



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to the annual Children and Youth Sunday Service at St Mary's! We are glad you are here to celebrate our youngest members with us today. Our children and youth parishioners are a vital part of the life of St. Mary's, serving as active participants as acolytes, choir members, volunteers and students in our programming. But more than serving our parish in those roles, they are also full members of the body of Christ that we stand together and proclaim each Sunday. Our children and youth are not only our future but our present.

So we hope that you enjoy this Sunday with us. Life with children and youth can be a bit disordered and is often messy. But, the good news is that life with children and youth is also always filled with grace, and of course, joy!

Amelia McDaniel, *Director of Children's Ministries*

Matthew C. Rawls, *Director of Youth Ministries*

Sixth Sunday of Easter ❖ May 1, 2016

Children and Youth Sunday Holy Eucharist: Rite Two ❖ 11:00 a.m.*

Prelude O laufet, ihr hirten Max Drischner

Hymn 405 All thing bright and beautiful *Sung by all, standing.* Royal Oak

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Sentences Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect for Purity Prayer Book, page 355

Celebrant 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.**

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis* *Sung by all.* Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,**

*Our Nursery for children newborn – age 4 is in the Preschool and Sunday School Building adjacent to New St. Mary's.

We warmly welcome children of all ages in our services.

we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 225

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. *Please remain standing.*

Silence is kept.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson **Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5** *Please sit.*

Reader A reading from the Revelation to John.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Psalm 67 *Said responsively, by whole verse, remaining seated.*

Prayer Book, page 675

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 **Let your ways be known upon earth, ***
your saving health among all nations.

- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 **The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Hymn 383 Fairest Lord Jesus *Sung by all, standing.* *St. Elizabeth*

The Gospel John 5:1-9 *Please remain standing and face the reader of the Gospel.*

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

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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

The Sermon Matthew C. Rawls *Please sit.*

The Nicene Creed *Said by all, standing.* Prayer Book, page 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.**

The Prayers of the People—Form III

Prayer Book, page 387

Celebrant Let us pray for the church and the world.
Please kneel. The Leader and the People pray responsively.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader We pray for those who have died.
Give to the departed eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially the births of George Dwyer Curry and Jack Seale Curry.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

This Sunday, our intercessors will say the following prayer.

A Prayer for the Future of St. Mary's Church

Leaders Dear God, we give thanks for the ways you have blessed the ministry of St. Mary's Church in the past. Be with us now as we look toward the future. Show us the way forward. Help us plan a ministry which will reflect your glory, a ministry which will serve the needs of your people and which will be an important witness of your love for the world. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

All Adults

Prayers for Young Persons

Prayer Book, page 829

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant God our rock and refuge, keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand.

Prayer Book, page 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

After exchanging the Peace, please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

Recognitions

5th Grade Bible Presentation

Graduating Seniors

Children's Ministries and Youth Ministries Committee Members

Sunday School Teachers

Children's Stewardship Program Presentation – Lucie and Gray Tindell

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Good Christian men rejoice and sing

Sung by the Choir

Ernest Bullock

The children are invited to come forward during the Offertory anthem and gather at the chancel steps. They will be leading the congregation in singing the Doxology.

At the Presentation

Sung by all, standing.

Old One Hundredth

At this time, the fruits of our labor are presented to God.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2

from *Enriching our Worship*, page 62

The people remain standing.

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.**

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

The Hymnal, S-125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel, as the Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Mary and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem Be known to us

Hymnal S-171

Choir Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
Cantor The bread that we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
All **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**
Cantor One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.
All **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

A period of silence is kept.

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.

At the Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament. When you come forward to the altar rail you may kneel or stand. When you are given the consecrated bread, you may consume it and then drink the wine from the first or larger chalice. Or, if you wish, you may "intinct" or touch the tip of your bread to the wine from the smaller cup. You may also choose to receive Communion in only one kind. Either the bread or the wine alone is a full Communion. Please indicate if you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer.

Music at Communion

Sung by the Choir.

Glory to God

G.F. Handel

Prayer of Thanksgiving

from *Enriching our Worship*, page 69

Celebrant Let us pray. *Please kneel.*
All **God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim our redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

from *Enriching our Worship*, page 71

Celebrant The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Hymn 400 All creatures of our God and King *Sung by all, standing*

Lasst uns erfreuen

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude Prelude in G Major

J. S. Bach

*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the children and youth of St. Mary's Church.*



Participants in this morning's services

Celebrant: Emily Rowell Brown; **Deacon:** Robert G. Hetherington; **Preacher:** Matthew C. Rawls; **Lay Reader:** Tyler Hagan and Audrey Lowe; **Intercessors:** Emmie Davis, Lucy Hagan, Mary Lou Holmes, Kylie Ward; **Acolytes:** Jack Bowers and Robert Steele; **Musicians:** St. Mary's Choir and Dwight Graham, *Organist and Choirmaster*; **Oblation Bearers:** The Howlett Family

May Altar Guild: Nancy Bell, Jan Betts, Nancy Kristofak, Margaret Nuckols-Currence, Marian Oreska, Betsy Quicke, Lucinda Slabaugh, Pat Zimmerman

The Parish Prayer List

Vikki Baird, Maggie Bassett, Cary Blair, Cammy Bryan, Charles Bryan, Charlie Carter, Muriel Christison, Tom Coulbourn, *Scott Cunningham*, Kay Gates, Gordon Graham, Brenda Johnson, Jack Lee, Anne Lower, Barbara Meador, Shirley Patteson, John Presley, Christy Pruitt, Susan Reynolds, *Jay Ritter*, Lori Rowland, Peter Swisher, Chris Tompkins, Ann Tylander, Callen Tyson, Cay Weimer, Jane Wootton, and Hayes Wilks. **For all the blessings of this life**, *especially the births of George Dwyer Curry and Jack Seale Curry*. **For those expecting children**, Jon and Peyton Cheely Edwards, Christopher and Margot Gilliam Maffucci. **For those who have died**. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the ministry of *the Anglican Church of Kenya and the Most Rev. Dr. Eliud Wabukala Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya*. **For those serving in the military or diplomatic service:** Alec Mackenzie, Timothy Rose.

Names in italics were added to the prayer list this week.