

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2020 9:00 am

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Our mission is to be a community of Christian worship, well-being and service. We will be worshipping outside as weather permits. We hope you will experience God's own welcome in this place and that you will return again and again.

Notes about outdoor worship at St. Mary's

We are glad you are here today! Worshiping this way is a new offering for all of us. Please let us know how to improve the experience. Gathering our community for worship is of the utmost importance, as is fostering the well-being of all people. Wearing masks and social distancing is how we are protecting each other and ourselves from illness. If you are outside your car, please wear a mask and maintain a distance of 6 feet between anyone outside your family. Worshippers on the lawn may remove their mask while in their designated circle.

- Should you require immediate assistance today, you will see various team members in blue St. Mary's shirts who are glad to assist.

If you would like to make an offering, please use the blue donation buckets in the worship space and around the property. Your generosity makes a difference!

- Our buildings are closed at this time and restrooms are not available.
- As difficult as it will seem, please do not gather in groups or socialize following worship. Waving or walking in a socially distanced manner is encouraged.
- Singing is also not permitted because this spreads droplets containing the virus over a long distance. Dancing, humming and clapping are encouraged.

For Worship from your car:

- Please turn your radio to 88.7
- We ask that you remain in the car to maintain social distancing.
- Per the Governor's guidelines, please do not drive your neighbors to worship. Cars should only have household members together.

For Worship on the Lawn:

- A greeter will assign you a circle. Please remain in your circle until invited to depart and remember to keep 6' for social distancing as you walk between the lawn and your car. You will be dismissed one circle at a time.
- For information and announcements please go to our web site smcportmouth.org, and read our weekly eNews, arrives on Saturday

Covenant for Regathering

I promise, to the best of my ability with God's help, to abide by the guidelines of the Diocese of Rhode Island and St. Mary's for participation in church as we regather during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In fulfillment of the Baptismal Covenant (BCP p. 304-305), I will strive to:

Love my neighbor as myself, I will...

- Wear a mask or scarf over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings, except momentarily to receive the sacrament or lead worship by an assigned speaking part, and follow public health guidelines for hand sanitizing and disinfecting.
- Only attend worship if I am non-symptomatic for the COVID-19 virus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another person also attending.
- Abstain from attending if doing so would put me at greater risk due to my own health status.

Respect the dignity of every human being, I will...

- Make no physical contact with people beyond the members of my own household. ▪ Maintain a six foot or more distance from other members of the congregation.
- Respect any requests for distance, masking, cleaning, and disinfecting to ensure the safety and comfort level of others.

Seek and serve Christ in all people...

- Support the decisions of my diocesan and congregational leaders.
- Stay connected with others in my community by telephone, video chat, mail, or other means

This is our expectation for all those who wish to worship with us in person. By participating in our worship, you assume responsibility for following the above.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

All may stand at the ringing of the church bell.

Processional Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers
before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and
sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy
surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy
rays,
stars and angels sing around
thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and
mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing
sea,
chanting bird and flowing
fountain,

call us to rejoice in thee.

3

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our
Brother:
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each
other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Music: Hymn to Joy, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

Meter: 87. 87. D

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

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

Celebrant 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.

Song of Praise: This is the Day

Refrain

This is the day! This is the day!

**This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice! Let us rejoice!
Let us rejoice and be glad!**

1. This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad.
2. Give thanks to the Lord!
Our God is good.
Whose love endures forever.
Let all the children of Israel say:
God's love endures forever.
3. The right hand of God has struck with power.
The right hand of God is exalted.
I shall not die, but I shall live
and proclaim the works of the Lord!

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The Word of God

Collect of the Day

Priest God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People may be seated.

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out,

I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering:

"Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,

for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

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

Psalm 69: 8-11, 18-20 *Said by all.*

**Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.
I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**

**Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.**

**I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.**

**Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.'
"Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

**Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.**

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

All may stand for the Alleluia and Holy Gospel.

Alleluia

Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher,

and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.” Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

Sermon The Rev. Jennifer L. Pedrick

Meditation Song: We Walk With You

Refrain

**We walk by faith in community,
we see eyes of truth and honesty,
we act with love and with dignity,
we follow you.**

**We live in hope and in harmony,
we serve in friendship and humility,
we sing as one voice of unity,
we follow you.**

Holy Spirit, guide our way, we walk with you.

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All may stand for the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

During this time of pandemic, we pray for scientists, healers, and those in the medical profession. May they be blessed with wisdom, strength and knowledge to fight the Covid-19 virus and heal your people everywhere.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

In this time of social unrest, help us to stay curious and engaged as racist systems are dismantled. Keep us focused on the fight against white supremacy in our nation. Help us to follow Jesus, loving all our neighbors and accepting God's grace as we are freed from our sins.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the gathering of our St. Mary's Community, for all teachers, parents and educators as the school year ends, and for beautiful summer weather.

We give thanks for the Supreme Court ruling this week, for protecting LGBTQ people against workplace discrimination.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

We give thanks for the Douce - Solomon Family, for Tonya, Nathan, Maggie and Elijah. For their offerings of worship, presence and ministry in our church. May God accompany and bless them as they move to Virginia and serve in new communities.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering especially Regina, Priscilla, Judith, The Naval Chaplain School, Bonnie, Fran, Tom, Carol, Michael, Tom, Bette, Eddie, Donna, Camilla and those we name aloud.

The people may add their own petitions.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Tiiu Booth who was buried Wednesday in our churchyard, for Rayshard Brooks who was killed last weekend in Atlanta, and for all those we name aloud.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant O God, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in working for its future in accordance with your will, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

The Peace

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant The blessing ☩ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song: Go Make a Difference

Refrain

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

1. We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see

the love of God in you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

2. We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

3. So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

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