



Saint Mary's Episcopal Church  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, May 12, 2024  
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*.

**Voluntary** Adagio

*Frank Bridge*

## Welcome & Announcements

## The Word of God

*All stand, as able.*

**Hymn 215** See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

*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** **1:15-17, 21-26**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 1**

*Beatus vir qui non abiit*

*Chant: Iain Quinn*



<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the | counsel • of the | wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,

nor | sat in • the | seats of • the | scornful!

<sup>2</sup> Their delight is in the | law of • the | LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his | läw | day and | night.

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, <sup>ü</sup>  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not | wither; \*  
-- | everything • they | do shall | prosper.

<sup>4</sup> It is not so | with the | wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the | wind | blows a- | way.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment | comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the | council | of the | righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD knows the | way of • the | righteous, \*  
but the | way of • the | wicked • is | doomed.

## A Reading from the First Letter of John

5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**Hymn 604** When Christ was lifted from the earth

### 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 17:6-19

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so



For the peace and unity of the Church of God; especially The Anglican Church of Burundi, St. Mark's, Huntersville, Church of the Saviour, Jackson, our Companion Dioceses of Botswana and Costa Rica, and our Costa Rica Mission Team as they prepare to build relationships for St. Mary's.

**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 either aloud or in the silence of their hearts.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

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

*Silence*

O God, loving Father and Mother of us all, we thank you for the gift of our mothers, those who bore each of us, those who nurtured us, and all those people who provided motherly care to us even though not our biological mothers. We pray on this Mother's Day, that they may feel our love and appreciation, and know St. Mary's to be a family of faith striving to support all those raising children among us, that all may know and love you. Amen

*The People may add their own thanksgivings either aloud or in the silence of their hearts.*

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** Antiphon from *Five Mystical Songs*

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

*Cho.* Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,  
My God and King.

*Vers.* The heav'ns are not too high,  
His praise may thither flie:  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.

*Cho.* Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,  
My God and King.

*Vers.* The church with psalms must shout,  
No doore can keep them out:  
But above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.

*Cho.* Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,  
My God and King.

*~ George Herbert*

## The Great Thanksgiving

***Eucharistic Prayer B***

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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;

*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

Therefore, according to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,  
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. **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

*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.

## Music at the Communion

**Anthem** The Tenth Revelation

Lo, how that I loved thee. With a glad countenance, our Lord looked into his side, beholding with delight. With his sweet looking, he led forth the mind of his creature within that same wound in his side. It was if he had said, My Darling, behold and see thy Lord, thy God, who is thy Maker and endless joy. Then, he revealed to me a fair and delectable place, wide enough for all humanity, that shall be safe to rest in peace and love. And with this revelation, our good Lord said with consummate bliss, Lo, how that I loved thee.

~ *Julian of Norwich*

**Hymn 315** Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

*After Communion, all stand 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 483**       The head that once was crowned with thorns

**Voluntary**       Chorale Prelude on Bryn Calfaria *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

**Altar flowers:** The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Alicia Archibald in loving memory of her mother, Suzanne Goddard and all Mother's in the St. Mary's Congregation.

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## Participants in the Liturgy

### *Celebrant*

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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, Emily Finch Johnson, Anne Miressi, Trish, Thea Oglesby, Steve, Jerri Phillips, Elizabeth White, Richard Glover, Rick Lewis, Frankie Gurganus, Nancy Jenkins, Kathy, Diane Kearns, Joan Cardwell, Bill Fenn, Cheryl Warren, Debbie Ewing, Barry, Helen Idol, Michelle Pearl, Jo Stilley, Pat Hayes, Gloria, Marty Voight, Terry Strader, Clara Blythe, Susan Hayne, Sam Hawley, Robert Eamon Kelly, David Stewart, Dick Shaler, Jane Gill-Shaler, Paula Cash, Denni Mikola, Shirley, Greg Denison, Ray, Robert Taylor, Michelle Maynard, Hannah, Linda Focarelli, Carter, Tom Peterson, Robert Fifield, Loyd, Brady Martin.

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