

Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost—October 3, 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

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

Lina Sandell  
Trans: Ernst W. Olson  
Swedish Folk Melody

OPENING COLLECT

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 182

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

*Officiant* Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

FIRST MESSAGE *Remaining Awake through a Great Revolution* Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

Through our scientific and technological genius, we have made of this world a neighborhood and yet we have not had the ethical commitment to make of it a brotherhood. But somehow, and in some way, we have got to do this. We must all learn to live together as brothers or we will all perish together as fools. We are tied together in the single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality. And whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. For some strange reason I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. And you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be.

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

GRADUAL

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Words: Tom Colvin

Music: Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

Arr. Jane Marshall

*Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL

Mark 10:13-16

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

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

*Please be seated.*

HOMILY

Vivian Ihekoronye

*We welcome our guest preacher Vivian Ihekoronye, lead organizer with Isaiah a multi-racial, state-wide, nonpartisan coalition of faith communities, Black barbershops, childcare centers, and other community based constituencies fighting for racial and economic justice in Minnesota.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*Officiant* Let us stand and 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.**

*From Iona Abbey Worship Book by The Iona Community*

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## Book of Common Prayer Form 11

*Officiant* Please respond to each prayer by humming or quietly singing.

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 key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. Below each staff, the lyrics "Teach us and show us the way." are written, followed by a blank line for humming or singing.

*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>**

*Please be seated.*

## 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. As we regather, still in a time 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.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

PEACE

*Officiant*     The Peace of Christ be always with us.  
*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.**

*We are not passing the offertory plate at this time.*

*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)*

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

*Officiant*     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

*Officiant and  
People*        **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

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

Words: Traditional  
Negro Spiritual, arr. Carl Haywood

DISMISSAL

*Deacon*       *<Deacon says the words of dismissal.>*  
*People*        **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (Reprise)*

SOCIAL TIME