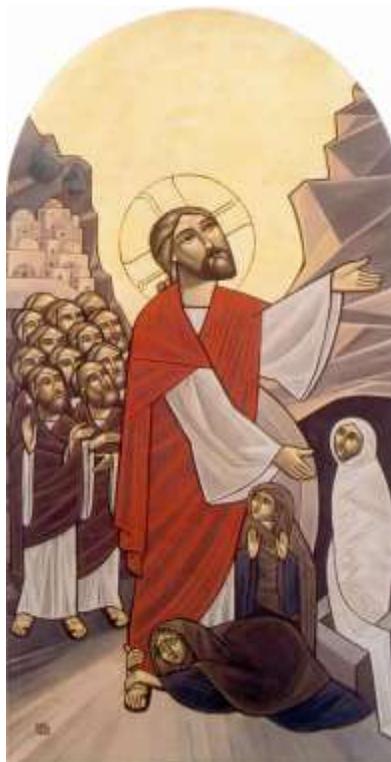


The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

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Our Rector: *The Rev. Nathan Ferrell*
Our Deacon: *The Rev. Christine Bennett*
Our Organist and Choirmaster: *Bruce Fithian*
Our Director of Christian Formation: *Megan Akers*
Our Parish Manager: *Beth Shaw*
Our Ministers: All baptized members!



29 March 2020

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:15 AM: Morning Prayer with Sermon

WELCOME TO EVERYONE WHO HAS GATHERED THIS MORNING!

Even though it is through the internet, it is GOOD for us to be together at this time, because GOD has brought us together.

This is the Lord's Day! Let us be glad and rejoice in it!

- **Tithes and Offerings** are gratefully received to the glory of God and in support of our parish community. These may be given at our website, through EFT donations at your banks website, through your phone on VENMO (@Churchof-SaintMary), or through the post. Whatever method you choose, please consider a generous offering to support this parish community in our mission to celebrate, honor and serve God together.
- **Prayer Concerns** can be shared via comments on our Facebook page, or via email (smary@smary.org). We will be diligent to include these in our daily prayers as quickly as we can.
- **Participation:** In the outline that follows, each text in ***BOLD AND ITALICS*** is intended to be spoken by all in unison. It is our hope that you will join in the responses, the singing and in the rest of the liturgy as if we were all present together in person.
- **Communion** will not be offered during this time of social distancing, in accordance with the guidance of Bishop Brown. When this season passes, we will gather again in joyful celebration at the Lord's Table. Until that time, the Church's worship will be quite simple, using the Daily Office as outlined in the Book of Common Prayer, pages 74 – 135.
- **Communion at home** is encouraged in every household. This can be a deeply meaningful experience. Everything needed to do this is found in the Prayer Book, except for the bread and wine, of course! You can pray through the entire liturgy of the Holy Eucharist, or, after this liturgy of Morning Prayer, you can move straight to the Great Thanksgiving. Feel free to pray any of the Eucharistic Prayers as found in the Prayer Book. Remember: within the context of your home, every part of the Prayer Book is available to you as a tool to worship and to draw close to God. It is only when the community of disciples gathers together that certain roles are assigned to duly trained and qualified leaders.

10:15 AM – MORNING PRAYER

This Order of Worship follows the appointed form in the Book of Common Prayer, but is simplified for ease of use over the internet.

Opening Sentence for the Season of Lent

BCP p.76

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *I John 1:8, 9*

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 79

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship God, let us kneel [or bow] in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept to confess our sins before God. Then all say together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

The Invitatory

All stand

Leader Lord, open our lips.
All ***And our mouth shall proclaim your 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 for ever.
Amen.***

Venite *Psalm 95 – prayed together in unison* BCP p.82

The Antiphon The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
All ***Come, let us adore him.***

***Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.***

***Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.***

***For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.***

***In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.***

***The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.***

***Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.***

***For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!***

Leader The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
All ***Come, let us adore him.***

The First Lesson: A Reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel (37:1-14)

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary

BCP p.91-92

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.*

*From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.*

*He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.*

*He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.*

*He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.*

*He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.*

*He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,*

*The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.*

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

The Second Lesson: A Reading from the Gospel according to John (11:17-27)

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Judeans* had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

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

**Note on "Judeans": There has been much confusion over the centuries about the Fourth Gospel's use of the word "Jews" which is how the word here is usually translated. This has led to a terrible history of anti-Semitism. The actual word in Greek is "Judeans" and it seems quite clear from this text that the word is intended to refer to people living in the Roman territory called Judea rather than to people of ethnic, cultural or religious identity that is associated with our current word Jews.*

Sermon

Nathan Ferrell

The Prayers

Leader *The Lord be with you*
All *And also with you*
 Let us pray.

*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

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance
All Govern and uphold them, now and always

Day by day we bless you
All We praise your name for ever

Lord, keep us from all sin today
All Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy

Lord, show us your love and mercy
All For we put our trust in you

In you, Lord, is our hope
All And we shall never hope in vain

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Prayers and Concerns of our Community

Take this time to speak to God about your concerns and about the needs of others. Also give thanks to God for the good things in your life. Remember to pray for the world and those in positions of authority, for the Church and for our Bishop, for all people who suffer and those who have died, and for the earth and all who share this planet with us.

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;
 6 Glo - ry to God and praise and love be now and ev - er giv'n

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!
 6 by saints be - low and saints a - bove the Church in earth and Heav'n.

A Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom *prayed in unison*

BCP p.102

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

Lenten Prayer for the People of God

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing
 this holy season, we may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a
 more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Leader Let us bless the Lord
All **Thanks be to God**

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Saint Mary's Weekly News

29 March 2020 – The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Like us on Facebook and Twitter!

While we await the restoration of regular activities, our webpage, our Facebook page and Twitter feed are the best ways to keep up with parish news on the internet. Like us, follow us and be up to speed on our parish life!

www.smary.org / www.facebook.com/ChurchofSaintMary / [@SMaryFalmouth](https://twitter.com/SMaryFalmouth)

No facebook...no worries... Our webpage (www.smary.org) has easy links to each Noonday Prayer and the Sunday services after the event with links to the bulletins, the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal.

St Mary Schola Lenten Concerts have been canceled

Souper Supper Takeout: Fridays during COVID-19 crisis

Starting this week! March 27: Dining In is temporarily suspended. Soup, bread and a sweet treat will be handed out *To Go* between 5 – 6 PM. ALL are welcome!

Critical Need Blood Drive

APRIL Thursdays (2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

9 AM- 2 PM

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, there is a critical need for blood. Sign-up today to be a blood donor and help give to those who need your blood to survive!

Go to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "StMary" to make your donor appointment.



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Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

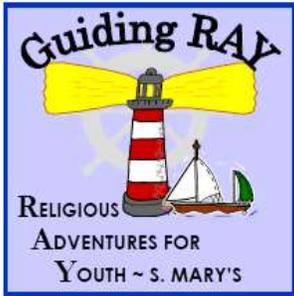
Book, Bread & Soup Sale: Rescheduled for May 30

Please hang on to books until the first of May. Thanks!
FMI, please contact Betsy Stoddard (jbstod@myfairpoint.net)
or Jan Mordarski (janmordarski@gmail.com).



Looking for something to do to fill your time? We have a few puzzles, DVDs and games in the Auditorium with an honor box if you want to stop in during business hours and grab one. Only \$1 each.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Guiding RAY (Religious Adventures for Youth)

During normal programming, our Guiding RAY programs, for all young people ages 0 to 14, are designed to both appeal to and offer our children an opportunity to learn key bible stories and to develop their relationship with God. **FMI Please contact Megan GuidingRAY@smary.org**

Our Children and Youth Programs are temporarily suspended

AT HOME with Guiding RAY

Phew, what a week! We hope you are doing as well as one can be doing at this extraordinary time in the world. We are all adjusting to these new routines and the collective anxiety is high.

As we enter the fifth week in Lent, let us all remember that Lent is about giving something up to achieve a greater good. And right now, the most important thing we need to give up is standing next to each other. While we may be separated, we can still connect with Jesus!

What are some things you can do to help your family connect and give back this week? Please share with us what you are doing so that we may share it with others.

Here is a suggestion: ***Love your Neighbor***

Have kids make cards for people who are isolated at home or in assisted living facilities. Many of our parishioners are in this situation, and a card would help lift their spirits! Please contact Janet Bowne, jmitchellbowne@gmail.com, for a list of names to send cards to.

[And click here for this Sunday's Guiding RAY at home.](#)



Wow! Our marigolds are growing.

Lent Madness: Who will win the Golden Halo?

Join in the fun and learning! Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenck. This is a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints. The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and ***people vote for their favorite saint***. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen, then to the Elate Eight, the Faithful Four and finally the Golden Halo is awarded on Holy Wednesday. You can cast YOUR vote and follow the bracket at www.lentmadness.org.

COMMUNITY CARE & NURTURE

COMMON GROUND Thursday: ON HOLD for the time being

ONLINE WORSHIP

NOONDAY PRAYER: Monday – Friday 12noon on Facebook Live

SUNDAY WORSHIP: Sunday 10:15AM on Facebook Live

These services are also linked on our website (smary.org under Virtual Services)

ONLINE SPIRITUAL FORMATION

BE STILL: Sundays at 9:30 AM online via ZOOM

BE STILL: Mondays at 5 PM online via ZOOM

MERTON GROUP: Thursdays at 3PM online via ZOOM

These three groups will continue to meet online via ZOOM. If you would like to participate, send an email to Jennifer Gregg (jenniferanngregg@gmail.com) to receive the meeting login information.

Communicating with Nathan+ Feel free to contact Fr. Nathan at any time if you need advice, guidance or prayer. You can call or text his cell at [207-310-0268](tel:207-310-0268) or e-mail him directly at nathanferrell@smary.org. Texting always works best.

Prayer Concerns this week: Rebecca Nuzzi & roommate, Butch Turner, Brent Snow, Roxann Gregory, Julian Mastrine, Allen Graffam, Hunter Barr, Wayne Bullewell, Stewart Stalnecker.

IF YOU WANT TO ADD NAMES TO THIS LIST, contact our Parish Office (781-3366 or smary@smary.org).

THIS WEEK at Saint Mary's

- Sunday 29 ***Fifth Sunday in Lent***
9:30 Be Still – online Zoom meeting
10:15 Morning Prayer with Sermon on *Facebook Live*
- Monday 30 12:00 Noonday Prayer on *Facebook Live*
5:00 Be Still – online Zoom meeting
- Tuesday 31 12:00 Noonday Prayer on *Facebook Live*
- Wednesday, 4/1 12:00 Noonday Prayer on *Facebook Live*
- Thursday 2 9a – 2p Red Cross Blood Drive in auditorium
12:00 Noonday Prayer on *Facebook Live*
3:00 Merton Group – online meeting
- Friday 3 ***Parish Office is closed***
12:00 Noonday Prayer on *Facebook Live*
5 - 6 Souper Supper – free Take-Out Curb-side (Soup, roll, & sweet-treat)
- Sunday 5 ***Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday***
9:30 Be Still – online Zoom meeting
10:15 The Liturgy of the Palms & the Passion Gospel on *Facebook Live*

