

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

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Our Director of Christian Formation: *Megan Akers*
Our Parish Manager: *Beth Shaw*
Our Ministers: All baptized members!



8 November 2020

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM: The Holy Eucharist

Live-streamed at www.facebook.com/ChurchofSaintMary/live

WELCOME TO EVERYONE WHO HAS GATHERED THIS MORNING!

Even though we are only gathered virtually now over the internet, it is GOOD for us to be together at this time, because GOD has made us one in Christ.

- **Holy Communion** will be shared in our celebration today. Everyone at home is encouraged to have bread and wine on hand as we pray the Eucharistic prayer. When the Presider lifts up the Bread and Wine and prays over them, asking that they become the Body and Blood of Christ for us, everyone at home is invited to do the same. In this way, although separated by physical distance, we will share together in the grace of Holy Communion at the same time and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for whom physical distance is no hindrance.
- **Tithes and Offerings** are still needed to support the ministry and mission of our parish community. Please consider making an online donation at our website (www.smary.org), through your own bank's bill pay procedures online, or on your phone through VENMO (search for [@Churchof-SaintMary](https://www.venmo.com/@Churchof-SaintMary)). Whatever your situation, please prayerfully consider your place in supporting the mission of God in this world with the resources entrusted to your care. Everything at your disposal is a gift of God's grace.

10:30 AM – The HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude: Von Gott will ich nicht lassen

Dietrich Buxtehude

Liturgy of the Word

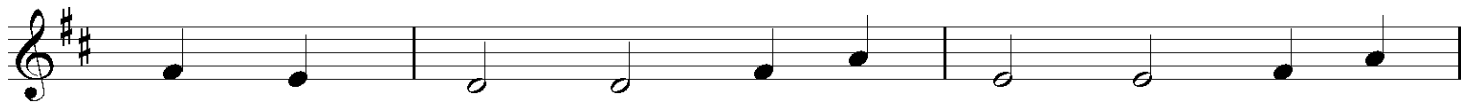
Welcome and Opening Acclamation

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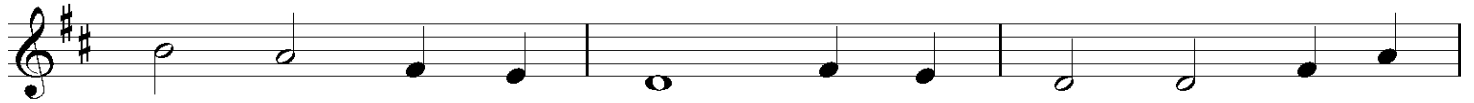
Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

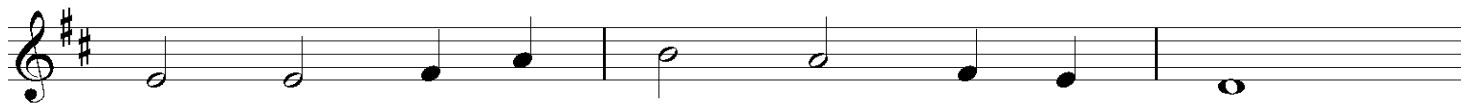
Prayer for Perfect Love



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



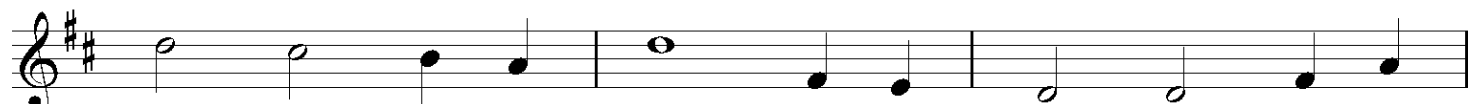
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



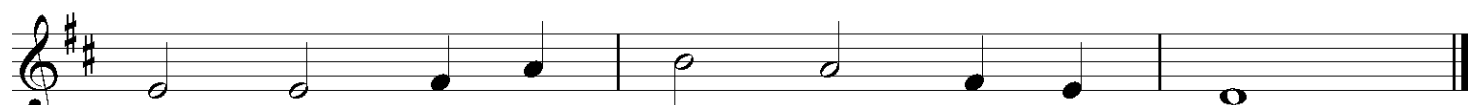
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: ***And also with you***

Let us pray

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Reading: From St. Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi (Philippians 4:1-9)

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Response: Psalm 70 *prayed responsively at the asterisk*

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Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the Lord!"

But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:1-13)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Nathan Ferrell

Nicene Creed (*all stand and proclaim the Creed together*)

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Prayers of the People: Form VI

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Peace: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you**

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Hymn: Let all mortal flesh keep silence

The Hymnal 324



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
on the way, as the Light of Light de -
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
he will give to all the faith - ful
that the powers of hell may va - nish
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.
his own self for heaven - ly food.
as the dark - ness clears a way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread

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Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God setting by Jeffrey Smith *sung by Bruce Fithian*

Communion Music: Vater Unser im Himmelreich *Dietrich Buxtehude*
(Our Father in heaven)

Communion of all God's People

Prayer of Thanks and Mission *(all stand or kneel as desired)* BCP p. 365

Blessing of God's People

Mission Hymn: Before thy throne, O God, we kneel *The Hymnal 574*

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
 2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
 3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
 4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
 all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
 to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
 pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
 sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
 catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
 God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

Announcements: *Opportunities for Ministry and Mission*

Dismissal: *The People respond: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!*

Postlude: Carillon

Malcolm Archer

Today's Altar Flowers are given
in loving memory of Stephen Ryder, Burt Mendlin,
Helen & Edward Ryder, and Anne & Heinrich Asendorf

Music note:

The prelude and postlude today are chorale preludes by Dietrich Buxtehude based on a Lutheran hymn similar to our hymn 635 (If thou but trust in God to guide thee). The hymn takes its opening line from Psalm 73:23, emphasizing a mutual bond between God and believer as well as addressing God's protection and the Christian themes of overcoming death, and salvation through Jesus. The prelude is a serene setting, whereas the postlude is much more dramatic, echoing the sentiments of God's strength. Text:

*I shall not abandon God for he does not abandon me,
he leads me on the right way, where I would otherwise go far astray,
he reaches out his hand to me.
Morning and evening he takes good care of me*