



Welcome home to St. Mary's Episcopal Church

"To build up one another in Christ."

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Leanne Beaumont, Rector

September 20, 2026

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.



Prelude *Noah Klauss, cello*

The Word of the Lord.

Processional Hymn *O Jesus, crowned with all renown* (Hymn 292, vs. 1, 2, 3)

Kingsfold

Acclamation

Celebrant This is the day that the Creator has made.

People Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Collect for Purity

All

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (Hymn 390, vs. 1)

Lobe den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.

Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.

The Collect

Celebrant The Creator be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Jonah 3:10-4:11 *Lector: A reading from the book of Jonah.*

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die."

Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-8 *Lector: 9am: The psalm will be sung responsively by half verse led by the choir.
11am: The psalm will be spoken responsively by half verse.*

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30 *Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul.*

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *The Lord is my song*

Jacques Berthier

***The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.***

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received

it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

May the Word, as living water, make everything live.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Leanne Beaumont

The people are invited to observe a moment of reflection.

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 358

**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 & 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.

**The word ‘catholic’ means universal or world-wide.*

Prayers from The Season of Creation Liturgy

Stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures; we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, “Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.” **Amen.**

Intercessor

We pray for all communities of faith, their members and leaders; for Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores..

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Grant wisdom and compassion to all nations and leaders who are responsible for human safety and environmental preservation.

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

We ask your healing grace and care for all Creation and the peoples of the earth.

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

We pray for those on our prayer list. We hold before the throne of grace all of the human family and species who suffer, and those in any trouble.

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

May the departed rest in Light Perpetual. We pray in remembrance for all species who are extinct so that we may join together to protect God's creation.

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

We give thanks for flora and fauna of the earth. This week’s flowers are dedicated in loving memory of the lives of Bill and Mary Wagoner, and Warren and Fran Starr, giving thanks to our Almighty God.

We give you thanks, our Creator.

Let us pray for our needs and the needs of others.

silence may be kept

Celebrant

Creator God, you call us into being. Inspire us with your extravagant generosity, and sustain us with hope of the resurrection. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All

God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Celebrant

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 Peace

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 People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

All are invited to come forward to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive is invited to kneel at the rail, cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to you or someone in the pews, please notify the ushers. All are welcome.

Holy Communion

Offertory Scan this QR code as an additional way to give to St. Mary's.



Offertory Anthem Noah Klauss, cello

Presentation of Gifts *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* (Hymn 410,v.1)

Laude anima

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven: to his feet thy tribute bring;

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King.

The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharist Prayer C

Book of Common Prayer 369

The people remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

All

**By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy* (Tune: I come with joy, 304)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

The people stand or kneel as they are able.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Celebrant and People

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 364

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Hymn *Eat this bread*

Jacques Berthier

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.
Jesus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hunger.
Jesus Christ, Risen Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.*

Celebrant

This is Living Bread and Wine, given for all Creation. May all who partake share in Christ's Body. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn *Lord, we have come at your own invitation*

Steve A. Holcomb

*Lord, we have come at your own invitation; chosen by you to be counted as friend.
Yours is the strength that sustains our vocation; ours a commitment we know never ends.
Here at your table confirm our intention ever to cherish the gifts you provide.
Teach us to serve without pride or pretention, led by your Spirit, defender, and guide.
So, in the world where each duty assigned us gives us the chance to create or destroy.
Help us to make those decisions that bind us, Lord, to yourself, in obedience and joy.*

Holy Spirit, come

Jack Hayford

*Holy Spirit, come. Let this be your home. Come and dwell among all of us who sing this song.
Come into this place, shine on every face. Fill us with your love and grace. Holy Spirit, come.*

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

All **Holy One, you fed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you, offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as our friend. Amen.**

Blessing

Hymn in Procession into the world *For the beauty of the earth* (Hymn 416, 1,2,4)

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The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go in peace to love and serve God's Creation. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to our Creator. Alleluia, alleluia!

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Announcements

Episcopal Church Women and Men's Group TODAY, between services (9/20). All men and women are invited to attend for planning of St. Mary's.

English Tea—Reminder for ticket holders—Saturday, Sept. 26, 1 –3pm.

St. Mary's Vestry will meet Tuesday, Sept. 29th 5:30pm, in the rectory.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS AT ST. MARY'S

TUESDAYS

Food Pantry Volunteer time—9am—join us in the Parish Hall as we gather to help unload, sort and bag food in preparation for the Wednesday distribution. Anyone is welcome to help!

WEDNESDAYS

St. Mary's Food Pantry— the food distribution is every Wednesday, from 8am to 9am. Volunteering is a blessing and much needed on distribution day at 7am.

Volunteers are welcome Monday & Tuesday at 9am. Please contact the office. 850-623-2905.

NEXT Sunday—9/27



Season of Creation
Speaker

Sunday, September 27th
10:00am in Parish Hall

Carrie Stevenson,
Coastal Sustainability Agent IV
UF/IFAS Escambia County
Extension Office

Carrie provides educational outreach programs on preservation of local habitats and water resources, stormwater management, and preparation and mitigation for flooding, coastal storms, and sea level rise.

Logos: UF IFAS Extension UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA, ESCAMBIA COUNTY FLORIDA



Important dates

for those seeking to be
Baptized, Confirmed, Received, or Reaffirmed

 **Discipleship Day:**
Saturday, November 7th
9:00am-2:00pm.

 **Bishop's Annual Visit:**
Sunday, December 20th

Please email or call Mother Leanne if you are
interested in attending this class.

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St Mary's Episcopal Church

English Tea

SOLD OUT

Join us!
Saturday, September 26, 1-3 p.m.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church Parish Hall
6850 Oak Street, Milton, Florida

Before August 30
• \$30 per ticket • \$150 for a table of six

After August 30
• \$40 per ticket • \$180 for a table of six

To purchase tickets, please visit
stmarysmilton.org.

For more information, call
850.623.2905.



The MEN

Get together

All the men of
St Mary's
come for
food and fellowship

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26TH
AT 1:00PM**

at
**BEARDLESS
BREWHAUS**

• 5139 ELMIRA STREET, MILTON •

GOOD FOOD
•
GREAT FRIENDS
•
BETTER
TOGETHER




Join us for Breakfast today!



**POTLUCK
BREAKFAST**

Potluck breakfast feast!
Bring your favorite dish.
Let's celebrate together
with good food and
company!

*This week's
breakfast is*
POTLUCK

Join us for breakfast at 10:00am!

Next week's
breakfast will be
provided by
DOK & Vestry



Pet Supply Donations

Now through the Blessing of the Pets

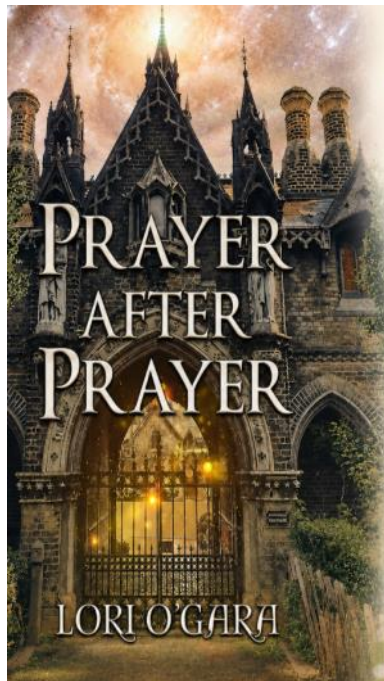
Blessing of the Pets

Wednesday, September 30th
at 5:30pm

Fish, Reptiles, Goats, Donkeys,
Bunnies, etc.
All well-behaved pets
are welcome!

NOTE: If your pet is unable
to attend, please feel free
to bring his/her collar, toy,
or another belonging to
be blessed.



**PRAYER
AFTER
PRAYER**

LORI O'GARA

Starting
**Wednesday,
August 19th**
the Bible
Study Group
will begin
the book
*Prayer After
Prayer*
by our very own
Lori O'Gara.

Be sure to join us
at **11am** in the
Rectory.



*You're
Invited!*

**The
Order
of the
Daughters
of the King**

**Daughters of the King
Meet and Greet**

Sunday, October 4th at 10am
in the Rectory

Curious about what the Daughters do
and how to join? Come and learn more.

We hope to see you there!

Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP the church office
if you are able to attend.



Let's Celebrate

Happy Birthday

9/20 Jim Pitts
9/23 Jack Bilbo
9/24 Stan Scott
9/25 Nikki Presley
9/26 Connie Harris
9/26 Dan Krueger

Happy Anniversary
No anniversaries this week.



Organist: Carol Culton *Choir:* Mary Starr, Mark Starr,
Heather Lindsay, Susan Bilbo, Jack Bilbo, Rudman Ste-
vens, Alice Grillo, Jennifer Reeves, Jean Gillis, Cheryl
McCray, Marguerite Murray. *Flute:* Jennifer Reeves
Guitar: Jim Beaumont, Jean Gillis, Mark Starr

Sunday Ministers in Service.

September 20— Potluck

EWC & Men's Group meetings

Eucharistic Ministers: (9am) Ann Cole
(11am) Heather Milliron

Acolytes: (9am) Neil Rowe
(11am) Wayne Keen, Liam Zandikarimi

Lectors: (9am) Heather Lindsay
(11am) Wesley McCray

Intercessors: (9am) Cheryl McCray 11am)
Angel Zandikarimi

Ushers: (9am) Joel & Mimi Hamilton
(11am) Cliff Emerson/Daniel Savage

September 27—DOK/Vestry host breakfast

Eucharistic Ministers: (9am) Neil Rowe (11am) Julie Hotmer-Drao

Acolytes: (9am) Ann Cole (11am) Angel & Liam Zandikarimi

Lectors: (9am) Marguerite Murray (11am) Jack Bilbo

Intercessors: (9am) Linda Hamilton (11am) Wayne Keen

Ushers: (9am) Ken & Becky Clancy (11am) Vicki Whitfield/Ted Reese

Rector: The Rev. Leanne Beaumont—prieststmarys@gmail.com
Vestry Sr. Warden: Heather Lindsay—dragonflypuma@gmail.com
Vestry Jr. Warden: Joel Hamilton—jhamilton237@gmail.com

**Lift Every Voice and Sing* (LEVAS), one of two supplemental hymnals of the Episcopal Church.
**Songs for the People of God* (SFPOG), a popular supplemental hymnal used in many churches.
**With One Voice* (WOV), supplemental hymnal of the Lutheran church.

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Prayer Requests

Family

Angeline Grillo
Beth & Emma Reeves
Bev Younce
Beverly Samuelson
Carol Culton
Cassandra Long
Charles Lertch
Christina MacNeil
Chris & Kendall Taylor
Craig Jackson
Deanna H.
David Manassa
Eileen Lowery
Harold Whalen
Janette Cusack
Jim & Julia Longshore
Jesse & Jennifer Reeves
Jim Johnson
Ken & Kristi Odom
Kolby & Brittany Odom
Linda Rayner
Lorraine Whalen
Maggie Hurd
Mary Brewer
Mary & Eric Benson
Melissa Rowland
Merrill Keen
Phillip Odom
Robert Lenzo
Sam Klauss
Scott DeLoatch
Scott Boulton
Susan Armstrong
Sylvia Stern
Teddy Taylor
Vicki Blackmon

Our Friends

Daniel Grove
Jerry Scarbrough
Lauren Drake
Liz Ohlhorst
Mariah Shontz
Steve Harpert
Rachel Kaiser

Military

Bradley James
Cade Campbell
Colin Cline
Gabriel Bustillo
Caleb Parks
Edward Estrada
Fischer Morgan Lay
Gage
Kevin Murphy
Lena Ryan
Leo
Lou Andrade
Joshua Krause
Nick Rinaire
Phillip Holmes
Taylor Emerson
Tyler Hart
Tom Ryan

For victims of crime
and violence through-
out the world.

For inmates, officers
and their families at
Choctaw County Jail,
Butler, Alabama.

*The prayer list is read
at the Wednesday Noon
service.*