

# Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!

## The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2022

**PRELUDE**      **Variations On Foundation**

By Charles Watt  
Trombone: Chuck Watt  
Piano: Vonda Humburg

**SONG OF PRAISE & PROCESSIONAL**

**#6 – All God's Creatures** (vs. 1–3)

Song Writer: Bill Staines

*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      Gracious and eternal God, by your grace St. Francis of Asisi, kindled with the fire of your love, became a burning and shining light in the Church; inflame us with the same spirit of discipline and love that we may always walk before you as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**FIRST MESSAGE**    **Psalm 121**

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

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

Lay Leader      1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
                         from where is my help to come?  
                         2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
                         the maker of heaven and earth.  
                         3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
                         and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
                         4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
                         shall neither slumber nor sleep;  
                         5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
                         the Lord is your shade at your right hand,  
                         6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
                         nor the moon by night.

- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

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 #23 – Comes a New Song**

Words/Music: Ray Makeever

**GOSPEL Matthew 11:25–30**

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

Deacon Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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.*

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**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](http://saintmarysepiscopal.org)***

# The Holy Communion

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

*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.*

## 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 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 worshiping 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 #17 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is** Text: Psalm 23, Henry W Baker  
Tune: St Columba; Gaelic  
Harm: by a. Gregory Murray, OSB

*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 #1 – This Little Light of Mine** African American Spiritual

**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.

## **Flowers**

Flowers today are given by Kitty McFarland –  
In loving memory and thanks for Johann Stephen Beimdiek and  
Christopher Stephen Beimdiek

## **St. Mary's Serving Schedule**

### **Sunday, October 2, 10:00 AM**

<b>Verger</b>	<b>Lay Leader/ Officiant</b>	<b>Usher</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>AV Tech</b>	<b>Zoom Host</b>
Paulette Briesse	Jim DeLuca	Tom Kellogg	Anne Valaas-Turner	Penelope T.	Brian Nerbonne	Byung Matsubara

### **Sunday, October 9, 10:00 AM**

<b>Verger</b>	<b>Lay Leader/ Officiant</b>	<b>Usher</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>AV Tech</b>	<b>Zoom Host</b>
Julie Thomas	Erika Scheurer	Steve Andrews	Otto T.		Beth Varro	Todd Reemtsma

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