

Service of Holy Eucharist

Proper 21



September 25, 2022

9:00 AM

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

W. Columbia, Texas

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The Rev. Paul B. Wehner, Interim Rector

The Rev. Nan Doerr, Celebrant

We welcome all friends and visitors to worship with us this morning. St. Mary's is "The Mustard Seed Church," where out of a small number, great things will grow for the glory of God.

If you would like to receive more information about life within our community, please fill out a Visitor's Card in the Narthex so that we may get in touch with you this week. An usher can assist you in finding it. You can hand the card to the priest or usher as you leave or leave it in your pew.

Ministers of the Service

Celebrant/Preacher	The Rev. Nan Doerr
Chalice	Gwynne Olson
Lector	Wendy Hankins
Prayers of the People	Tracy Lane
Music	Grace Culbreath
Crucifer	Haley Cantrell
Acolyte	Reesie Cantrell
Usher	Jackie Walker, Bill Olson
Altar Guild	Theata Miller, Jackie Walker

Rev. Paul Wehner is our Interim Rector during the current transition time. He will be in the church office on Tuesdays from 8:30 – 5:00, or can meet at other times by appointment. Please do not hesitate to drop in or to call and schedule a time to meet and talk or pray with Fr. Paul. Call the church office or his cell phone: 409-766-0088.

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Prelude

Grace Culbreath, Organ

The Word of God

BCP, p. 355

Processional Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymn #470

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Celebrant continues

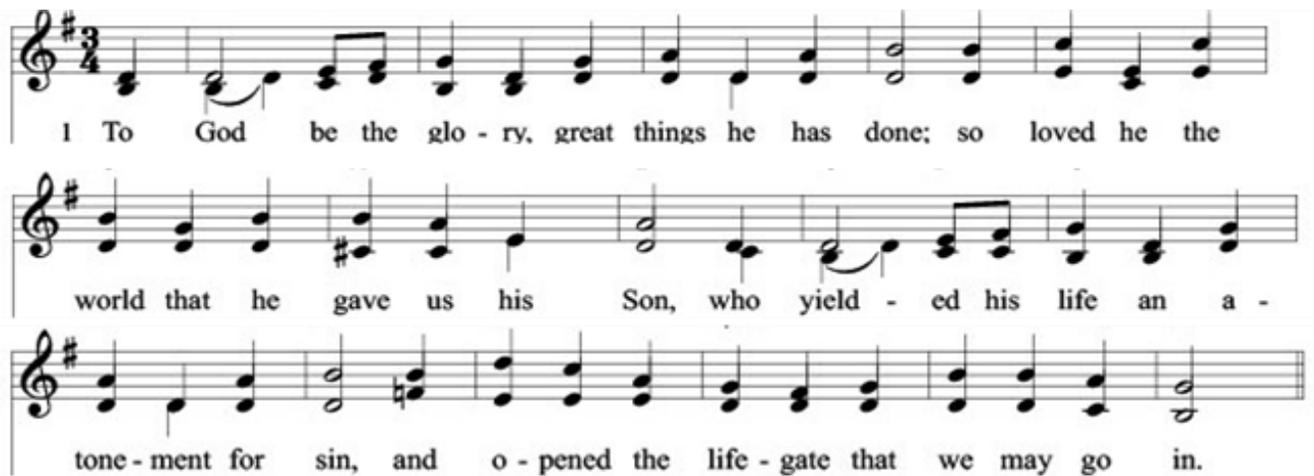
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Children two years old through 5th grade are invited to follow the cross to Sunday School during the following song. They will return during the Peace.

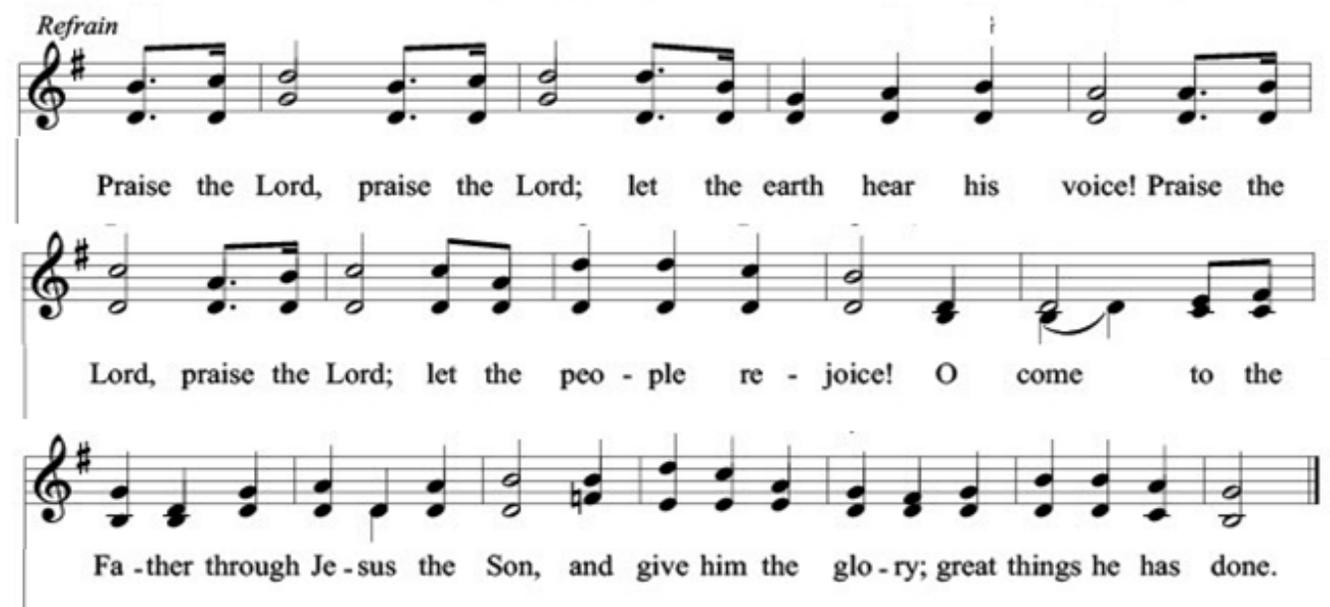
Song of Praise

To God be the glory



1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done; so loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.

Refrain



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry; great things he has done.

The Collect of the Day *(standing)*

Celebrant The Lord 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**

The Lessons

Our First Reading is from Amos (6:1a, 4-7)

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146

Lauda, anima mea

BCP p. 803

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

Our Second Reading is from the first letter of Paul to Timothy (6:6-19)

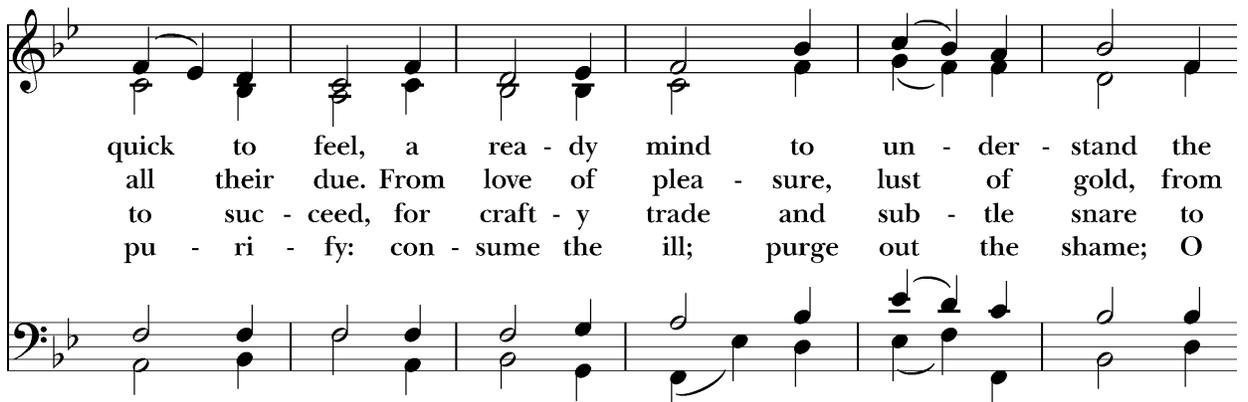
Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

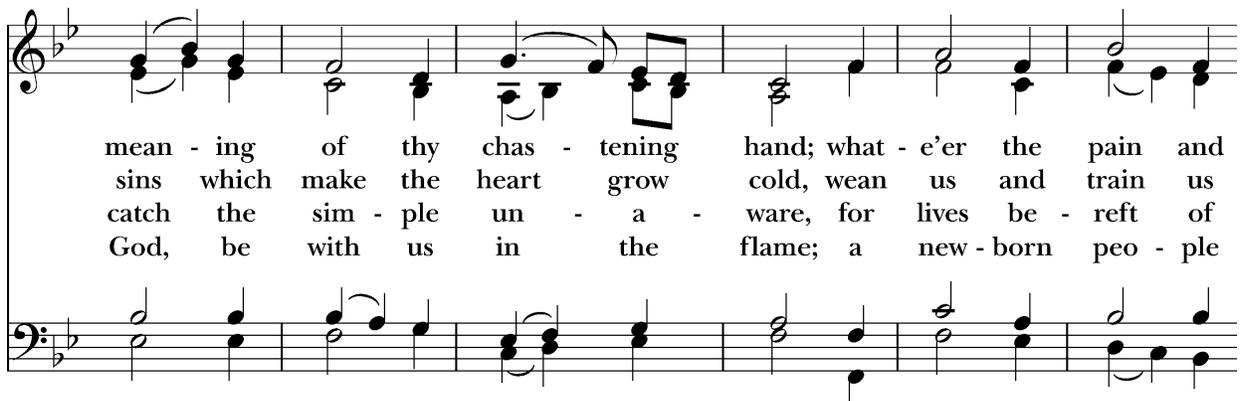
People **Thanks be to God.**



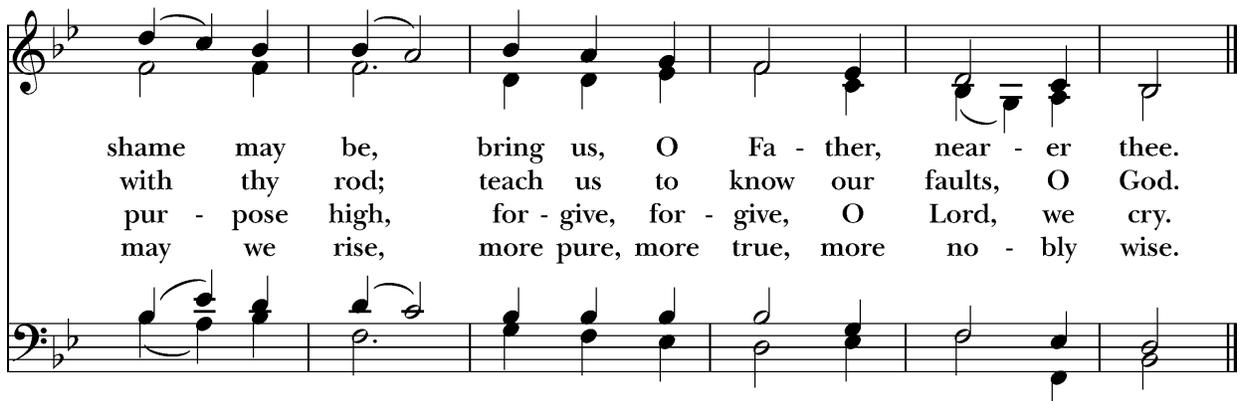
1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
 2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
 3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
 4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits



quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
 all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
 to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
 pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O



mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
 sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
 catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
 God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple



shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke (16:19-31)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**



Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

After the Gospel, the Reader says

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Nan Doerr

The Nicene Creed *(standing)*

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 *(standing or kneeling)*

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world; for those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our president and Greg, our governor;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; we pray for the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially John Brockway, Ricky Wallace, Luis Cassells, and Brandon Davidson, that they may have a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our Bishops; Paul, our priest; Nan, our celebrant; and the People of St. Mary's Church.

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *(Silence)*
We pray for those for whom are prayers are requested, especially George, Mary, Dorothy, Mike, Marglet, Mary, Bonnie, John, Ouida, Loree, Parker, James, Vicki, Cody, Cinco, Daniel, Jennifer, Carol, Jayne, Laura, Nancy, Libby, Duggan, Pam, Veronica, Donna, Debbie, Sheryl, Clay, Donna, Marla, and those we now name silently or aloud Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, for those celebrating their birthdays, especially Marvin Miller, Piper Roddy, and Justin Hussey; and those celebrating their anniversaries. *(The People may add their own thanksgivings)* We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We especially pray for those we now name silently or aloud Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Prayer for our Search Committee *(said in unison)*

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest 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.

The Priest stands and says

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Grace Culbreath

(Offertory envelopes are available in the Narthex.)

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn # 380 vs 3

***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 (Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 367)

The people remain standing

Celebrant 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.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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.

Sanctus

Hymn #S-125

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest. 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 may remain standing or kneel.

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 many 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 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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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.

All that desire a closer relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to receive Communion.

Please proceed down the center aisle to the Communion rail, where you may stand or kneel. The priest will put a wafer in your hand. If you desire wine, you may sip from the cup or lightly dip your wafer in the wine. If you prefer to receive only the bread or a blessing, so indicate by crossing your arms over your chest at the appropriate time. If you desire to receive Communion in your pew, please tell one of the ushers. The ministers will be pleased to bring the bread and wine to you.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

The Priest blesses the people with the following or similar words,

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Fight the good fight with aoo thy might

Hymn #552

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine
 *3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less
 *4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth

strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and
 eyes and seek his face; life with its way be -
 mer - cy will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing
 not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and

it shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 fore us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
 soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
 thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia



**The flowers on the altar
this Sunday are given
to the Glory of God
and in celebration of
Piper Roddy's Birthday
by Dan and Donna Roddy**

2022 FLOWER SIGN UP

The forms and envelopes to sign up for 2022 flower offerings are in the Narthex. Please stop by and sign up to celebrate special days in your life or in remembrance of a loved one. The cost is \$50, to be paid in advance.

For more information, contact the church office. (979-345-3456)

Prayers

(Prayer Request cards are available in the Narthex.)

Prayers for Healing: George, Mary, Dorothy, Mike, Marglet, Mary, Bonnie, John, Ouida, Loree, Parker, James, Vicki, Cody, Cinco, Daniel, Jennifer, Carol, Jayne, Laura, Nancy, Libby, Duggan, Pam, Veronica, Donna, Debbie, Sheryl, Clay, Donna, and Marla.

Prayers for our men and women in the Armed Forces: John Brockway, Ricky Wallace, Luis Cassells, and Brandon Davidson

Prayers for Birthdays: Marvin Miller (28). Piper Roddy (29), and Justin Hussey (Oct. 1)

Prayers for Anniversaries:

Prayers for the Members of our Search Committee: Jackie Walker (chair), AJ Mikel, Colleen Matocha, Tracy Lane, Jennifer Schill, Bill Olson, and Shyanne Roddy

Announcements

1. We welcome the Rev. Nan and Sam Doerr.
2. We also welcome all those visiting with us today. If you need any assistance, please ask one of the ushers.
3. Following the service, everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for hospitality and fellowship.
4. The children's Sunday School will be during the service with them leaving the sanctuary during the Praise Song and returning during the Peace. The youth and adults will meet from 10:30 to 11:15 for Sunday School. Supervised activities will be available for the children so parents can attend.
5. New copies of the church directory are available in the Parish Hall.
6. Blessing of the Animals will be Sunday, October 2, at 4:00 p.m. The Schill family is chairing this event. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex and Parish Hall for those who can help that day and/or provide chips, water, or desserts. Also in the Parish Hall are flyers to be placed around town and cards that can be given to friends and family. Everyone's help is needed for this annual event which is open to the community.
7. Set up for the Blessing of the Animals will be on October 2nd after church and then at 3:00 p.m.
8. Our next big event is Walk the Block – Trunk or Treat on October 31st from 5 to 7 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be set out next week so we can get an idea of the spacing needed for the cars. If you cannot participate but would like to help, there will be baskets in the Narthex and Parish Hall for candy donations. Last year there were over 200 children that came by, and several cars ran out of candy.
9. **Cake time again.** St. Mary's is part of a network of local churches that provide cake mixes and canned frosting for the Senior Citizen Center's Meals on Wheels. The Center provides approximately 55 meals daily and the donated cakes help to keep the cost of the meals down. For the months of October through December, our church is asked to bring 4 cake mixes and 2 cans of frosting each Monday. That is a total of 52 cake mixes and 36 cans of frosting. When you are out shopping, please pick up some cake mix and frosting (each cake made takes two boxes of mix and 1 frosting). Bring them to the church and they will be delivered to the Center. Everyone's help is needed.
10. In the Narthex and Parish Hall, there are forms on how you can help with Sunday School. Please take one home, pray on how you can be of service to this valuable program, and return the form to Dani or Shyanne. Remember that during the Baptism of these young people the congregation committed themselves to "do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ".

11. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for those who would like to provide treats for Hospitality. There are openings for November and December.
12. When the Narthex was being renovated, extra copies of The Book of Common Prayer and The Hymnal were found. Those still in good condition have been placed in the Library. If you would like a copy of either or both of these books to take home for your personal use, just let Dani know.
13. Check out the Photo Gallery on our website. New pictures are being added each week.
14. If you have any information for the October newsletter, please send it to the office by September 27th.