

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
The Third Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
Sunday, June 13, 2021
11:00am

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The liturgy begins on page 355 in The Book of Common Prayer

Voluntary Chorale-Prelude on *Rhosymedre* *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
Our Father, by whose Name all fatherhood is known

The Word of God

All stand and sing

Hymn 392



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join
2 Let those re - fuse to sing that nev - er knew our God; but
3 The heirs of grace have found glo - ry be - gun be - low; ce -
4 Then let our song a - bound and let our tears be dry; we're



in a song with sweet ac - cord and thus sur-round the throne.
chil - dren of the heaven - ly King may speak their joys a - broad.
les - tial fruits on earth - ly ground from faith and hope may grow.
march-ing through Em - man - uel's ground to fair - er worlds on high.



Refrain
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na! Re - joice, give thanks and sing.

The Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Sung by all

Robert Powell, S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Children depart for Children's Chapel

The Lessons *All are seated*

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel

17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig
 from the lofty top of a cedar;
 I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
 from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
 on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel
 I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
 and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
 in the shade of its branches will nest
 winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know
 that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
 I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
 and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;
 I will accomplish it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 92

All sing the refrain



The Choir sings

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

All sing the refrain

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 5:6-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

All stand and sing

Alleluia



A Cantor sings the verse and then all repeat the Alleluia.

V. O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

The Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

Gospeller 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.

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

The Sermon

All are seated

The Rev'd Gus Chrysson

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people and leaders of this land and of all the nations in the ways of justice and peace, especially Joe, our President; Roy, our Governor; Jay, our Mayor; for those who serve in the military, and their families; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for peace in the Middle East and for those who are suffering.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Inspire all preachers of your Word, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Samuel and Anne, our Bishops; Darby, Gus and Jonathan, our clergy, the Friendship Table interns and their ministry; and the St Mary's staff; that they may speak clearly of your Christ. We pray for our companion dioceses of Botswana and Costa Rica; and the Church of Nigeria, St. James', Mooresville, St. Patrick's, Mooresville.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for St Mary's Church and its Search Committee, that the Holy Spirit would guide the minds of those who will choose a rector for this parish, that St Mary's would receive a faithful, wise and compassionate pastor, to care for its people and equip them for their ministries. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. For an end to racism, violence, and all divisions that continue to plague our communities. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially those on our St Mary's prayer list, Helen Congdon, Linda Nitz, Haley & Michael Walsh, Elizabeth Adkins Flowers, Becca Page Forrest, Mary Gordon, Christi White, Tom Capraro, Rick Manning, Tom & Wendy Needham, Sarah Owen, Edna Landon, Gloria Morris, Eamon Kelly, Courtney Whitley, Emily Finch Johnson, Jeff Chrysson, Ruth White, Maureen Desrochers, Ashita Mauser, Mason Perry; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

We commend to your mercy all who have died, [especially,] that your will for them may be fulfilled. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Standing, the Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

All are seated and the altar is prepared.

The Offertory *Sung by the choir*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a place where she may lay her young: even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will always be praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O Prosper thou our handiwork.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

~ Psalm 84 and

Psalm 90 paraphrase by Isaac Watts

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The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;

The Celebrant prays the appointed Proper Preface

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit

Sung by all

Richard Proulx, S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

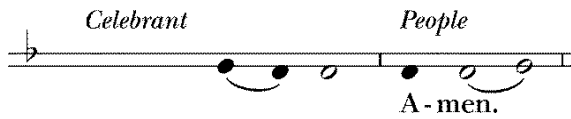
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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Agnus Dei

Sung by all, as indicated

Eddie Bass

Three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with 'accomp.' and a vocal part label. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.' for the first two parts, and 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.' for the third part.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

An Act of Spiritual Communion (for those watching from home)

Lord Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to at least come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my being. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Communion 301

Sung by all

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy
 Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

After Communion, all stand and the Celebrant says

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Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 290

Sung by all

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home;
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 Ev - en so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home;

all is safe - ly ga - thered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown;
 from his field shall in that day all of - fen - ses purge a - way,
 gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

God our Ma - ker doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;
 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear;
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
 there, for - ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide;

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 grant, O har - vest Lord, that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

The Celebrant blesses the people and then they are dismissed and the people respond

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary Now thank we all our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Altar flowers: To the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for Emily Archibald on her 19th birthday from Mom, Dad and Nick.

Participants in the Liturgy

Celebrant

The Reverend Darby Oliver Everhard

Preacher

The Reverend Gus Chrysson

Lector

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