

**Saint Mary's Episcopal Church**  
**The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**Sunday, July 11, 2021**  
**11:00am**

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Voluntary

**The Word of God**

*All stand and sing*

Hymn 372

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

*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.

**The Collect of the Day**

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**People** And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The children depart for Children's Chapel*

## **The Lessons** *All are seated*

### **A reading from the book of Amos**

**7:7-15**

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;  
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

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

**Psalm 85**

*Benedixisti, Domine*

*All sing the refrain*



*The Choir sings*

- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

*All sing the refrain*

**A Reading from the book of Ephesians**

**1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*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 God, you are praised in Zion, and to you shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

### The Gospel

**Mark 6:14-29**

*Gospeller*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**People**

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

**The Sermon**                    *All are seated*                    The Rev'd Darby Oliver Everhard

**The Nicene Creed**                    *All stand and say together*                    p. 358

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; The Episcopal Church in the Philippines; St. Mark's, Raleigh, St. Michael's, Raleigh, St. Timothy's, Raleigh.

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. We pray for those affected by extreme climactic conditions and severe storms. 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, for those on our St Mary's prayer list, especially Agnes Paseda, Hope Raymond, Anne Miressi; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. For Haiti and its people. 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**      Magnificat in A Minor      T. Tertius Noble

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

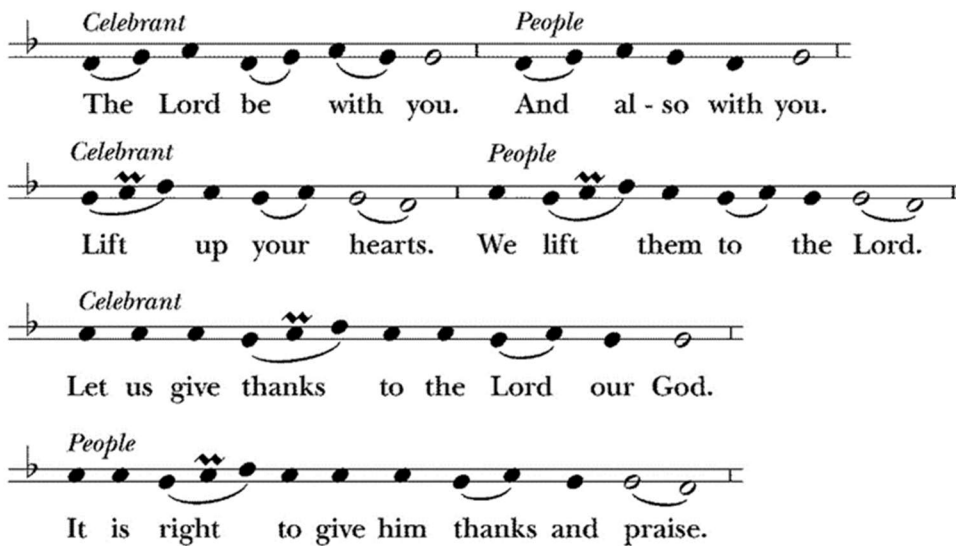
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*     *All stand*     p. 361



*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.**

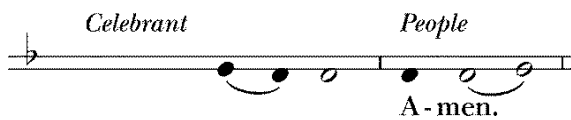
**Christ will come again.**

*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.

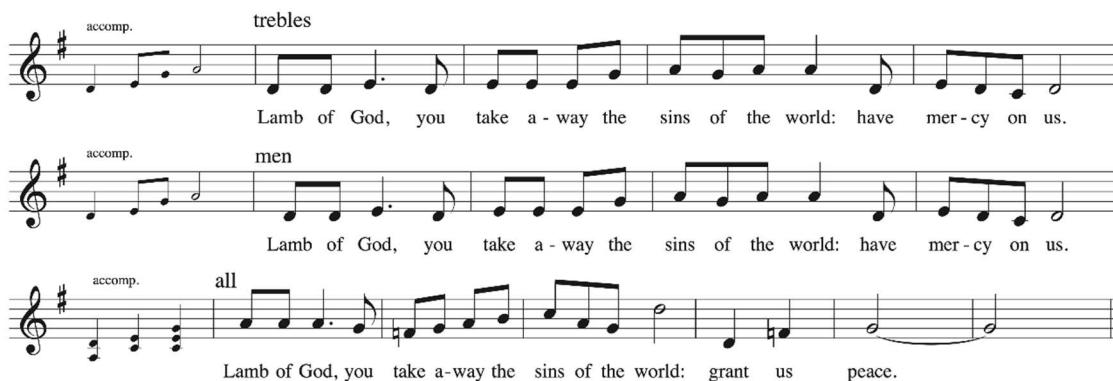
**The Breaking of the Bread**

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*Agnus Dei*

*Sung by all, as indicated*

*Eddie Bass*



*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 706

*Sung by all*

1 In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my  
2 Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by  
3 Now my heart sets none a - bove you, for your

sin - filled heart and mind, else this world had  
grace you set me free; for my heart would  
grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing well, that

still en - thrall'd me, and to glo - ry kept me blind.  
still re - fuse you had your love not cho - sen me.  
if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

*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 347

*Sung by all*

1 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;  
 2 Go forth for God; go to the world in love;  
 3 Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;  
 4 Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,

be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,  
 strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;  
 hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;  
 to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,  
 help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove  
 ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length  
 and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,

till in his king - dom we be - hold his face.  
 his love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.  
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.  
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

**Altar flowers:** The flowers on the Main Altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. George Hobart, former St. Mary's parishioners.

## Participants in the Liturgy

*Celebrant & Preacher*

The Reverend Darby Oliver Everhard

*Lector*

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*Organist & Choir Master*

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