



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to St. Mary's! Since our 19th century beginnings as a mission church to local coal mining and farming families, we have taken a special interest in welcoming all who come through our doors. Whether we are worshiping in Little St. Mary's, the original church that was consecrated in 1878, or New St. Mary's, which was built in 1992 to meet the present and future needs of our continually growing congregation, we are glad that you are here.

If this is your first time at St. Mary's or one of many, please let us know what we can do to enrich your time here. Your presence enriches us, and we hope to see you here often.

The Rev. Louise Browner Blanchard, *Interim Rector*

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 17) ❖ August 28, 2016

Morning Prayer: Rite One ❖ 10:00 a.m.*

Prelude Ye sweet retreat William Boyce

Hymn 450 All hail the power of Jesus' name (verses 1-3, 6) *Sung by all, standing* Coronation

Opening Sentences The Book of Common Prayer, page 40

Officiant I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the Lord."
Psalm 122:1

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.
Psalm 43:3

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.
Habakkuk 2:20

Confession of Sin Prayer Book, page 41

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.
Please kneel. A period of silence is kept.

Officiant Almighty and most merciful Father,
All **we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

*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.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Invitatory and Psalter

Please stand.

Prayer Book, page 42

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Jubilate

Sang by all.

Hymnal, S-13

**O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands;*
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;*
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise;*
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.**

**For the Lord is gracious;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

Psalm 112

Please sit. Said in unison.

Prayer Book, page 755

- 1 **Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!**
- 2 **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

The Lesson Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 *Please remain seated.*

Reader A reading from the book of Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 477 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine (verses 1-3) *Sung by all, standing.* *Engelberg*

The Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14 *Please sit.*

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been

invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Louise Browner Blanchard *Please remain seated.*

The Apostles' Creed *Please stand.* Prayer Book, page 53

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers Prayer Book, page 54

Leader The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Leader Let us pray. *Please kneel.*

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Suffrages A

Said responsively.

Prayer Book, page 55

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. **Thy saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 181

Leader Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Additional Intercessions and Thanksgivings

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

All 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.**

Concluding Collect

Prayer Book, page 56

Leader O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Prayer Book, page 58

Officiant Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
All **we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.**

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
 and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for thine inestimable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we beseech thee,
 give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
 that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
 and that we show forth thy praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up our selves to thy service,
 and by walking before thee
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
 be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Prayer Book, page 59

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

Please sit.

The Offertory

What wondrous love

Dale Wood

The Presentation

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

The Doxology

Old Hundredth

**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.**

Blessing

Hymn 438

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! *Sung by all, standing.*

Woodlands

Dismissal

Prayer Book, page 59

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Postlude

Jesus Christ, my sure defense

Paul Manz

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Participants in this morning's services

Officiant: Robert G. Hetherington; **Preacher:** Louise Browner Blanchard; **Lay Reader:** Susie Salsitz; **Prayer Leader:** Cabell Blair; **Musicians:** Philip Tickle, *Cantor*, Dwight Graham, *Organist*; **Ushers:** Jan and Martin Betts

August Altar Guild: Louise Bates, Jane Fawley, Sherry Gibb, Joan Ingram, Pamela Mumper

The Parish Prayer List

Maggie Bassett, Justin Bennett, Ann Lee Saunders Brown, Charles Bryan, Erna Deutsch, Antony DeVilbiss, Kay Gates, Gordon Graham, Jean Harrell, Jack Lee, Barbara Meador, Merrill Plaisted, John Presley, Susan Reynolds, Lori Rowland, Daniel Thompson, Bill Thornton, and Callen Tyson. **For all the blessings of this life, especially the birth of Texie Baldwin Laing, daughter of Kevin and Cara Laing. For those expecting children, especially Jon and Peyton Cheely Edwards. For the victims of the floods in Louisiana and the earthquakes in Italy. For those who have died, especially Mildred Hayes Cross.** In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan, and the Most Rev. Dr. Daniel Deng Bul Yak, Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan and Bishop of Juba.* **For those serving in the military or diplomatic service:** Alec Mackenzie, Timothy Rose.

Names in italics were added to the prayer list this week. Names which have appeared on the prayer list for three months will be removed unless otherwise requested. You are most welcome and encouraged to contact the parish office to request earlier removal or extended prayer.

All are welcome to join us for Holy Communion in the left transept of St. Mary's (when facing the altar) following the postlude.



In respect for those who remain for communion or in prayer, please exit the church quietly if you choose not to stay.



We invite you to gather for conversation and fellowship in the St. Mary's Café in the adjoining New Parish Hall.

Holy Communion

We invite anyone who so desires to receive communion. To begin this brief service, we will ring a bell.

Please stand.

Officiant We thank you, Lord our God, for this world which you have given us; you never cease to make it new, and you call us to work with you; you accept the work of our hands. You have made humankind in your image; each one of us is fashioned in your likeness, and we are able to recognize your face in the faces of our brothers and sisters.

People **Glory to you for ever.**

Officiant You have never desired to live apart from us, and you have taught us to know you through the Law and the Prophets, the Apostles and Evangelists, who told us the marvelous story of your love.

People **Glory to you for ever.**

Officiant And you have come to us in your Son, Jesus Christ. In him you have walked along our roads, looked at us with human eyes, done the kind of things that we do, and shared with us the joy that can never be lost.

People **Glory to you for ever.**

Officiant Now you give us his Body and Blood, and we give ourselves to you. Through the death and resurrection of your Son, through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us, we can make you our eternal home.

People **Glory to you for ever.**

Officiant So, with all Christians who are gathered together today everywhere, throughout the world, and with the great procession of your Saints, as brothers and sisters we pray to you, as our Savior has taught us:

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please come forward to receive communion.

Please stand or 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 your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Officiant 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.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**