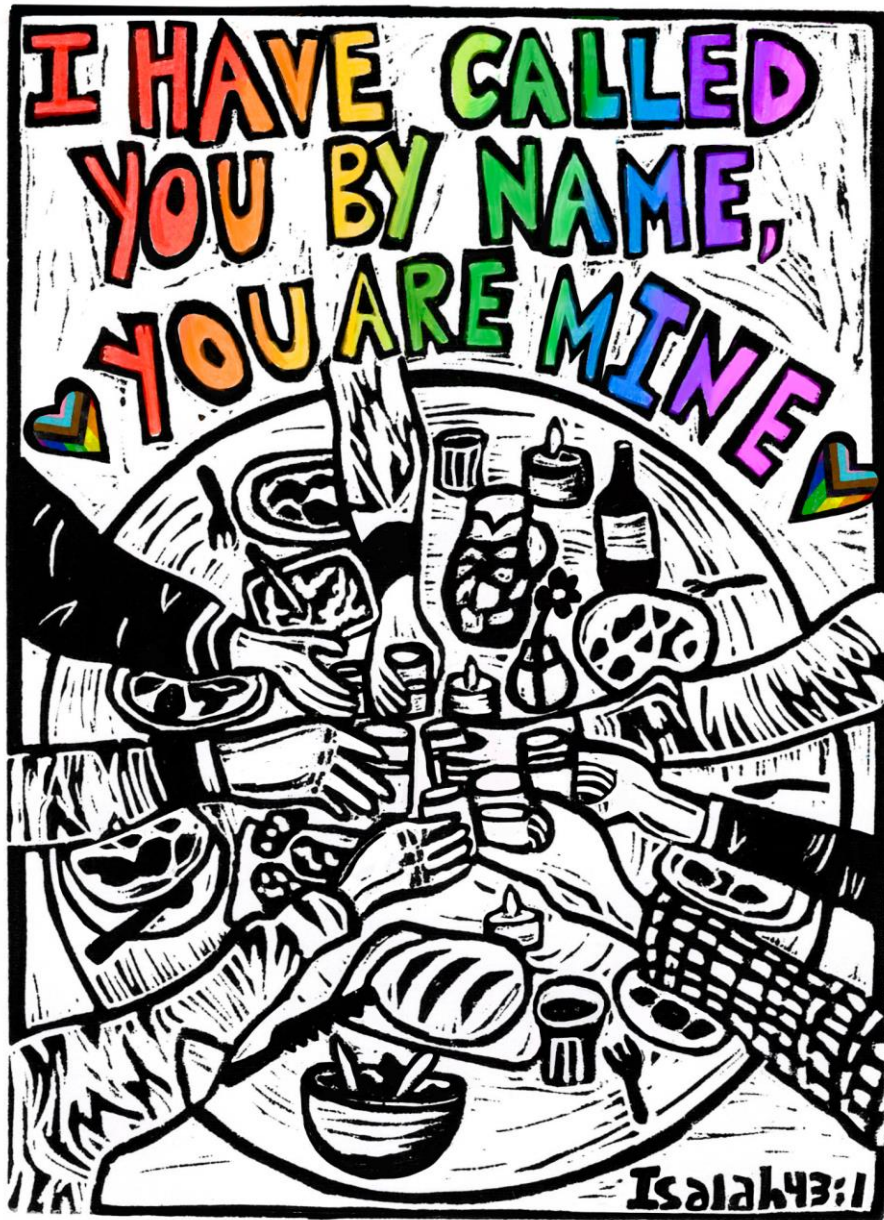


St. Mary's Episcopal Church Welcomes You!



**The Third Sunday after Pentecost
& the Third Sunday of LGBTQ+ Pride Month**

June 18, 2023

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist with Choir

Welcome to St. Mary's

Welcome, one and all! Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are most welcome here at St. Mary's! We strive to be an LGBTQ safe space and to live out our anti-racist principles in word and deed. The sacrament of Holy Communion is open to all who seek to know God in Christ. Come to the feast!

A Word from Rev. Sean about Inclusive & Expansive Language

This month, we are expanding our efforts to become more intentional about our use of inclusive and expansive language in worship, a longstanding commitment here at St. Mary's.

Moving forward, our liturgies will retain references to God as *Father* in only a few texts – most notably the Creed and the Lord's Prayer – which are historical and ecumenical texts. When saying a Creed or praying the Lord's Prayer, you are welcome to substitute other ways of naming God if *Father* does not resonate for you. We will also retain the traditional trinitarian baptismal formula of "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit," which is necessary for baptisms performed at St. Mary's to be ecumenically valid. Otherwise, we will be striving to reduce the use of gendered language for God in our liturgical texts.

In spite of the above efforts, masculine names and pronouns for God will continue to appear in our scripture readings and in our hymns. There is currently no mainstream Bible translation that reduces or eliminates masculine language for God; however, St. Mary's does use the *St. Helena's Psalter*, which dramatically reduces the use of gendered language in the Psalms. In terms of hymnody, the Episcopal Church is not currently planning to revise our denomination's primary hymnal, *The Hymnal 1982*. When we use music from other resources, however, selecting inclusive language hymn texts will continue to be a strong priority.

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

A warm welcome to worship at St. Mary's this day!

Wherever you see the † in our bulletin, it is customary to stand, as you are able. Please listen to your body and remain seated as often as needed. If you need a restroom during the service, please exit through the rear doors of the church, walk through the windowed cloister, and enter the Parish Hall. Bathrooms will be on your left.

This morning, we warmly welcome singer and guitarist, Katy Avery.

Prelude Here Comes the Sun

George Harrison (1943-2001)

John Grecia, piano & voice

Here comes the sun, here comes the sun and I say - it's alright. Little darling, it's been a long, cold, lonely winter. Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here. *Refrain.* Little darling, the smiles returning to the faces. Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here. *Refrain.* Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting. Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear. *Refrain.*

† Processional Hymn 400 (vv. 1, 4-5, 7) (*The Hymnal* 1982)

All creatures of our God and King

† Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Parent of all.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

† Prayer for Pride Month

Enfleshed Worship Resources, adapted

Beloved One, your embrace is a refuge from violence and hatred. Those who have been turned away, forgotten, or persecuted find belonging in you. May we embody such love in this place. May we be a sanctuary, a shelter, a safe place to turn. May we never cease learning from one another and growing together in a love that protects and uplifts. **Amen.**

† Collect of the Day

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Children will remain in worship today. In place of a Sermon, there will be a participatory All Ages Message.

A Reading from Book of Exodus.

They journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one, "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100

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The psalm will be read responsively, and the congregation is asked to read the bolded text aloud.

May all lands be joyful before you, O God, *

serve with gladness

and come before your presence with a song.

For we know that you are God; *

you yourself have made us, and we are yours;

we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.

We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving,

go into your courts with praise, *

give thanks to you and call upon your Name.

For you are good;

your mercy is everlasting; *

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Second Lesson:

selected and read by Clare Yellin

Contemporary Testimonies for Pride Month

an excerpt from

Sister Outsider: Essays and Speeches

a book by Audre Lorde

The very word erotic comes from the Greek word eros, the personification of love in all its aspects – born of Chaos, and personifying creative power and harmony. When I speak of the erotic, then, I speak of it as an assertion of the life force of women; of that creative energy empowered, the knowledge and use of which we are now reclaiming. [...] The erotic functions for me in several ways, and the first is in providing the power which comes from sharing deeply any pursuit with another person. [...] We have been raised to fear the yes within ourselves, our

deepest cravings. But, once recognized, those which do not enhance our future lose their power and can be altered. The fear of our desires keeps them suspect and indiscriminately powerful, for to suppress any truth is to give it strength beyond endurance. The fear that we cannot grow beyond whatever distortions we may find within ourselves keeps us docile and loyal and obedient, externally defined, and leads us to accept many aspects of our oppression as women. [...] And there is, for me, no difference between writing a good poem and moving into sunlight against the body of a woman I love.

† **Sequence Hymn** (*African American Heritage Hymnal*)

O perfect Love



1. O per - fect Love, all hu - man thought tran - scend - ing, low - ly we kneel in prayer be - fore Thy throne,
2. O per - fect Life, be Thou their full as - sur - ance of ten - der char - i - ty and stead - fast faith,
3. Grant them the joy which bright - ens earth - ly sor - row, grant them the peace which calms all earth - ly strife,



That theirs may be the love which knows no end - ing, whom Thou for ev - er - more dost join in one.
of pa - tient hope, and qui - et, brave en - dur - ance, with child - like trust that fears not pain nor death.
and to life's day the glo - rious un - known mor - row that dawns up - on e - ter - nal love and life.

Words: Dorothy F. Gurney (1858-1932)
Music: *O Perfect Love*, Joseph Bamby (1838-1896)

The Gospel Matthew 9:35-10:23

NRSVue

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

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you

leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

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

A Message for All Ages

The Rev. Sean Lanigan & Alli Baroni

After the message, a time of reflective silence is kept.

Baptismal Hymn 686 (*The Hymnal* 1982)

Come, thou fount of every blessing

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Joaquín Williams Swanson

Presider The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Joaquín Williams Swanson to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that Joaquín is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help Joaquín to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Presider asks the following questions of the parents and godparents.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After all have been presented, the Presider addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Joaquín in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Let us now renew our own baptismal covenant as we welcome Joaquín into the baptized life.

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

The Prayers

Let us now pray for Joaquín as he receives this sacrament of new birth.

A person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Presider blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage
in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus
received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy
Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death
and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are
buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his
resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his
fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in
the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Presider touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your
Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and
born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus
Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and
glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Joaquín, I baptize you in the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joaquín, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism
and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Joaquín
the forgiveness of sin and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your
Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to
persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.
Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized, saying:

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

† The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

You are most welcome here at St. Mary's! If you are new here, please fill out the Contact Card on the back of the bulletin and place it in the Offering Plate. We'll add you to our e-newsletter, and Rev. Sean will reach out with a personal welcome and to answer any questions you might have about St. Mary's.

Blessing of a Marriage

Parishioners Hannah Liu and Matthew Walheim were married on June 3, 2023 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Congratulations and may God abundantly bless your married life!

Let us pray:
Eternal God, creator and redeemer,
from whom comes every good and perfect gift,
fill Hannah and Matt with the riches of your grace
and breathe into their marriage
the strength of your holy and life-giving Spirit.
*God, hear us: **God, graciously hear us.***

Send upon them the gift of love
that puts no limit to its faith and forbearance.
*God, hear us: **God, graciously hear us.***

Sow in their lives the joy that comes from sharing
and grows with giving.
*God, hear us: **God, graciously hear us.***

Let peace spring from their faithfulness to each other
and flow deeper with the passing years.
*God, hear us: **God, graciously hear us.***

Give them patience with their failures
and persistence with their hopes.
*God, hear us: **God, graciously hear us.***

Let goodness flower with forgiveness
and be the fruit of their married life.
*God, hear us: **God, graciously hear us.***

In gentleness let them be tender with each other's dreams
and healing of each other's wounds.

*God, hear us: **God, graciously hear us.***

Gracious God,
accept our prayers for Hannah and Matt,
that as their love ripens
and their marriage matures
they may reap the harvest of the Spirit,
rejoice in your gifts,
and reflect your glory in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Presider

We offer and present unto you, O Lord, our selves – our souls and bodies – to be a reasonable,
holy, and living sacrifice.

Offertory Hymn In My Life

John Lennon (1940-1980)

There are places I'll remember all my life, though some have changed. Some forever, not for better; some have gone and some remain. All these places had their moments with lovers and friends I still can recall. Some are dead and some are living. In my life I've loved them all. But of all these friends and lovers, there is no one compares with you. And these memories lose their meaning when I think of love as something new. Though I know I'll never lose affection for people and things that went before, I know I'll often stop and think about them, In my life I love you more.

† Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be - low; Praise
God, a - bove, ye heav - enly host: Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711); *adapt.*

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551

† The Great Thanksgiving

The Rev. Dr. Flora Keshgegian

A St. Mary's parishioner, the Rev. Dr. Flora Keshgegian was among the first cohort of women ordained in the Episcopal Church. Growing up in Philadelphia, she attended public schools and the University of Pennsylvania, followed by a Master of Divinity Degree from the Philadelphia Divinity School and a Ph.D. from the joint doctoral program of Boston College and Andover Newton Theological School. She has taught at Brown University, Seminary of the Southwest, Stonehill College, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, and the Graduate Theological Union.

The Holy One be with you.

And also with you.

Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

We open our hearts to you, O God.

Let us give thanks to God who took on flesh.

For your presence with us, we give you thanks!

O God of life, created and ongoing, from the beginning you brought forth a rich and varied creation and called it good. Your love poured forth as you breathed life into all beings. Whenever we lost our way, you called us back into relationship: offering a rainbow sign to Noah and his companions; freedom and covenant partnership to Moses and the Israelites; and a return from exile following the Judeans' captivity in Babylon. In so many ways and times, you offered us life and revealed the way of loving and just relationship. Then, in your greatest gift of love, you gave us Jesus – flesh of our flesh, Wisdom of your own being – to fulfill your desire for all creation to be one with you. Therefore, we join our voices in acknowledgement and praise, singing:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God
of hosts. Hea-ven and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless-ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord, of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948), *A Mass for a Soulful People*

Jesus lived, taught and healed among the people of Israel, who were sorely oppressed by powers and principalities. Jesus sought out those who were scorned, unrecognized, and fearful. Through his words, actions, and touch, Jesus opened their eyes to new ways of seeing, opened their ears to hearing God's call, and opened their hearts to fullness of love. Embodying the fullness of life with God, Jesus promised life to all whom he encountered. But some could not tolerate this love and sought to do away with Jesus. Knowing what was to come, Jesus gathered with his companions at table. They shared a meal together, as Jesus had done so often, with so many.

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."

Now, gracious God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ, feeding us to be your people.

With the risen Christ, may we come to share in your ongoing work of justice, healing, and reconciliation. And with great joy, may we enter into the loving dance of your divine multiplicity: three-in-one and one-in-three.

All this we ask through them, the Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

† The Lord's Prayer

The Presider says

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

**Our Father [or Mother, or Parent] 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

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

† The Presentation

The Presider, joined by those others distributing, raises the elements and says

<i>Presider</i>	The gifts of God for the people of God.
<i>People</i>	O God, as we approach your Presence, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Christ. Amen.

Communion of the People and Healing Prayer

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Please sanitize your hands as you come forward to receive Communion. Allow the Priest or Deacon to drop bread into your cupped and outstretched hands. Wine or grape juice may then be consumed by sipping or by intinction (dipping): the chalice containing wine is silver and will be on your left; the goblet containing juice is crystal and will be on your right. If consuming wine/juice by intinction (dipping), please avoid touching the rim of the chalice or dipping your fingers into the wine/juice. You may switch Communion lines if you prefer to receive wine rather than juice, or vice-versa.

If you wish to receive prayer and the laying on of hands, please proceed to the Chapel after receiving Communion. You may request prayer for yourself or on behalf of others – for any reason. All prayer requests will be held in confidence by those who are offering healing prayer today.

Communion Hymn 645 (vv. 1-2, 5-6) (*The Hymnal* 1982)

The King of love my shepherd is

† **Post-Communion Prayer**

Enfleshed Worship Resources, adapted

After Communion, the Presider says
Let us pray.

**O God, we give you thanks for this meal
which nourishes our hunger for justice,
for connection,
and for a world that is whole.
We long for so much more than a taste.
Make us relentless pursuers of your Kingdom,
until all your children know themselves as beloved.
Amen.**

† **Blessing**

Trinity Church Wall Street

May God the Creator, who made you in God's multi-faceted image, uphold you.
May God the Christ, who transgressed boundaries for the sake of love, liberate you.
May God the Holy Spirit, who draws all of us together, inspire you.
And the blessing of God – creator, liberator, and inspirer –
be with you this day and remain with you always.
Amen.

† **Hymn during the Retiring Procession** 690 (*The Hymnal* 1982)

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

† **Dismissal**

The Deacon dismisses the People, and the people respond
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Trumpet Voluntary

Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707)

Please greet at least one person you don't (yet) know well at the end of worship. We each play an important part in making St. Mary's a welcoming, hospitable community. As Scripture reminds us: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2).

Serving Today

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Joe Schick, TBD

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Judy Schofield, TBD

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Joe Schick, TBD

St. Mary's Prayer List: Should there be someone you would like to have added to the published Prayer List, please contact the Parish office at this email address: office@stmarysardmore.org, or by phone at (610) 649-1486. Thank you for continuing to keep our St. Mary's community aware of those needing our prayers and support.

St. Mary's parishioners and those they love:

Annamarie, "Kash" Kayla Ash and her mother Michelle Fogg, John Belkot and the Gary Belkot Family and friends, Aaron Besser and the Besser Family, Jim Bilyeu, Manuel Binford, Lilia Blanchard, Aaron and Kerry Brames and Family, Betty Brosius and Family, Ken Burk and Stephanie Neill, Cindy and Andrea and their two daughters, Christian Caparra, Amy Cleary, Thomas Cleary, the Conway Family, Weecha Crawford, Nick DiCicco, Judith Dix, Maureen Earner, Alma Edstrom, the Family of Joan Emmett, Donna Festa, Patrick Festa, Rosemary Fitzpatrick, Eileen Graziano, Joanne Grecia, Kitty Grecia, Dave Hall, Amanda Hauns, Rosemary Herrick, Quinn Hovey, Peyton Jaffe, Evelyn Kabulis, Jeanne Kabulis, Kathryn Lee, Roy Lewis, Raquel and Jaime Lievano, Jason Loudon, Hunter Mark and the Mark Family, Marge May, Sylvia Meredith, the Miller Family, Cynthia Munroe, Hannah Norton, Claire Powers, Florence Pratt, Dee Probst, Alexis, Ciana, Quran, Jihad, Eternity-luv, Ej, Arianna, Syncere, Charlene Forker, Carl Plant, Eric Ware and Family, Doris Rajagopal, Ashley Reed, Marilyn Reed, Rakeisha Reid, Frank Rivas, Jorge Rivas, Patricia Stubenbort, Thea, Anthony Thompson, Harold Thompson, Roksanne Truman, Jane Vandergast, Mike Vandergast, Molly Warren and Family, and Linda Westman.

**We pray also for our neighborhood and wider community,
especially those with whom we share space and ministry:**

The guests and volunteers of the Ardmore Food Pantry
The families served by Family Promise of the Main Line
The children, parents, and teachers of Play & Learn

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We're so glad you're here! Thank you for joining us at St. Mary's today. We know it can be intimidating to walk into a new place where most people seem to already know what's going on. Many of us have been in your shoes, and we'd love to help you connect here. We have come to St. Mary's from a wide variety of religious and non-religious traditions. We're stayed because we want to be part of a community of shared values – of shared hopes and dreams for being human together on this fragile Earth – and because we've found deep meaning in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

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WELCOME

St. Mary's is a church with a special history of caring for one another and for our neighbors. Founded in 1883 to serve the mill workers of Ardmore, some wealthier neighbors joined the parish, too. Later in our history, St. Mary's was on the vanguard of explicitly welcoming LGBTQ+ people. We seek to grow continually in our inclusivity and diversity, desiring particularly to become a community ever more deeply committed to anti-racist thought and action. Children are very welcome in every aspect of our life together as full and valued members – fussy babies and talkative toddlers included.

St. Mary's is also a church that strives to walk its talk. We founded, fund, and operate the Ardmore Food Pantry. We regularly provide housing for families – in partnership with Family Promise of the Main Line – as they seek stable, secure permanent housing. We also care deeply about welcoming immigrants and refugees, working against gun violence, and ensuring equal access to quality education. **We hope you'll continue to join us in our work and worship!**

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