



The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost: Season of Creation

8:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 17, 2023

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.
May you leave here with a heart prepared to serve.*



*Peter Fishman being confirmed at Grace Cathedral by Bishop Marc Andrus
On Sunday September 10, 2023.*

*If this is your first time here, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card
found on the Welcome Table in the courtyard.*

The Word Of God

Prelude (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Adagio

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

Hymn (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Hymnal, #454

Jesus Came, Adored by Angels

The people stand.

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the God of all creation.

And blessed be God's holy name for ever and ever.

The Collect for Purity

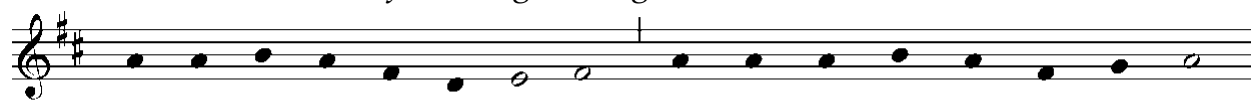
Ministers and people together

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

at 8:00 a.m.: the following is said in unison.

at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.: the following is sung.



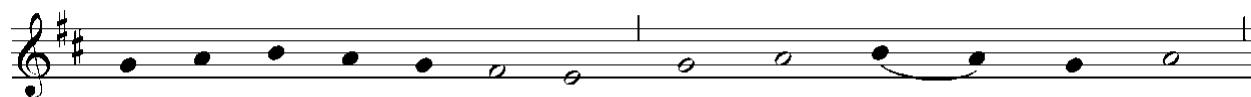
1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea - ven - 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

The Creator be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The 9:00 a.m. service continues with The Second Reading on page 6.

The Lessons

First Reading (8:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Exodus 14: 19-31

The people are seated.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm

Psalm 114

at 8:00 a.m., the following is said by all, seated

at 11:00 a.m., the following is chanted by all, seated

George A. MacFarren
(1813–1887)



¹ Hallelujah!

When Israel came / out ' of / Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a / people ' of / *strange* / speech,

² Judah be-/came ' God's / sanctuary *
and Isra-/el / his ' do-/minion.

³ The sea beheld / it ' and / fled; *
Jordan / turned ' and / *went* / back.

⁴ The mountains / skipped ' like / rams, *
and the little / hills ' like / *young* / sheep.

⁵ What ailed you, O sea, / that ' you / fled? *
O Jordan, / that ' you / *turned* / back?

⁶ You mountains, that you / skipped ' like / rams? *
you little / hills ' like / *young* / sheep?

⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence / of ' the / Lord, *
at the presence / of ' the / God ' of / Jacob,

⁸ Who turned the hard rock into a / pool ' of / water *
and flint-stone in-/to ' a / *flow-/ing* / spring.

Second Reading

Romans 14: 1-12

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

Thanks be to God.

Children's Choir Anthem (9:00 a.m.)

Go Down Moses

African American Spiritual

Sung by St. Mary's Children's Choir

When Israel was in Egypt's land,
Let my people go,
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
Let my people go.

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
tell old Pharaoh: Let my people go.

The Lord told Moses what to do,
Let my people go,
to lead the Hebrew children through,
Let my people go.
As Israel stood by the waterside,
Let my people go,
at God's command it did divide,
Let my people go.
When they had reached the other shore,
Let my people go,
they let the song of triumph soar,
Let my people go.
Lord, help us all from bondage flee,
Let my people go,
and let us all in Christ be free,
Let my people go.

Sequence Hymn (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Hymnal, #488

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my Heart
All stand.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18: 21-35

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But

he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily (8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

The people are seated.

The Rev. Kira Austin-Young

The Children's Homily (9:00 a.m.)

The people are seated.

Mike Stafford

Children's Offertory Collection (9:00 a.m.)

The children's offertory collection supports The Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA), a nonprofit organization working for the rights and the well-being of children in the Middle East.

Doxology (9:00 a.m.)

The following is sung to the tune Old 100th

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

The Nicene Creed

The people stand.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Creator God whose hand laid the earth's foundation; nothing dies that is lost to you;
nothing comes into being without your love. Hear the prayers of your people.

God of all that has life, we pray for the creatures of land, sky and sea.

The heavens and earth tell of your glory.

God of wisdom, we pray for those responsible for managing our natural resources and
advancing environmental justice.

Awaken our zeal to care for your creation.

God of healing, we pray for those who suffer from illness, abuse and distress. We pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers (N.) and for those we now name. Comfort them,
And teach us to be compassionate friends and stewards.

God of growth, help us work for a world that sustains generations to come. We pray for the people of Morocco who are without food and shelter in the aftermath of an earthquake and for those afflicted by massive flooding, especially in Libya, Brazil, Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria and Hong Kong. Living our covenant with you,
May we cultivate care and respect for all living beings.

We remember those who have gone before us in this earthly pilgrimage and for the extinct forms of life that may never be again. We remember especially (N.) and for those we may name. Be with those who mourn them.
We give thanks that you bring life out of death.

God of creation, we take wonder at the beauty of the earth and the vast universe beyond as we offer our thanksgivings for the many blessings of our lives. Joining with all creation,
We raise our voices in praise.

The Celebrant closes the prayers with the following

Holy One, you know our hearts and our deepest desires more truly than we know them ourselves. Look with compassion on us, and on all who cry out to you for help, that we may see the world through your eyes and ask only what aligns with your dream for creation. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

The people may kneel.

Ministers and People, together

Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,

and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as
you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Absolution

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

The people stand.

Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation. Peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Ministers and the People may share the peace of Christ with one another.

Greeting and Announcements

The people are seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Anthem (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

at 9:00 a.m.

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Sung by St. Mary's Youth Choir

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

at 11:00 a.m.

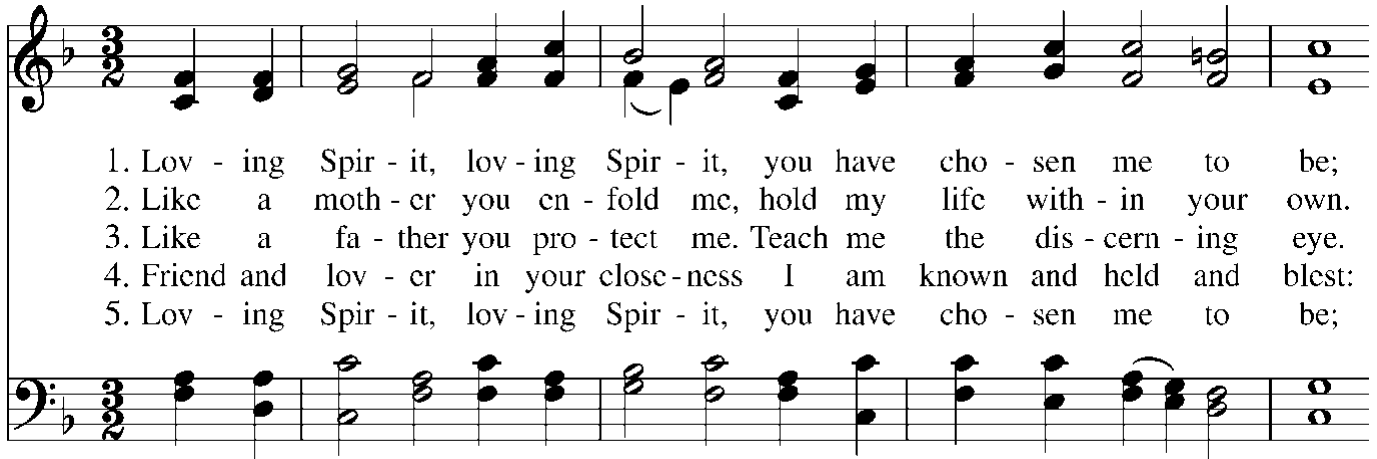
Walk Together, Children African American Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

Sung by St. Mary's Parish Choir


Walk together, children; don't you get weary.
Walk on, my children; don't you get a-weary.
Walk together, children; don't you get weary,
There's a great camp meetin' in the promised land.
Gonna walk and never tire;
Sing and never tire;
Shout and never tire,
There's a great camp meetin; in the promised land.

Hymn At The Presentation (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Loving Spirit



1. Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be;
2. Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own.
3. Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me. Teach me the dis - cern - ing eye.
4. Friend and lov - er in your close - ness I am known and held and blest:
5. Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be;



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
Feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
Hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption. Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life.

Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you – for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people.

And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus

at 8:00 a.m., the following is said

at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m., the following is sung

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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 Celebrant continues....

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: “Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

He took the wine, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He gave it to his friends saying: “This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.”

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive.

Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew.

Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we now pray,

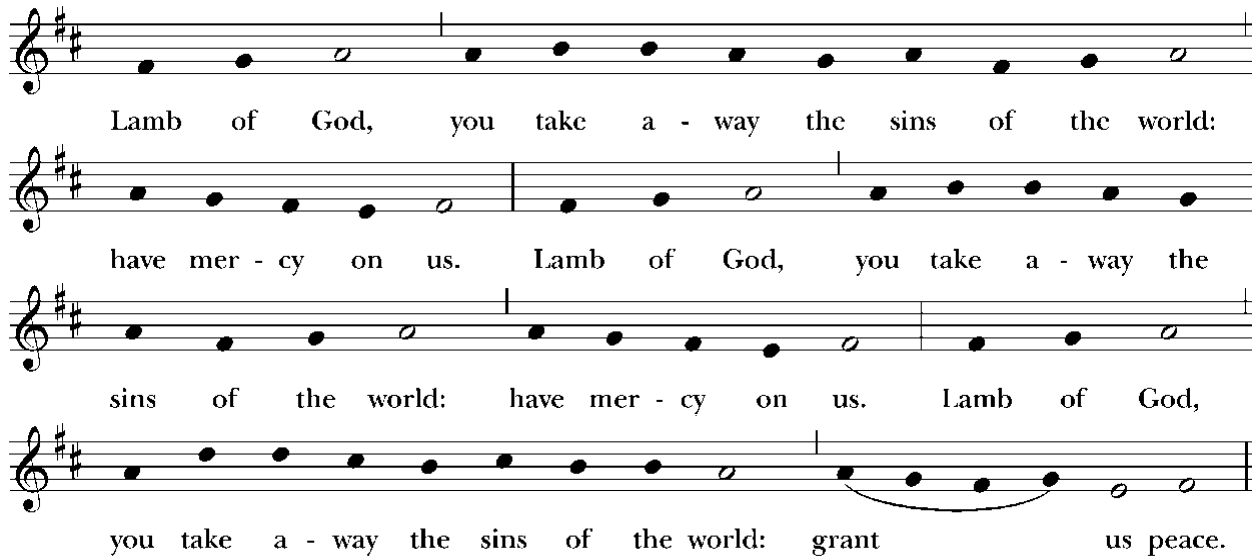
People and Celebrant

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.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking Of The Bread

This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.
All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.

Agnus Dei (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation

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 who desire to know God better are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine.

Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please simply cross your arms over your chest.

The people are seated.

Communion Music

at 9:00 a.m.

The following is chanted by all

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p Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me in - to life.

at 11:00 a.m.

Steal Away African American Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

Sung by St. Mary's Parish Choir

Steal away, steal away,
steal away to Jesus!

Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, He calls me,
He calls me by the thunder;
The trumpet sounds within my soul;
I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees are bending,
Poor sinners stand a trembling;
The trumpet sounds within my soul;
I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, He calls me,
He calls me by the lightning;
The trumpet sounds within my soul;
I ain't got long to stay here.

Sending Of The Eucharistic Visitor (When Needed)

In the name of this parish family, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts. Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body because we share one heavenly feast.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People, standing.

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,

that the gifts of your Spirit may work
in us and renew the face of the earth.

May we be one with you
so that our work is yours
and your work is ours.

Lead us to transform our lives

to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,

God now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn At The Retiring Procession (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Hymnal, #450

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

At 9:00 a.m.: Verses 1-3 are sung before the homily; verse 6 after.

At 9:00 a.m., children attending Sunday School process out after the choir.

The Homily (9:00 a.m.)

The Rev. Kira Austin-Young

The people are seated.

Dismissal

Tend the earth,
care for God's good Creation;
as you have received freely,
so give freely.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Postlude: Fugue

Adolphus Hailstork

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Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

Welcome Visitors And Guests

September 17, 2023

Thank you for wrapping your prayer with ours today. We welcome all that seek the Holy. St. Mary's prays, celebrates, and serves our community and our neighbors as we strive to live as the body of Christ in the world. Check out the announcements at the back of the service bulletin for more ways to connect with us or email office@smvsf.org and we will stay in touch with you. We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you.

Today's Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given by the glory of God in honor of the wedding of Deborah Franklin and Sandy Stadtfeld.

Today's chapel flowers are given in memory of Gail Berry.

Sunday School Update

We're up and running and ready to welcome all children to Sunday school. Here are a few logistical details: The youngest children, 3-4 years and under, are invited to the nursery for activities and play time. They may go there before or during the service. We aim for flexibility with these little ones.

Other children will leave church at the same time as the children and youth choirs. There will be two classroom groups. Kindergarten and first graders will be in the downstairs choir room/formerly Pre-school room. Older children will be in the vestry room upstairs ---just like last year.

Today the younger children will be reviewing what we see and do in church and playing a lotto game (think pictures of an altar, a chalice, candles etc.) on that theme. The older children will test their

memory for such things as Bible stories and church seasons with a Trivia Game. What do they remember?

Learn About Stephen Ministry

Today, Sunday, September 17

Are you called to be a Stephen Minister? St. Mary's is now recruiting its fourth Stephen Ministry Training Class, to begin in October. You could be part of it. Come explore this "ministry of presence" with us at an Adult Forum program between the 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. services, Sunday, the 17th. Stephen Ministers receive fifty hours of training over twenty weeks to provide lay pastoral care to people who are hurting in some way. We are entering our second decade of Stephen Ministry at St. Mary's. Learn more about Stephen Ministry, hear testimonies from care receivers, and meet current and past Stephen Ministers. We need six people to form a class. You may be one of them. Please join us on the 17th.

Last Chance for Foyer Group Sign-Up

Foyer groups are forming with first meetings anticipated in October. If you missed previous announcements, you can still sign-up until September 20th through the form found on our website smvsf.org or in our Highlights email. Foyer groups are

small groups of 6 to 10 people who meet to share a meal and fellowship. This is a great opportunity for both newcomers and old-timers to mingle and build community. If you have any questions, please contact Rev'd Kira (kira@smvsf.org) or Deacon Tim (timinsanfrancisco@gmail.com).

Celebration of Ministries Fair Sunday, September 24

Save the date for St. Mary's Ministry Fair taking place on Sunday, September 24. The ministry fair will take place between and after all three services (8:00, 9:00 and 11:00 am).

Don't miss this opportunity to talk with parishioners about the various ministries St. Mary's is involved in, both within our parish and in the community. Discover ways to participate.

Introducing "The 5 PM" – A Creative, Casual Worship Service Beginning September 24

Starting September 24th at 5 p.m., St. Mary's will be launching a weekly innovative and relaxed worship experience that's perfect for anyone seeking spiritual connection in a more informal setting.

Immerse yourself in an atmosphere of inspiration and collaboration. From interactive discussions to creative liturgy, "The 5 PM" encourages open conversations and unique forms of worship expression. No need to dress up – come as you are!

Mark your calendars for September 24th and be a part of the launch of "The 5 PM" –

a Eucharistic worship service that reimagines tradition for the world today. We can't wait to see you there!

Youth Group Begins September 24!

Youth Group kicks off from 6pm-8pm (note the new time) on Sunday, September 24 in the Great Room! Youth Group is for 6th-12th graders, and is a loving and welcoming place to gather, talk, eat, and have huge amounts of fun. We meet ~3 times a month, with one meeting a month dedicated to an Adventure Night. A schedule will be passed out on the 24th, and also keep an eye out for YG announcements in the Highlights and bulletin. Dinner is provided at regular meetings. You cannot find a group filled with more enthusiasm, love, and welcome. Questions can be directed to Mike Stafford (mike@smvsf.org). We look forward to seeing you there!

Youth Acolyte Ministry

We invite all young people in grades 4 through 12 to join us as acolytes at the 9 a.m. service that resumes September 10th. Youth acolytes are important leaders of our worship services. Scheduling is flexible; we know our youth and their families have busy lives. We will offer training at times convenient for you. Please contact Debbie Veatch at veatchdl@gmail.com or 415-244-3515 if you or your child are interested or have any questions.

**St. Mary's Season of Creation Continues
Through the Month of September**

St. Mary's will celebrate the Season of Creation each Sunday in September joining congregations from Episcopal Dioceses across the country in this international effort for prayer and action for climate justice and an end to environmental racism and ecological destruction.

Prophet Amos cries out: *"But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"* (Amos 5:24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

As the people of God, it is imperative that we "pray, learn, act, advocate and bless"--the themes of each Sunday during Creation Season--on behalf of all creation as part of that mighty river of peace and justice. St. Mary's Season of Creation began Sun., Sept. 3 and culminates on Sun., Oct. 1 with the Feast of St. Francis and St. Clare and the blessing of animals and creatures.

Scam Alert:

Emails Impersonating Rev. David

Recently, people affiliated with St. Mary's have received emails from various email addresses impersonating The Rev. David Erickson. Please note, the only email address David would use to contact you is david@smvsf.org. Rev. David will never ask you for money, gift cards, or favors, and we ask that you kindly ignore and delete any email that comes through asking for such. If you ever feel suspicious about an email or wonder if it's truly from Rev. David you can always reach out to the parish administrator, Ashley Ryan at ashley@smvsf.org.

We Pray For...

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Malain
Dan McNamara
Kennette Shannon
Ann Toplovich
Terry Davis
Jacob Stadtfeld
Ryland
Jerry Lehman
Rosaleen Nardi
Aubrey Hargis
Debbie Zimmerman
Jerry LaCroix
Joe Fernandez
Lido Cantarutti
Scott Moore
Ron G.
Trudy S.
Michelle Kuo
Steven Ryan

IN DISCERNMENT

Michael Stafford

RECENTLY DECEASED

Tim Eland
Carol Brown Anderson
Scott Lambert
Lent Howard
Karen Cassard
Terry Carter
Elise Jamison

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Please remember these individuals who have ongoing concerns in your personal prayers this week.

Deborah
Gordon Bellis
June
Kevin Teeney
The Community at the Heritage & St. Francis
Jane
Quinn Charles Fay
Erich
Simon
Phyllis Shepherd
Mike Lusse
Fred Martin
Shirlee Martin
Francis Kalani
Will Driscoll
The Crossley Family
Kevin Fisher Paulson
David Schade
Jeanne Lacy
Roulhac Austin
George Secour
Gloria & Everett Powell
Kim Stadtfeld Russell
Bill
Vicki Haggin
Dani May
Sarah Ellwein

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