

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church  
The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, October 10, 2021  
9:00am

Welcome to Saint Mary's! We are glad you are joining us today for either in person or online worship. For more information about Saint Mary's, please see our website at [www.stmaryshighpoint.org](http://www.stmaryshighpoint.org) or check out our [Facebook Page](#).

## The Word of God

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Celebrant* 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.

## Hymn of Praise 680 *Sung by all*

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, be thou our guide while life shall last,  
our hope for years to come, and our eternal home.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*All are seated.*

### A reading from the Book of Amos

5:6-7,10-15

Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.

Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

***People***            **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 90:12-17

*Domine, refugium*

*Read responsively by whole verse*

12 So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 **Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? \***  
**be gracious to your servants.**

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

**15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*  
and the years in which we suffered adversity.**

16 Show your servants your works \*  
and your splendor to their children.

**17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; \*  
prosper the work of our hands;  
prosper our handiwork.**

## A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews

4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

*All stand.*

**Alleluia**            *Sung by all*

Lively



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time. The first staff begins with the tempo marking 'Lively'. The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## The Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Rev'd Gus Chryson

## The Nicene Creed

*All stand and say together*

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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 of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all, we pray for people of every race and in every kind of need: Make your ways known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church throughout the world and for Samuel and Anne our bishops: Guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that all people may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For our new rector, Fr. Rob Travis, and his family, Leah, Jack, Simon and Evan, that our new chapter of ministry may bind us together in love and invite others into a Christ-centered life,

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your nurturing goodness all who are anxious or distressed in mind, body, or spirit; comfort and relieve them in their need; give them patience in their sufferings, and bring good out of their troubles.

*A period of silence is observed.*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We entrust to your gracious keeping all who have died in the faith of Christ, especially Owen Bertschi, Tony Bertschi's father, and we give you praise for all your faithful ones with whom we rejoice in the communion of saints.

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.**

## The Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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.*

*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**

**Hymn 461**

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter, his the throne;  
\*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on earth our food, our stay!  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the Lord of lords we own:  
\*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter, his the throne;

1 Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how:  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to thee from day to day;  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! born of Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne:  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;

1 Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;  
2 though the cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty days were o'er,  
3 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,  
4 thou with - in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
5 Hark! the songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;

1 Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
2 shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
3 where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
4 thou on earth both Priest and Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
5 Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

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## The Great Thanksgiving

### *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

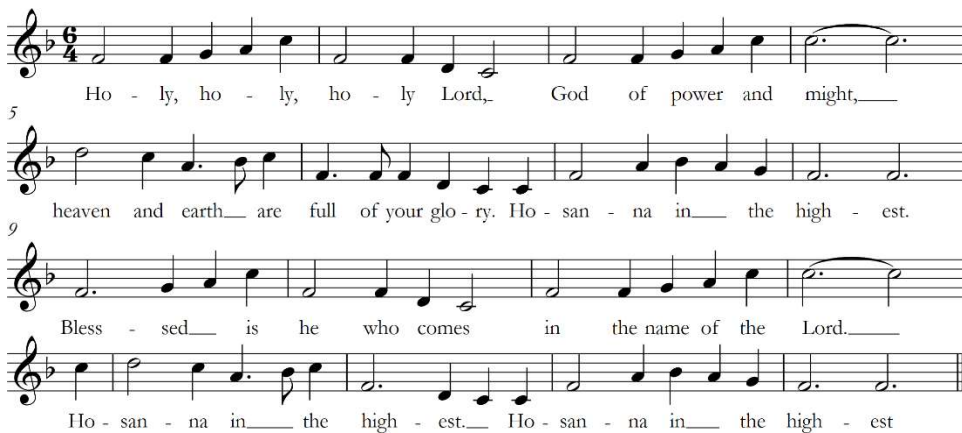
*The Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*



5 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,\_\_\_  
9 heaven and earth\_\_\_ are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in\_\_\_ the high - est.  
Bless - sed\_\_\_ 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 kneel as able.*

*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. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**All** 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.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Said by all*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace**



*The Celebrant says*

Holy things for Holy People.

**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 122 (LEVAS)**

1. Thou my ev - er - last - ing por - tion, More than friend or  
2. Not for ease or world - ly pleas - ure, Nor for fame my  
3. Lead me through the vale of shad - ows, Bear me o'er life's

1. life to me; All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
2. prayer shall be; Glad - ly will I toil and suf - fer,  
3. fit - ful sea; Then the gate of life e - ter - nal

1. Sav - ior let me walk with thee. Close to thee, Close to  
2. On - ly let me walk with thee. Close to thee, Close to  
3. May I en - ter, Lord, with thee. Close to thee, Close to

1. Thee, Close to thee, Close to thee; All a - long my  
2. Thee, Close to thee, Close to thee; Glad - ly will I  
3. Thee, Close to thee, Close to thee; Then the gate of

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2. toil and suf - fer, On - ly let me walk with thee.  
3. life e - ter - nal May I en - ter, Lord, with thee.

*After Communion, all stand and the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The Celebrant blesses the people and then they are dismissed, responding*

**People**                   **Thanks be to God.**

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

## Participants in the Liturgy

*Celebrant & Preacher*

The Reverend Gus Chryson

*Lector*

Jason Johnson

*Server*

Kathy Conrad

*Musicians*

Rob Brock, Robin Hardman,  
Charles Hogan, Revon Johnson

*Video & audio engineering*

Robin Hardman

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