

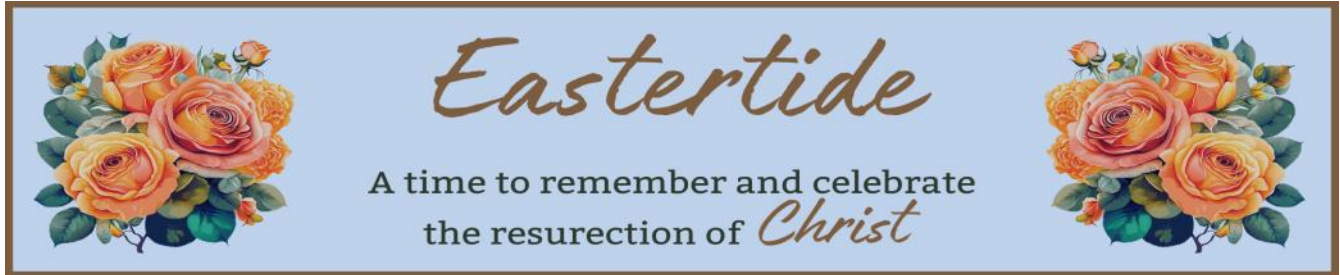


# St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist—Rite II  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026  
9am & 11am

The Rev. Leanne Beaumont



## The Word of the Lord

**Processional Hymn** *Christ is made the sure foundation* (Hymn 518, vs. 1,3,4)

*Westminster Abbey, H. Purcell*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

### Collect for Purity

*All-Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires know, 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.*

**Easter Gloria** *This is the feast* (Hymn 417, vs. 1)

*Festival Canticle*

*This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Worthy is Christ, the lamb who was slain,*

*Whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Reading Acts 7: 55-60

*Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16** *Lector: The psalm will be spoken by half verse.*

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \*  
**deliver me in your righteousness.**

2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
**make haste to deliver me.**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
**for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.**

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
**for you are my tower of strength.**

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
**for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.**

15 My times are in your hand; \*  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
**and in your loving-kindness save me.**

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2 –10

*Lector: A reading from the first Letter of Peter.*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

**Sequence Hymn** *Celtic Alleluia*

*Fintan O’Carroll*



**The Holy Gospel**

*Celebrant*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 14:1-14

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with

you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Leanne Beaumont

### 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 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.**

*\*The word 'catholic' means universal or world-wide.*

*Standing or kneeling as you are able*

*Celebrant*

Heavenly Father, we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son; our Savior. May our prayers gather us into the realization of the Risen Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People, Form III

*Book of Common Prayer, pg. 387*

*Intercessor*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic church; grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul's, Daphne, AL.

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for all minsters and for this gathering.

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

We pray for those on our prayer list, have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest. The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Russ Rogers.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**



*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the mother Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray;

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Easter Canticle: Blessing, honor, glory*

*Geof Bullock & David Reidy*

Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry to the Lamb. Ho-ly, right-eous, wor-thy is the  
Lamb. Death could not hold him down, for he is ris-en! Seat-ed up-on the throne,  
he is the Lamb of God! Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry to the  
Lamb. Ho-ly, right-eous, wor-thy is the Lamb of God!

*Celebrant*

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.

**Communion Hymn**      *Come my way, my truth, my life (Hymn 487)*

*Ralph Vaughn Williams*

**Communion Hymn**      *He is Lord!*

*Traditional*

*He is Lord! He is Lord! He has risen from the dead, and he is Lord!  
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!*

*He is King! He is King! He will draw all nations to him, he is King;  
And the time shall be when the world shall sing that Jesus Christ is King!*

*He is Love! He is Love! He has shown us by his life that he is Love.  
All his people sing with one voice of joy that Jesus Christ is Love!*

*He is Life! He is Life! He has died to set us free and he is Life;  
And he calls us all to live evermore, for Jesus Christ is Life!*

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

**Processional Hymn**   *In Christ alone*

*Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

*In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song.*

*This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.*

*What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.*

*My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!*

*This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.*

*Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.*

*For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.*

*From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.*

*No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.*

*Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

The Dismissal

*Celebrant*      Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People**      Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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MOTHERS DAY

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS AT ST. MARY'S

#### WEDNESDAYS

**Centering Prayer**, 10 am, in the church.

**Adult Bible Study**, 11 am, in the hall. All are invited to the Bible study. Please join us!

**Midweek Holy Eucharist, Prayer & Healing Service**, Noon, in the church, all are welcome!

**Youth Group**, 5:30pm-7pm, in the rectory. All youth ages 13 to 18, and Jr. Youth ages 9 to 12, are invited to attend—bring along a friend! Dinner will be provided.

**St. Mary's Choir & Bell Choir**, The choir meets at 5:30pm in the church. The Bell Choir meets at 6:30pm in the church. Come sing or ring with us!

#### THURSDAYS

**St. Mary's Food Pantry**—The food pantry is open from 8am to 9am, in the hall. Volunteer times are Wednesdays at 9am, and Thursdays at 7am. Volunteers are always needed, appreciated, and welcomed!



This week's  
breakfast is  
provided by  
The Men's Group

**Join us for breakfast at 10:00am**

Next week's  
breakfast will be  
provided by  
ECW



## 2026 Youth Sunday

Be sure to join us on May 17<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:00 or 11:00 as we CELEBRATE  
OUR AMAZING ST MARY'S YOUTH &  
HONOR OUR GRADUATES.

Our Youth will take over both Worship  
Services, sharing their love for Christ  
by leading us in prayer, song, scripture,  
and sermon.





**2026**  
*Graduates Needed*

The Office needs to know if your child is graduating from Kindergarten, 5th grade, 8th grade, high school, or college.

Please send your graduate's name, school, grade, and photo to [stmarysmiltonfl@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmiltonfl@gmail.com)

**Register now!**



*Let's Celebrate*

**Happy Birthday**  
5/3 Nancy Williams  
5/4 Caitlyn Jones  
5/8 Cathy Parker

**Happy Anniversary**  
5/3 Caroline & Joe Nelson

*Prayer Requests*

**Family**  
Arlene & David Manassa  
Beth & Emma Reeves  
Betty McCarthy  
Beverly Samuelson  
Carol Culton  
Chris & Kendall Taylor  
Glenda Artinger  
Gina Braswell  
Jim Johnson  
Jeanne Zak  
Lillian Robertson  
Robert Lenzo  
Sam Klauss  
Scott DeLoatch  
Scott Boulton  
Teddy Taylor  
Trish Cusack  
Vicki Blackmon

**Our Friends**

Debbie  
Trish Cusack  
Lauren Drake  
Liz Ohlhorst

**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 throughout the world.

For inmates, officers and their families at Walton Correctional Facility, Defuniak Springs.

*This prayer list will be read aloud at the Holy Eucharist Prayer service on Wednesday at noon.  
All are welcome!*



**ST MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Come, join us for our  
**1st Annual Historic Walk**  
Beginning and ending at historic St Mary's, the Walk will highlight various historic sites in Milton.

Individual \$15 or Family \$30 (same household)

**SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026 9:00AM**  
6841 Oak Street, Milton

Register for "Historic Walk" @ [www.stmarysmilton.org](http://www.stmarysmilton.org)

**Ministers in Sunday Service**

**May 3—Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** (9am) Julia Hotmer-Drao (11am) Heather Milliron  
**Acolytes:** (9am) Ann Cole, (11am) Angel Zandikarimi  
**Lectors:** (9am) Adam Willis (11am) Jack Bilbo  
**Intercessors:** (9am) Linda Hamilton, (11am) Paula Presnell  
**Ushers:** (9am) Melodie Rowland & Maureen O'Donnell (11am) Ted Reese, Liam Zandikarimi  
**Nursery:**(11am) Charlie Reese & Paula Rogers

**May 10—Sixth Sunday of Easter — Mother's Day**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** (9am) Neil Rowe (11am) Wayne Keen  
**Acolytes:** (9am) Ann Cole, (11am) Ann Cole  
**Lectors:** (9am) Heather Lindsay (11am) Alice Grillo  
**Intercessors:** (9am) Lillian Robertson, (11am) Heather Lindsay  
**Ushers:** (9am) Adam Willis/Charles Meche (11am) Cliff Emerson, Vicki Whitfield  
**Nursery:**(11am) Charlie Reese & Norgee Thompson

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Alice Grillo, Rudman Stevens, Heather Lindsay. Jennifer Reeves

**Guitarists:** Jean Gillis, Mark Starr, Jim Beaumont