



Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
The Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin
Holy Eucharist
Sunday, August 20, 2023
10:00am

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 Ave Maria

J.S. Bach / Charles Gounod

Welcome & Announcements

The Word of God

All stand, as able.

Hymn 268 Ye who claim the faith of Jesus

The Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Eddie Bass, Mass for St. Mary's

accomp.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of nine lines of music. The first line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on'. The second line continues the melody with the lyrics: 'earth. Lord God, hea-ven - ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we'. The third line has the lyrics: 'wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.' and is marked 'accomp.' above the staff. The fourth line has the lyrics: 'Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of'. The fifth line has the lyrics: 'God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;' and is marked 'accomp.' above the staff. The sixth line has the lyrics: 'you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -'. The seventh line has the lyrics: 'ceive our prayer.' and is marked 'accomp.' above the staff. The eighth line has the lyrics: 'For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,'. The ninth line has the lyrics: 'Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.' and is marked 'slower' above the staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

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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 taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Children depart for Children's Chapel.

The Lessons

All are seated.

A reading from The Book of Isaiah

61:10-11

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34

Benedicam Dominum

Chant: Simon Mold



- 1 I will bless the | LORD at | all times; *
his praise shall | ever • be | in my | mouth.
2 I will glory | in the | LORD; *
let the | humble | hear and • re- | joice.

Second half of the chant

- 3 Proclaim with me the | greatness • of the | LORD; *
let us ex- | alt his | Name to- | gether.
4 I sought the | LORD, • and he | answered me *
and delivered me | out of | all my | terror.
5 Look upon him | and be | radiant, *
and let not your | faces | be a- | shamed.
6 I called in my affliction and the | LÖRD | heard me *
and | saved me • from | all my | troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encompasses | those who | fear him, *
--| and he | will de- | liver them.

8 Taste and see that the | LORD is | good; *
happy are | they who | trust in | him!
9 Fear the LORD, you that | are his | saints, *
for those who | fear him | lack | nothing.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

Please stand, as you are able.

Hymn 277 Sing of Mary, pure and lowly

The Gospel

Luke 1:46-55

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

Mary said,
 "My soul magnifies the Lord,
 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
 Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
 and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
 and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

The Sermon

All are seated.

The Rev'd Foster Mays

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 Debbie, Patti, Barry, Helen, Garry, Michelle, Martha and family, Jo, Pat, Gloria, 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 England, St. Paul's, San Jose Mission, Smithfield, 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; for Rob, Foster, Carroll, and Melanie, our priests, 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.

Prayer for Education in our Community

HOLY GOD in whom we live and move and have our very being.

THANK YOU for the gift of your light in the children among us, for your promise to know their greatest joys and their deepest sorrow, for your deep and abiding love.

TEACH US our responsibility towards your children. Open our hearts and minds to the needs which we must meet, to gaps that we must fill, to the doors that we must open, to the wisdom that we must impart.

DIRECT US in paths of righteousness as we make decisions about our schools - about work and worth, about salary and program support, about the provision of food and transportation and support services.

GUIDE US to engage, advocate. listen, ask, and act.

WE PRAY for children in our community whose brains are dancing with hope and curiosity; for children for whom learning is made difficult because of barriers rooted in language, inequity, or challenges of mind, body and medication; for children who arrive fragile, hungry, scared, sad, and broken; for children whose legs cannot navigate the stairs of the school bus or the playground or the building; for children who are nourished by play and beautiful music and the opportunity to create beautiful things; for children for whom school is the only happy and safe place; for all teachers, bus drivers, custodians, administrators, nutrition specialists, counselors, psychologists, nurses, and volunteers who give all that they have, knowing that more is needed.

INSPIRE IN US the courage to advocate, the wisdom to insist on what is right and good, and the compassion to work for wholeness for all children and all who serve them. *(Written by The Rev. Mary Elizabeth Hanchey)*

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.**

Blessing of the Backpacks

A Prayer for Back-to-School

Celebrant: At the start of the school year, we are beginning something new. New things can be exciting. New things can be scary. New things can be wonderful. New things can be confusing.

Children: God, you are always with us. You are with us when things are exciting, or scary, or wonderful, or confusing. You are with us every day and all the time. God, please help us to feel your presence with us on the first day of school, and every day, Amen. (*Written by Rev. Traci Smith*)

Celebrant: Please join me as we bless our children and their backpacks as symbols of their learning.

Celebrant: May God bless you with discomfort, at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,

People: So that we may live deep within our hearts.

Celebrant: May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people and the earth,

People: So that we may work for justice, freedom, equity, and peace.

Celebrant: May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and violence,

People: So that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and to turn their pain to joy.

Celebrant: And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world,

People: So that we can do what others claim cannot be done: to bring justice and kindness to all God's children. Amen. (*Written by Benedictine Sister Ruth Marlene Fox*)

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 *Hymn to the Virgin*

Benjamin Britten

Of one that is so fair and bright

Velut maris stella,

[*Like the star of the sea*]

Brighter than the day is light,

Parens et puella:

[*Parent and yet a child*]

I cry to thee, thou see to me,

Lady, pray thy Son for me

Tam pia,

[*So pious*]

That I may come to thee.

Maria!

All this world was forlorn

Eva peccatrice,

[*Through Eve's sins*]

Till our Lord was y-born

De te genetrix.

[*Begotten of thee*]

With *ave* it went away

[*Hail!*]

Darkest night, and comes the day

Salutis

[*of salvation*]

The well springeth out of thee,

Virtutis.

[*O Virtuous One*]

Lady, flower of everything,

Rosa sine spina,

[*Rose without a thorn*]

Thou bare Jesu, Heaven's King,

Gratia divina:

[*by divine grace*]

Of all thou bear'st the prize,

Lady, queen of paradise

Electa:

[*Chosen One*]

Maid mild, mother *es Effecta.*

[*It is accomplished*]

Effecta.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

All stand

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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 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;

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the Name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est, 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 risen.

Christ will come again.

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 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

Tony Alonso, Mass of Joy and Peace

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

world: have mer-cy on us. world: grant us peace.

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



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my heart is great,
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for-tress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.
 4 Though the na-tions rage from age to age, we re-mem-ber who holds us fast:



and my spir - it sings of the won-drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 and your mer-cy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 Let the king be-ware for your jus - tice tears ev-'ry ty - rant from his throne.
 God's mer - cy must de - liv - er us from the con-quer-or's crush-ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser-vant's plight, and my weak-ness you did not spurn,
 Your ve - ry name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
 The hun-gry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can nev - er earn;
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the pro-mise which holds us bound,



so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 there are ta - blespread, ev-'ry mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turn-ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

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stanza 2: We sing with joy of Mary
 Whose heart with awe was stirred
 When, Youthful and unready,
 She heard the angel's word;
 Yet she her voice upraises,
 God's glory to proclaim,
 As once for our salvation
 Your mother she became.

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.

Hymn 278 Sing we of the blessed Mother

Voluntary Amen from *Versets for Ave maris stella*

Marcel Dupré

Altar flowers: The flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of all who are beginning a new school year, especially Campbell University freshman Cole Boggs, the youngest grandchild of the late Judy & Jim Boggs.

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Participants in the Liturgy

Celebrant

The Rev'd Robert P. Travis

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The Rev'd Foster Mays

Lector

Hallie Hogan

Vergers

Kathy Conrad

Eucharistic Ministers

Jean Almos, Stephanie Peramas

Acolytes

Brianna Mills, Henry Simcox, Jonathan Richardson,
Aaron Sparks, Brooks Grove

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Charles Hogan, *Organist & Choirmaster*
Evie Cottam, *piano*
Revon Johnson, *guitar*
David Moore, *bass*

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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, Anne Miressi, Trish, Thea Oglesby, Steve, Megan Hankins, Jerri Phillips, Elizabeth White, Richard Glover, Rick Lewis, Frankie Gurganus, Nancy Jenkins, Kathy, Dave Klenk, James Pardue, Diane Kearns, Joan Cardwell, Bill Fenn, Jim, Cheryl Warren, Debbie Ewing, Patti Walls, Barry, Helen Idol, Garry Zimmerman, Michelle Pearl, Martha Stewart and family, Jo Stilley, Pat Hayes, Gloria.

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