



Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist
Sunday, March 19, 2023
11:00am

Voluntary

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Hymn 429 I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

The Word of God

Penitential Order

Opening Acclamation

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Confession of Sin

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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.

The Priest stands and 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.**

Kyrie Eleison

David Hurd

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Be seated. The children may go to the Children's Chapel at this time.

The Lessons

A reading from the First Book of Samuel

16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

Sung responsively between cantor and people

Cantor on the first half

People respond on the second half



- 1 *The LORD* is my | shepherd; *
I | shall not | be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green | pastures *
and leads me be- | side still | waters.
- 3 He re|vives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways | for his | Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no | evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your | staff, they | comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is | running | over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my | life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD | for ever.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 567 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

The Gospel

John 9:1-41

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of

Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev'd Robert P. Travis

All stand as able.

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, especially for Ukraine, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, our companion dioceses of Botswana and Costa Rica, St. Stephen's, Erwin, Trinity Church, Fuquay-Varina, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, for all those on our parish prayer list, especially Kathy, Diane, Tilden, Dave, James, Rebecca, Helen, Cal, Diane, Jerry, Hallie, and all those on the Daughters of the King prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Rite 13 Ceremony: A Celebration of Journey

Be seated. The Celebrities come forward together with their Parents, Sponsors, and other participants in the Rite 13 class.

Sponsors

We present to you Willow Travis, Henry Simcox, and Berkley Brehm, who this day leave behind childhood on their journey to adulthood.

Celebrant

Dear People of God: the transformation from childhood to adulthood marks one of God's great gifts. Today, we celebrate this gift with Willow, Henry, and Berkley as they begin their journey to adulthood. By the grace of God, you have lived through the pains and joys of childhood, and have grown strong. Now, as young people journeying to adulthood, it is given to you to share God's power of creation. Human beings, because they are made in God's image, are the only creatures on earth who can choose how to use their creative power—not only to create new life, but also to shape the world according to God's purpose. God calls us to use this gift to build and not to destroy. Are you aware of God's gift to you and the responsibility to use it wisely?

Celebrities

I am.

The Psalm Reading

Celebrant

Let us join with Willow, Henry, and Berkley and the other members of Rite 13 in reading a portion of Psalm 139. The congregation is asked to join in the antiphon.

Psalm 139 *Domine, probasti*

Celebrities

O God, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.

Antiphon

Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

Celebrities

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

Antiphon

Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

Celebrities

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book. They were fashioned day by day, when as yet there were none of them.

Antiphon

Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

Celebrities

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts. Look well whether there be any wickedness in me and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Antiphon

Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

The Prayer for the Parents

Celebrant

When Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus and found him in the temple, talking with the elders, they realized that he was a child no longer. So, too, these parents stand, watching their young ones grow beyond childhood. Let us pray for them.

O God, bless the parents/sponsors of Willow, Henry, and Berkley, Rob and Leah Travis, Patrick, Laura, and Martha Simcox, Angie and Andrew Brehm, Rejoice with them as their children begin the journey to adulthood; strengthen them that they may support these young people on their way; uphold them by your Spirit, that they may comfort their teenagers although they can neither walk their road for them nor shield them from pain. Carry them all safely through this journey, so that one day they may stand together as adults and friends, a joy and a comfort to each other all the days of their lives.

Congregation

Amen.

The Charge to the Young People

Celebrant

Dear friends of Willow, Henry, and Berkley: As they journey beyond the circle of their families, they will need loyal friends. Will you walk with them, knowing that there may be times when your support means more than any other?

Young People

We will.

The Charge to the Congregation

All who are able please stand.

Celebrant

As the living Body of Christ, we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's work in the world. Will you, as a community of God that spans the generations, share your knowledge and experience with Willow, Henry, and Berkley as they journey to adulthood?

Congregation

We will.

Celebrant

Will you guide, guard, and sustain them as they grow into the full stature of Christ?

Congregation

We will.

The Blessings

Celebrant

Willow, Henry and Berkley, you have been armed by Almighty God with both the imagination of childhood and the strength, energy, and creative power of adolescence; now you must journey forth to gain the skills you will need to assume full responsibility as an adult.

The celebrities take turns kneeling. The parents (and/or sponsors) come forward and lay hands on their shoulders. The celebrant lays hands on the celebrity's head and says:

(Willow, Henry, Berkley), may Almighty God fill you with courage, wisdom, and joy. May Jesus Christ, your strong companion and never-failing friend, make you strong in faith and defend you on every side. May the Holy Spirit guide you in truth and peace, and the blessing of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains, rest upon you this day and for evermore.

**Congregation
Amen.**

The Celebrities go to sit with their friends and the parents/sponsors return to their seats.

The Peace

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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

Offertory Anthem

arr. William Dawson

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
 Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain; and then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *There is a balm...*
 If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say he died for all. *There is a balm...*

The Great Thanksgiving

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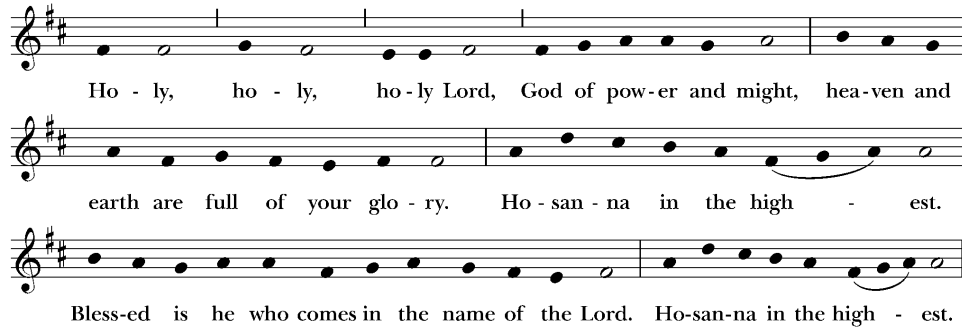
Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and

Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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

David Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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 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 ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.**

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

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

Agnus Dei

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Music at the Communion

Motet

Maurice Durufle

Tantum ergo sacramentum Veneremur cernui
Therefore, we behold and venerate the Sacrament,
 et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui
and the old testament gives way to the new rite.
 Præstet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui
Senses fail; faith is ready to supply.
 Genitori genitoque Laus et jubilatio
To the Father and the Son be praise and rejoicing,
 Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedictio
Health, honor, virtue, and blessing;
 Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio
Praise be to the One who proceeds from both.

~ Thomas of Aquinas

Hymn 706 In your mercy, Lord, you called me

Sending Out Prayer

Celebrant and People

As the people of Saint Mary's, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread one cup. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dismissal

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Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 671 Amazing grace!

Participants in the Liturgy

Celebrant

The Rev'd Foster Mays

Preacher

The Rev'd Robert P. Travis

Lector

Alicia Archibald

Verger

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Candice Greig

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, Agnes Paseda, Anne Miressi, Barbara Lassiter, Trish, Thea Oglesby, Steve, Megan Hankins, Jerri Phillips, Elizabeth White, Richard Glover, Lee, Rick Lewis, Beulah Pope, Tim Robeck, Frankie Gurganus, Mary Darby, Nancy Jenkins, Kathy Cloyd, Diane Rankin, Tilden White, Dave Klenk, James Pardue, Rebecca Mays, Helen Mays, Cal Mays, Diane Kearns, Jerry Ball, Joan Cardwell, Bill Fenn, Jim, Laura Johnson, Laura, Hallie Hogan.

About St Mary's Prayer List: St Mary's maintains a published prayer list, which is added to the service leaflet and to the e-news each week. To add someone, please secure permission to use either the first and/or last names from the person to be added, and then contact Denise Story at 336.886.4756 or by email at admin@stmarysepisc.org. Denise needs your name and contact information so we can get pastoral updates periodically. Individuals will be updated at the end of the month unless the request is renewed, which you are welcome to do at any time.

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Adult Christian Education for adults continues...a class on how to engage reading the whole Bible, Bible Challenge...in the Parish Hall. Please note that you may join at anytime and catch up later on what you might have missed in the beginning.

Lenten Lunches after the noon Eucharist every Wednesday in Lent.

Walk the Labyrinth again this year every Wednesday in Lent from 6-8pm.

The EYC will sell **Pizza Dough today**, following the 9 and 11 am services. Order your pizza dough in advance for \$3/pizza dough. The dough can be frozen if desired. We will also have 12-inch pizza pans available for \$7 each. [Please complete this order form](#), or email Amy at amyc@stmaryshighpoint.org. Blank order forms are also available in the CLC and the Education Building.

Please let us know if you wish to remember a loved one by purchasing an Easter Lilly for Easter this year. The names will appear in the Easter bulletin.

Please check out in the Parish Hall the lovely coloring the kids have been doing in their Wonderful Wednesday evenings. New children are always welcome!

This afternoon the St. Mary's Music Academy will present a concert featuring Violinist Margorie Bagley and pianist Inara Zandmane at 3pm in the Great Hall. All are invited to partake in the World Class music that our music Academy provides in our Community.

This evening we will celebrate St. Joseph's Day with a special Sung Compline service at 7:30pm in the Chapel of Christ the King. If you have never heard Compline sung before, come and enjoy this classic of our Anglican Tradition. It is a beautiful, peaceful way to end the day.

Further down the Road: We invite all families of every generation to join us for a Resurrection themed Parish Retreat, during the Great 50 Days of Easter, May 19-21st at Kanuga in the Mountains. Register online, see the enews for more information.

VBS Helpers are needed. VBS is July 19-22, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. We need adults willing to lead arts and crafts, try out some science experiments, and play games with the kids. Please be in touch with [Amy Campbell](#) if you are interested. You can volunteer for one day or all days.

A new offering for our youth, Youth Breakfast and the Bible, will meet on **Thursday, March 23, at 8 a.m.** The group will meet weekly for a preview and discussion of the upcoming lectionary readings for Sunday. Meet at Carolina Diner.