

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church  
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, October 1, 2023  
11:00am

*Welcome to Saint Mary's! We are glad you are joining us today for either in person or online worship. If you're new to the Episcopal Church, know that we follow an ancient and enduring pattern of worship called Liturgy, which is designed to give glory to God and draw people closer to God. We sing and pray together, and stand, sit and kneel at different times using our bodies, minds and voices as we worship in the Spirit. All of those directions are in this guide, which is drawn from the Book of Common Prayer you see in the pew racks in front of you. We have communion every Sunday (and sometimes more often!) and everyone is invited to the altar, regardless of membership or from what denomination they've come. If you haven't been baptized, or aren't sure you're ready to receive communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing and talk to a priest after the service about getting baptized. 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*.

## Welcome & Announcements

### Voluntary

### The Word of God

*All stand, as able.*

### Hymn 435 At the Name 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 for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in B-flat major (two flats). It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as whole, half, quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, rests, and bar lines. The tempo and dynamics are indicated by the word 'accomp.' (accompaniment) at the beginning and end of the piece. The lyrics are: 'Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea-ven - ly King, al-migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 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; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 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 word 'slower' is written above the final staff.

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slower

## **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 declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Book of Exodus

17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

*Attendite, popule*

*Chant: Simon Mold*



- 1 Hear my teaching, | O my | people; \*  
    incline your | ears to • the | words of • my | mouth.
- 2 I will open my | mouth in • a | parable; \*  
    I will declare the | mysteries • of | ancient | times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,  
    and what our forefathers | häve | told us, \*  
    we | will not | hide from • their | children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
    the praiseworthy deeds and the | pow'r • of the | Lord, \*  
    and the | wonder•ful | works • he has | done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the | sight of • their | forefathers, \*  
    in the land of Egypt, | in the | field of | Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and | let them • pass | through; \*  
    he made the | waters • stand | up like | walls.

*Second half of the chant*

14 He led them with a | cloud by | day, \*  
and all the night | through with • a | glow of | fire.

15 He split the hard | rocks in • the | wilderness \*  
and gave them drink as | from the | grëat | deep.

16 He brought streams | out of • the | cliff, \*  
and the | waters • gushed | out like | rivers.

## **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians**

**2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**Hymn 644**    How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds

## The Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

*Gospeller*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

*Gospeller*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

*All are seated.*

The Rev'd Robert P. Travis

*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 Kathy, Diane, Joan, Bill, Jim, Cheryl, Debbie, Patti, Barry, Helen, Julian, 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 Nippon Sei Ko Kai, St. Margaret's, Waxhaw, Grace Church, Weldon, 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.

*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**

*Felice Anerio*

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens

*Christ became obedient for us,*

usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.

*All the way to death, even death on the cross.*

Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen,

*Therefore God exalted him and gave him a name*

quod est super omne nomen.

*That is above every name.*

*~ Philippians 2*

**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.*

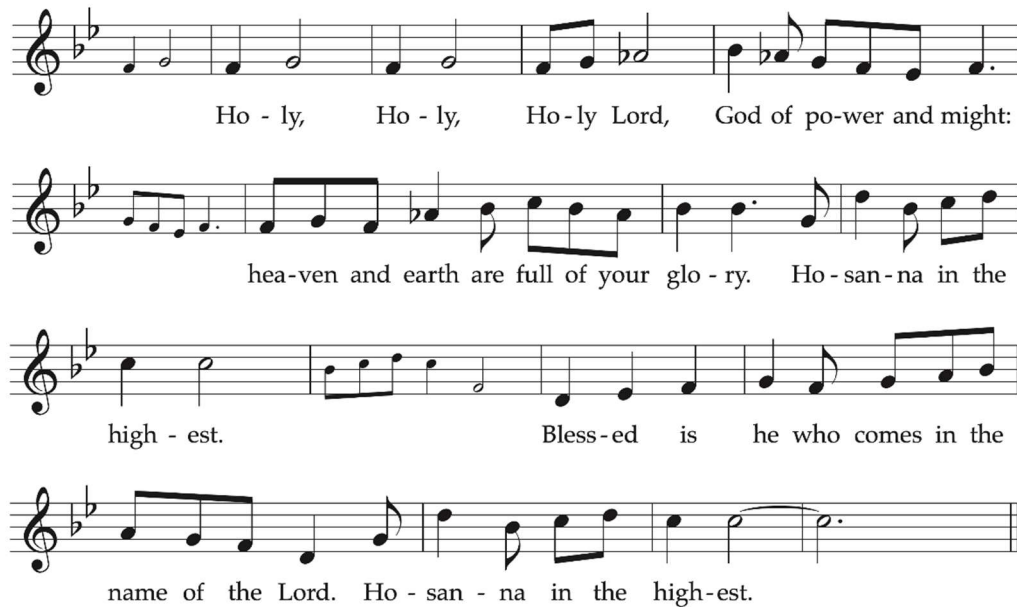
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;

*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:

*Celebrant and People*

*Eddie Bass*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer 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 risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*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.**

*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

*Eddie Bass*

trebles

accomp.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have

men

accomp.

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

all

accomp.

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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Music at the Communion

### Motet

*Heinrich Isaac*

Gustate et videte quoniam suavis est Dominus;

*Taste and see that the Lord is delightful;*

Beatus vir qui sperat in eo.

*Blessed are they who trust in him.*

~ Psalm 34

## 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.

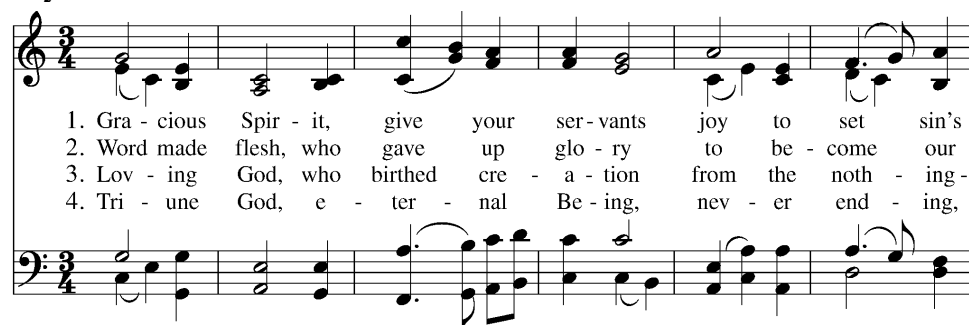
*Celebrant and People*

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



1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's  
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our  
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -  
4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,



cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,  
great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture  
ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,  
un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,



peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of  
 to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -  
 turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and  
 right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in your

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and  
 pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior  
 fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -  
 mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the

show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.  
 and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.  
 ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.  
 world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

## Voluntary

**Altar flowers:** The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Ruth White in loving memory of her grandparents, John and Elizabeth Phillips.

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## Participants in the Liturgy

### *Celebrant*

The Rev'd R. Carroll Travis

### *Preacher*

The Rev'd Robert P. Travis

### *Lector*

Angel Schroeder

### *Vergers*

Kathy Conrad

### *Eucharistic Ministers*

Sally Bulla

### *Acolytes*

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### *Organist & Choirmaster*

Charles Hogan

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Robin Hardman

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