



Saint Mary's Episcopal Church  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, May 21, 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** Largo from Trio Sonata in C Minor, BWV 526

*J.S. Bach*

## Welcome & Announcements

## The Word of God

*All stand, as able.*

**Hymn 494** Crown him with many crowns

*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, 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 God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Children depart for Children's Chapel.*

## The Lessons

*All are seated.*

### A reading from The Acts of the Apostles

1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

*Exsurgat Deus*

Henry Lawes



- 1 Let God arise, and let his | enemies • be | scattered; \*  
let those who | hate him | flee be- | fore him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind | drives it • a- | way; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked | perish • at the | presence • of | God.

- 3 But let the righteous be glad and re- | joyce be•fore | God; \*  
let them also be | merry • and | joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides up- | on the | heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his | Name, re- | joyce be- | fore him!
- 5 Father of orphans, de- | fender • of | widows, \*  
God in his | holy | habi- | tation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners | into | freedom; \*  
but the | rebels • shall | live in | dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth be- | fore your | people, \*  
when you | marched | through the | wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the | God of | Sinai, \*  
at the presence of | God, the | God of | Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon | your in- | heritance; \*  
you refreshed the | land when | it was | weary.
- 10 Your people | found their | home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made pro- | vision | for the | poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the | earth; \*  
sing | praises | to the | Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the | ancient | heavens; \*  
he sends forth his | voice, his | mighty | voice.
- 35 Ascribe | pow'r to | God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his | strength is | in the | skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his | holy | places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
| Blessed | bë | God!

## A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing

the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**Hymn 459** And have the bright immensities received their risen Lord

### Alleluia



*Choir*  
I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world:  
again, I leave the world and go to the Father.

*All sing Alleluia.*

### The Gospel

**John 17:1-11**

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

### The Sermon

*All are seated.*

The Rev'd Carroll Travis

Joie et Clarté des Corps Glorieux

*Olivier Messiaen*

*Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. ~ Matthew 13*

*All stand and say together*

## The Nicene Creed

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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 James, Diane, Joan, Bill, Jim, Cheryl, Helen, Linda, Mary, Rick, Joseph, 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 in the Province of the West Indies, St. David's, Laurinburg, Grace Church, Lexington, 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.*





## 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*

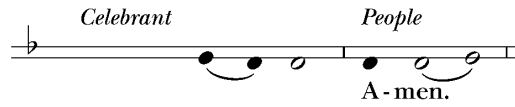
McNeil Robinson

*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

220 O Lord Most High, eternal King

312 Strengthen for service, Lord

## 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 215**       See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

**Voluntary**     Force et Agilité des Corps Glorieux *Olivier Messiaen*  
“Power and Agility of the Glorious Body” *Their bodies, sown in weakness, will be raised in power. ~ I Cor. 15*

**Altar flowers:** The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by David and Beth Penley in thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Liam, Kolt & Tyson Cunningham, Freja & Lucena Redwin, Reagan, Kennedy, Madison and Hayes Penley.

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## Participants in the Liturgy

### *Celebrant*

The Rev'd Foster Mays

### *Preacher*

The Rev'd Carroll Travis

### *Lector*

Hallie Hogan

### *Vergers*

Kathy Conrad

### *Eucharistic Ministers*

Sally Bulla

### *Acolytes*

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### *Organist & Choirmaster*

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**Sally Bulla**

**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, 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, Cheryl Warren, Rev. Joseph Hayworth.

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