



Welcome home to St. Mary's Episcopal Church

"To build up one another in Christ."

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Leanne Beaumont, Rector

September 27, 2026

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.



The Word of the Lord.

Processional Hymn *All things bright and beautiful* (Hymn 405 vs, 1,2,4)
St. Mary's Choir and St. Mary's Bell Choir

Royal Oak

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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 *Lector: A reading from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel.*

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-8 *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 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

The Second Reading Philippians 2:1-13 *Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 21:23-32

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

May the Word, as living water, make everything live.

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.*

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.

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 ***Fairest Lord Jesus***
St. Mary's Bell Choir

Herr Jesu

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

Laude anima

The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharist Prayer B
The people remain standing.

Season of Creation

The Creator be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Creator.

Let us give thanks to our loving God

It is right to give God 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 *Holy, holy, holy* (Tune: *I come with joy*, Hymn 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.

Please stand or kneel as able.

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 and for all 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 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,

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

We cannot own the sunlit sky (My life flows on) Original by R. Lowry (v.4)

New text by R.Bock (v. 1,2,3)

We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wild flowers growing.

For we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.

With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation.

That all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

When bodies shiver in the night and weary, wait for morning.

When children have no bread but tears, and war horns sound their warning.

God calls humanity to awake, to join in common labor.

That all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbor.

God calls humanity to join as partners in creating

A future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating.

That new world beckons from a-far, invites our shared endeavor,

That all may have abundant life, and peace endures for ever.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine, since I am his! How can i keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Take our bread

Joseph Wise

Refrain: *Take our bread, we ask you; take our hearts, we love you.*

Take our lives, O Father, we are yours, we are yours.

Yours as we stand at the table you set; Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.

We are the sign of your life with us yet, we are yours we are yours. (Refrain)

Your holy people standing washed in your blood; Spirit-filled yet hungry we await your food.

We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best we could; we are yours, we are yours. (Refrain)

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 *This is my Father's world*
This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.

Terra Beata

This is my Father's world. The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me not forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring, God reigns, let the earth be glad!

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

Thank you to everyone who helped make the first English Tea fundraiser a huge success!

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.



Season of Creation UF | IFAS Extension UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA ESCAMBIA COUNTY FLORIDA

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.



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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Join us for Breakfast today!



This week's breakfast is
provided by
DOK & Vestry

Join us for breakfast at 10:00am!

Next week's breakfast will be provided by
The Men's Group



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.



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.



Stewardship Campaign Begins

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

Time Talent Treasury

What is God calling *you* to do?





Join us

Sunday, October 11th

Guest Celebrant:
The Rev. Dr. Joy Blaylock,
 Canon Missioner for Discipleship and
 Dean of the Diocesan School for Ministry

Guest Preacher:
9:00am Service
Vivian Silliman,
 Student - Diocesan School for Ministry

Guest Preacher:
11:00am Service
Brooks Milling,
 Student - Diocesan School for Ministry

Let's Celebrate



Happy Birthday
 9/27 Mary English
 9/28 Rudman Stevens

Happy Anniversary
 No anniversaries this week.



Prayer Requests

Family

Angeline Grillo
 Beth & Emma Reeves
 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
 Melissa Rowland
 Merrill Keen
 Pam White
 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
 Mark Nelson
 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
 Dale County Jail,
 Ozark, Alabama.

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

Organist: Carol Culton *Choir:* Mary Starr, Mark Starr, Heather Lindsay, Susan Bilbo, Jack Bilbo, Rudman Stevens, Alice Grillo, Jennifer Reeves, Jean Gillis, Cheryl McCray, Marguerite Murray.

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

Bell Choir Director: Jean Gillis *Bell Choir:* Heather Lindsay, Angel Zandikarimi, Alice Grillo, Cheryl McCray, Mimi Hamilton, Mary Starr, Norgee Thompson, Jane Wilcox, Mark Starr.

Sunday Ministers in Service.

September 27—DOK/Vestry host breakfast

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

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

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

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

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

October 4—DOK/Vestry host breakfast

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

Acolytes:(9am) Neil Rowe (11am) Julie Hotmer-Drao & Liam Zandikarimi

Lectors:(9am)Linda Hamilton (11am) Cheryl McCray

Intercessors:(9am) Mimi Hamilton (11am) Alice Grillo

Ushers:(9am) Adam Willis-Meche & Maureen O'Donnell

(11am) Daniel Savage & Wesley McCray(training—Dustin Long & DJ Long)

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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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