

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, May 14, 2023  
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](http://www.stmaryshighpoint.org) or check out our [Facebook Page](#).*

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

**Voluntary** Soliloquy

*David Conte*

## Welcome & Announcements

## The Word of God

*All stand, as able.*

**Hymn 205** Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

*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, heav-en-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 depart for Children’s Chapel.*

**The Lessons** *All are seated.*

**A reading from The Acts of the Apostles** **17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath

and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 66:7-18**

*Jubilate Deo*

Henry Lawes



7 Bless our | God, you | peoples; \*  
    make the voice of his | praise | to be | heard;

8 Who holds our | souls in | life, \*  
    and will not al- | low our | feet to | slip.

9 For you, O | God, have | proved us; \*  
    you have tried us | just as | silver • is | tried.

10 You brought us | into • the | snare; \*  
    you laid heavy | burdens • up- | on our | backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
    we went through | fire and | water; \*  
    but you brought us out into a | place | of re- | freshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
    and will | pay you • my | vows, \*  
    which I promised with my lips  
    and spoke with my mouth | when I | was in | trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the | smoke of | rams; \*  
    I will | give you | oxen • and | goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
    and I will | tell you • what | he has | done for me.

15 I called out to him | with my | mouth, \*  
 and his | praise was | on my | tongue.  
 16 If I had found evil | in my | heart, \*  
 the | Lord would | not have | heard me;  
 17 But in truth | God has | heard me; \*  
 he has attended to the | voice | of my | prayer.  
 18 Blessed be God, who has not re- | jected • my | prayer, \*  
 -- | nor with- | held his | love from me.

## A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**Hymn 641** Lord Jesus, think on me

**Alleluia**



*Choir*  
 I will not leave you comfortless: I go away and come again unto you, and your heart shall rejoice.  
*All sing Alleluia.*

**The Gospel**

**John 14:15-21**

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

**The Sermon**                              *All are seated.*                              The Rev'd Foster Mays

*All stand and say together*

**The Nicene Creed** 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.

## **Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; especially Rick, Beulah, Tim, Frankie, Mary, Nancy, Kathy, Tilden, Dave, James, Cheryl, and all those on our Parish Prayer List and all those on the Daughters of the King Prayer List.

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; especially The Church of the Province of West Africa, Church of the Saviour, Jackson, St. Matthew's, Kernersville, and our companion dioceses of Botswana and Costa Rica.

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

## 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

### Offertory

*Thomas Tallis*

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall send you another comforter, even the spirit of truth.

*~ John 14*

## The Great Thanksgiving

### *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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

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

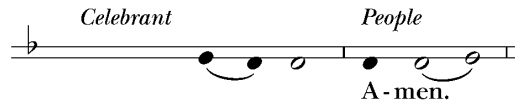
*Celebrant and People*  
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -  
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

*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 Church, and the author of our salvation. 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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### Fraction Anthem

*Jeffrey Smith*



*The Choir sings*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast.

*All repeat the Alleluias.*

*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.

## Hymns at the Communion

642 Jesus, the very thought of thee  
704 O thou, who camest from above

## 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.

*After Communion, all kneel as able and the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal 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 307**      Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

**Voluntary**    Prelude on *Bryn calfaria*

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

**Altar flowers:** The flowers today are given by Alicia Archibald for the glory of God and in remembrance of her mother, Suzanne C. Goddard.

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## Participants in the Liturgy

### *Celebrant*

The Rev'd Robert P. Travis

### *Preacher*

The Rev'd Foster Mays

### *Lector*

Mary Beth Yates

### *Verger*

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**Laura Simcox**

**Hodge Cole**

**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, 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, Tilden White, Dave Klenk, James Pardue, Diane Kearns, Joan Cardwell, Bill Fenn, Jim, Susan DeLong, Cheryl Warren.

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