

*How Wondrous and Great Thy Works*

Saint Mary's Choir

Henry Ustick Onderdonk

Lyons, Att. Johann Michael Haydn

#### Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of

itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

## Homily "Naming What's In the Room"

## The Reverend Susan Moss Brian Nerbonne, Warden

## 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.**

## Celebration and Blessing of High School Graduates and Their Parents

### 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

## 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

*For Everyone Born*

Saint Mary's Choir

Shirley Erena Murray

Brian Mann

## Dismissal

*Deacon* <Deacon says the words of dismissal.>

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

## SOURCES

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