



Welcome home to St. Mary's Episcopal Church

"To build up one another in Christ."

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Leanne Beaumont, Rector

August 9, 2026

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Blessing of the Backpacks



Prelude *The Timeless Canon* St. Mary's Bell Choir

Johan Pachelbel/arr. Sandra Eithun

The Word of the Lord.

Processional Hymn *Joyful, joyful we adore thee* (Hymn 376)

Hymn to Joy, Ludwig von Beethoven

St. Mary's Bell Choir

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 355

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

All

The Collect for Purity

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.

All

Gloria

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 1 Kings 19:9-18 *Lector: A reading from the first Book of Kings.*

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said,

“What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8-13 *Lector: The psalm will be spoken responsively by half verse.*

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *

for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *

that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *

and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *

and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle Romans 10:5-15 *Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.*

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* (Hymn 410, vs. 1,3)

Laude anima

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-23

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.*

Celebrant

In the season of growth, may our prayers bring us closer to our the Heavenly Father and the knowledge of his care for our lives. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People—Youth Prayer

Stand or kneel as you are able.

Youth Intercessor

Hallelujah! Praise be to the God who loves us, his beloved children.

To your glory, we pray.

There are so many needs that are on our hearts for the world and for our tomorrows.

We pray for the less fortunate, those who are missing or kidnapped, we pray for their families who worry about them. We pray for our friends, our schools, our homes and moms and dads, our pets.

Lord, we pray for everyone.

Even though we are young, we know we have so much to be thankful for. We thank you for having a place to live, for food, for water, and for our families. We thank you for the privilege of Education and our teachers; even though at times it is a pain. Thank you for doctors, nurses, and veterinarians; and for the ways in which you heal us and our pets. We thank you for our military. We also thank you for nature; trees, water, and flowers. Thank you for our youth group and for those who love us.

We offer our gratitude to you.

We thank you for the safety of Churches because we know that they are a safe place where we feel loved and appreciated. We realize that not everyone in this world has the opportunity to know you, or to be able to gather in safety to worship you. Be with everyone who is in danger and cannot access a safe place to worship. Be near to them.

May we grow in faith and grace.

We have a lot on our minds all of the time. And we care about people a lot. We want to especially pray for these things that are on our hearts today. We pray for those on our prayer list. Please be with them and help them.

Lord, hear our prayers and our hearts.

We ask that you please help us as we learn more about you and. Be near to us and bless us. May we continue to see how much you love us so that we love ourselves also.

Bless us, we pray.

God, we praise you with our words, our hands, our actions, our service, our songs; honoring you and your Holy Word: the Bible.

Lord, hear the prayers of our hearts. Amen.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

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.**

Confession of Sin

Book of Common Prayer, pg., 360

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

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.

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

The Peace of God be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements—Blessing of the Backpacks

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 *Use this QR code as an additional way to give to St. Mary's.*



Offertory Anthem *You are my all in all*
St. Mary's Choir

Dennis Jernigan

Doxology

Old 100

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharist Prayer A

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 361

The people remain standing.

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

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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.

The people stand or knee as they are able.

Holy and gracious Father; In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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;

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.

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 364

Fraction Hymn: Take, O take me as I am

John L. Bell

Take, O take me as I am; Summon out what I shall be.

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (3x)

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Hymns Let us break bread together (Hymn 325)

African-American spiritual

I love you, Lord

Laurie Klein

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what you hear. May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

All 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.

Blessing

Hymn in Procession into the world Earth and all stars (Hymn 412, vs.1,5,6) *Herb Brokering and David Johnson*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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Announcements

Vestry will meet Aug. 25, 5:30pm in the Rectory.

Sunday Servers Training—Saturday, Aug. 29, 9am. Instruction for those interested in serving or for those who already serve on Sunday. (Ushers, Readers, EM's Acolytes)

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 pantry distribution will be every Wednesday, from 8am to 9am for the community food drive-thru.

Volunteering is a blessing and much needed on distribution day and can arrive between 6:30 & 7am. Please contact the office. 850-623-2905.

Centering Prayer Group—10am. A receptive method of silent prayer designed to deepen an individual's relationship with God through silence and letting go of thoughts. Contact Mark Starr for more information. markstarr44@gmail.com

Wednesday Bible Study—11am. The Book of Isaiah is being discussed. Join us in the rectory. All are welcome.

St. Mary's Choir—The choir meets at 5:30pm in the church. Come sing with us! Call the church office for more information. 850-623-2905.

St. Mary's Bell Choir—the ringers will meet September 5th, 6:30pm, in the church. Contact Jean Gillis for more information about Bell Choir: jeannng5@gmail.com.

TODAY!



Next Sunday! Bring a dish to share.



Wednesday Mornings — at St Mary's —



10:00am

Centering Prayer
(Church)



11:00am

Bible Study
(Rectory)



Noon

Worship Service
(Church)



Everyone is Welcome!

St Mary's Wednesday Evening Schedule



5:30 pm

Youth Group
(Rectory)



5:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal
(Church)



6:30 pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal
(Church)



Please sponsor a meal for the Youth Group!
Contact the church office or Mother Leanne.

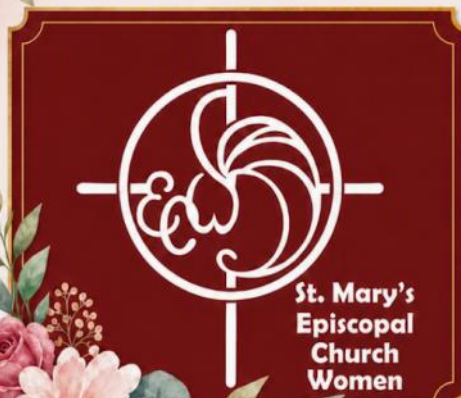
Thank you!

Next Sunday

Youth Group News

This Week
Meet in the Rectory for
dinner at 5:30pm.
We will then study
our lessons until
7:00pm

Ladies, You're Invited!



St. Mary's
Episcopal
Church
Women

Please join us on
the **3rd Sunday**
of each month
between services
in **Parish Hall**
for our monthly
ECW meeting.

*All ladies are
welcome!*



FAITH
Growing
together in
Christ



FELLOWSHIP
Building
meaningful
connections



SERVICE
Serving our
church and
community



SUPPORT
Encouraging
one another
in every season



Prayer Requests

Family

Angeline Grillo
Beth & Emma Reeves
Beverly Samuelson
Charles Lertch
Christina McNeil
Christine Firmin
Chris & Kendall Taylor
Deanna H.
Dennis & Jan Younce
Gerry Benson
Harold Whalen
Jim & Julia Longshore
Jesse & Jennifer Reeves
Jim Johnson
Linda Rayner
Lisa Dunn
Lorraine Whalen
Mary & Eric Benson
Robert Lenzo
Sam Klauss
Scott DeLoatch
Scott Boulton
Susan Armstrong
Sylvia Stern
Teddy Taylor
Vicki Blackmon

Our Friends

Jim O'Neil
Lauren Drake
Liz Ohlhorst
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
Pike County Jail, Troy,
Alabama.

*This prayer list will be
read aloud and prayed
over during the Bible
Study on Wednesday.*

Sunday Ministers in Service.

August 9— Blessings of the Backpacks—Men's Gp host breakfast

Eucharistic Ministers:(9am) Neil Rowe (11am) Angel Zandikarimi

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

Lectors:(9am) Adam Willis-Meche (11am) Paula Rogers

Intercessors:(9am) Everleigh (11am) DJ Long

Ushers:(9am) Emma & Beth Reeves/Mimi(11am) Emma & Beth Reeves (Daniel Savage & Julia Hotmer-Drao)

August 16— POTLUCK breakfast

Eucharistic Ministers:(9am) Ann Cole (11am) Wayne Keen

Acolytes:(9am) Neil Rowe (11am) Angel Zandikarimi

Lectors:(9am) Linda Hamilton (11am) Daniel Savage

Intercessors:(9am) Lillian Robertson (11am) Alice Grillo

Ushers:(9am) Charles & Adam Willis/Meche (11am) Wesley McCray/Vicki Whitfield

Rector: The Rev. Leanne Beaumont—prieststmarys@gmail.com

Vestry Sr. Warden: Heather Lindsay—dragonflypuma@gmail.com

Vestry Jr. Warden: Joel Hamilton—jhamilton237@gmail.com

Organist: Carol Culton

Choir: Mary Starr, Mark Starr, Heather Lindsay, Susan Bilbo, Jack Bilbo,
Rudman Stevens, Alice Grillo, Jennifer Reeves, Jean Gillis, Cheryl McCray

Guitar: Jim Beaumont, Jean Gillis, Mark Starr *Flute:* Jennifer Reeves

Bell Choir Director: Jean Gillis

Bell Choir: Heather Lindsay, Angel Zandikarimi, Alice Grillo, Mimi Hamilton,
Mary Starr, Norgée Thompson, Jane Wilcox, Mark Starr.

**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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