

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist
Sunday, May 17, 2026
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 or check out our [Facebook Page](#).

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

Voluntary Allegro moderato from *Concerto V*, Op. 22

Friedrich Seitz

Welcome & Announcements

The Word of God

All stand, as able.

Hymn 450 All hail the power of Jesus' Name

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



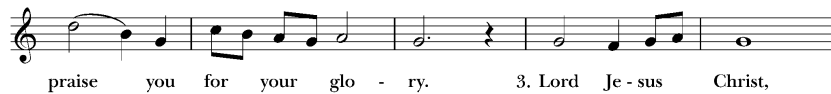
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



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;



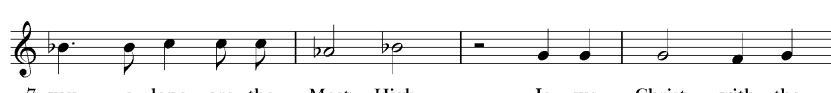
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-



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

p. 226

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

George Thalben-Ball



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-| joice be•fore | God; *
let them also be | merry | änd | 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, up- | on 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 | power 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!
| Blessèd | 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 483 The head that once was crowned with thorns

Alleluia



Choir

I will not leave you comfortless:

I go away and come again to you, and your heart shall rejoice.

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 Louis Patrick Mua

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 Richard, Rick and Margaret, Betty Jean and Les, Kim, Katharyn, Laura, Suzanne, Deb, Bob, Grace, Dan, Susan, 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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, St. Matthew's, Kernersville, St. David's, Laurinburg, our companion dioceses of Botswana and Costa Rica, most especially Santa Maria Siquierres,

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

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; for the women being ordained today into the Anglican Church of Botswana, the first women priests in the Province of Central Africa, 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.

p. 360

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

King of all ages, throned on high,
Yet savior too of those with faith,
Death at your onslaught died in fear
And grace triumphant rules supreme.

Risen from death, the heavenly Christ
Receives from God the Father's hand
Power over all created things:
A gift he could not know on earth.

Paul Isom

Then at your coming on the clouds
With shining strength to be our judge,
Cancel the debt we owe you still,
Give back the glory we have lost.

Glory to you, O Christ our Lord,
Exalted far beyond our sight,
Reigning in bliss for evermore,
With Father and with Paraclete.

*~ 10th-c. Latin
tr. Mt. St. Bernard Abbey*

*Scan this QR code with your smart phone to give or to make a
pledge payment. We appreciate your support of St. Mary's and
our parish's ministries which serve our community and beyond.*



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,

We remember his death
We proclaim his resurrection
We await his coming in glory

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

p. 364

Fraction Anthem S171


This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon: Cantor; then All




Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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.

All are welcome at God's holy Altar. If you normally receive communion in another church, of any denomination, you are welcome to do so here. If you are drawn to Jesus, but not yet baptized into any Christian community, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. In that case, simply cross your arms over your chest at the rail, or ask the priest, and you will be given a blessing. Ask the priest afterwards about baptism and joining St. Mary's. We offer gluten-free wafers as well. Please let the priest know if you need one.

Hymns at the Communion

218 A hymn of glory let us sing

219 The Lord ascendeth up on high

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 494 Crown him with many crowns

Voluntary Sonata in C Major *Domenico Scarlatti*

Altar flowers: The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Alise Ostercamp and James "Jake" Boggs on May 16 in Jackson, Minnesota. Jake is the son of Jimmy & Amy Boggs and the grandson of the late Judy & Jim Boggs.

Participants in the Liturgy

Celebrant

The Rev'd R. Carroll Travis

Preacher

The Rev'd Louis Patrick Mua

Lector

Jean Almos

Vergers

Kathy Conrad

Eucharistic Ministers

Jim Gane, Jorie Doster

Acolytes

Alex Brehm, Whit Ramsay

Violinist

Aaron Sparks

Pianist & Choirmaster

Dr. Charles Hogan

Virtual Vergers

Nick Archibald

Acknowledgements

Text for the liturgy from *The Book of Common Prayer*, New York: Church Publishing, 1979, 231, 355-365, 388-389; Search committee prayer: *Prayers for Pastor & People*, Compiled and edited by Carl G. Carozzi, New York: Church Publishing Incorporated, 1984, 139. Used with permission. The Bible text is from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, © 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, and used by permission. Originated in riteplanning.com, © 2020 Church Publishing Inc. All rights reserved.

Amanda Gane – Senior Warden
Jason Johnson
Julian Weston
Will Moore
Patrick Simcox
Ellen Walsh
Mike Boggs – Clerk

Vestry 2026

Tim Yates – Junior Warden
Alicia Archibald
Dale Strayhorn
Lenora Sparks
Mark Penley
Kathy Conrad

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, Emily Finch Johnson, Anne Miressi, Thea Oglesby, Steve, Jerri Phillips, Elizabeth White, Richard Glover, Rick and Margaret Lewis, Betty Jean and Les Ipock, Kim Susnik, Katharyn Ernst, Laura Covington Marsh, Suzanne Swadener, Brenda B, Ben and Meredith Jenkins and family, Mike Cook, Jack, Joe P., Deb Bingham, Bob, Grace Reitzel, Dan Howe, Susan Heard.

About St Mary's Prayer List: St Mary's maintains a published prayer list, which is added to the service leaflet and to the e-news each week. To add someone, please secure permission to use either the first and/or last names from the person to be added, and then contact Denise Story at 336.884-4730 or by email at admin@stmaryshighpoint.org. Denise needs your name and contact information so we can get pastoral updates periodically. Individuals will be updated at the end of the month unless the request is renewed, which you are welcome to do at any time.

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
108 West Farriss Avenue
High Point, North Carolina 27262
336.886.4756
www.stmaryshighpoint.org