

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist
Sunday, May 22, 2022
11:00am

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 or check out our [Facebook Page](#).

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

Voluntary Prelude in D Minor, BWV 539

J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

The Word of God

All stand, as able.

Hymn 516 Come down, O Love divine

The Celebrant says

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y 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, 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 God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Children may depart for Children's Chapel.

The Lessons *All are seated.*

A reading from The Acts of the Apostles

16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

Psalm 67

Deus misereatur

Chant: William Marsh



- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
 show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
 your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
 let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
 for you judge the peoples with equity
 and guide all the nations upon earth.

All sing the Refrain.

- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
 may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
 and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

All sing the Refrain.

A Reading from the Revelation of John

21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

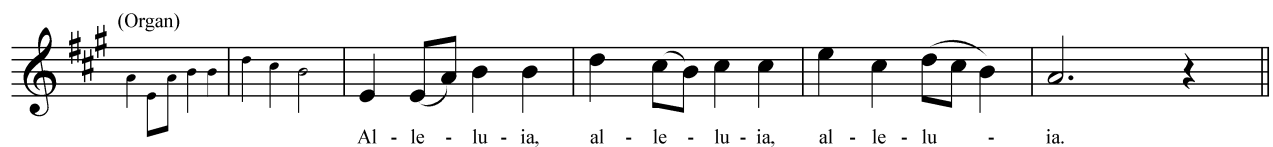
I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

Please stand, as you are able. The choir sings the refrain, then all repeat.

Alleluia



Choir
Christ has risen and shown light to us whom he redeemed with his most precious blood.

All sing Alleluia

The Gospel

John 14:23-29

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

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

The Sermon

All are seated.

The Rev'd Gus Chrysson

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. 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.

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. We pray for Church of the Province of South East Asia, our companion dioceses of Botswana and Costa Rica, St. David's, Laurinburg, Grace Church, Lexington.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Llewjean, Trish, Thea, Jeanette, Neil, Nina, Mary, Alicia, Debbie, Steve, Megan, Jerri, Elizabeth, Richard, Joan, Lee, Diane, Andy, Rick, Jay, Margaret, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Silence

The Celebrant says

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 Celebrant 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.**

Prayers for the Graduates

All Graduates present with us come to the Chancel steps.

Celebrant Beloved in Christ. You have served and been nurtured in your spiritual life here at St. Mary's while you pursued your education in this community. We hope that you will always think of St. Mary's as a spiritual home, and feel welcome to share your life in Christ with us whenever you are in High Point. Since we recognize that you are graduating and going on to new things in life, we want to pray for you.

Celebrant Jesus, you went forth to change the world. These graduates are beginning new vocations as one semester ends and a new time begins. Inspire them to go forth to all nations, learning, preaching and teaching, doing science and healing, building and writing and doing all of the many ministries of your body. Empower them with your ongoing presence. Teach them, our God and King,

People To see you in all people.

Celebrant Jesus, you rejoice in the fellowship of all the saints. With that diverse and numerous cloud of witnesses, we commend our lives to you, celebrating the victories of this day, and confident in the promises of your eternal home. Teach us, our God and King,

People To see you in all people.

Celebrant Today, as we mark the end of the semester and celebrate our graduates, we also commit ourselves once more to a lifetime of learning; to the sharing of the abundant gifts that God has given us; and to the callings of this community.

People May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen us, that in this, and in all things, we may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of his Christ. Amen.

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor upon these graduates, and this community who have now reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in God's name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships so that you may live deep within your heart. May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace. May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that with God, for whom all things are possible, you can do what others claim cannot be done. **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

Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit

William Mathias

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

The people kneel as able.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

McNeil Robinson

Celebrant and People
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the

kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Hymn

1 No long - er — set - tled or — sure of our ways we
2 Claim - ing our pas - sion, em - brac - ing our rage —
3 Voi - ces long si - lenced and mem - ries de - nied —

leave our - selves o - pen, in mom - ents of grace, to
strength - ens our love to re - fa - shion this age, un -
call out for heal - ing, for jus - tice and pride. Our

fresh ways of — see - ing — scales fall from our eyes and
leash - es — the pow - er to chal - lenge our lies and
hearts hear the an - guish of each sa - cred cry and

in our new vi - sions, the — Spir - it shall rise.
in right - eous an - ger, the — Spir - it shall rise.
in our com - pas - sion, the — Spir - it shall rise.

Voluntary Fugue in D Minor, BWV 539

J.S. Bach

Altar flowers: The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Diane and Alex Rankin's 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Graduating Seniors

Jacob Johnson from High Point Central High School –
attending UNC Chapel Hill in the fall.

Julia Rhodes Smith from Southwest High School –
attending UNCG in the fall.

Henry Scott from Westchester Country Day School –
attending NC State in the fall.

Zoe Schroeder from UNC Asheville

Jackie Blake from NCA&T and UNCG with a
Joint Masters of Social Work

Participants in the Liturgy

Celebrant

The Rev'd Rob Travis

Preacher

The Rev'd Gus Chrysson

Lector

Laura Simcox

Vergers

Kathy Conrad

Chalicers

Alicia Archibald, Betsy Lehman

Acolytes

Jacob Johnson, Aaron Sparks, Jonathan Richardson, Ford Ramsay, Brianna Mills

Baritone soloist

Robin Hardman

Organist & Choirmaster

Charles Hogan

Video & audio engineering

Robin Hardman

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Stephanie Gardner-Cole
Beth Penley
Audrey Congdon Harris
Sally Bulla
Laura Simcox

Keeping in Prayer this Week: We pray for those whose needs are closely linked with ours and for those who suffer from any sickness, grief or distress, also remembering and praying for those on our parish prayer list, including: Helen Congdon, Linda Nitz, Christi White, Mary Gordon, Rick Manning, Emily Finch Johnson, Ashita Mauser, Agnes Paseda, Anne Miressi, Barbara Lassiter, Llewjean White, Trish, Thea Oglesby, Jeanette, Neil Campbell, Nina Burris Baker, Mary Darby, Alicia Archibald, Debbie Ewing, Steve, Megan Hankins, Jerri Phillips, Elizabeth White, Richard Glover, Joan Bass, Lee, Diane Kearns, Andy Jones, Rick Lewis, Margaret Lewis, Jay Ingraio.

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