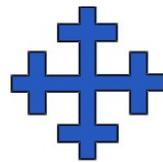


Who then is this, that even  
the wind and the sea obey him?



St. Mary of the Harbor



September 18, 2022

Season of Creation III  
Storm Sunday

Where the land, the sea and the sacred meet

## Welcome to the Church of St. Mary of the Harbor

*A warm welcome to you! Here at St. Mary's, we welcome you with open arms and open hearts, to share with you the love with which Christ has welcomed us. Whoever you are, wherever you may be in life, there is a place for you here. In this beautiful place, you will find sojourners like yourself who are searching for truth, meaning, and purpose. And we invite you to explore and experience the gift of God's love in this place where the land, the sea, and the sacred meet.*

### **Worship Guidance**

Everything you need to guide you through today's service will be found in this leaflet, or in the hymnals in the chair just in front of you. You are invited to join in prayers and responses when the words are in **bold-faced** print in the leaflet. Most hymns may be found in *The Hymnal 1982*, the large blue hymnal. Occasionally hymns may be drawn from the green hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (abbreviated WLP in your leaflet), or from *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (abbreviated LEVAS).

### **Holy Communion**

Our worship is centered in the sharing of Communion, and no matter what your background, you are welcome to receive the Bread at this Table. Though the Diocese of Massachusetts has lifted many of its COVID-related restrictions, we at St. Mary's are continuing to receive Communion in one kind only, eager to do all we can to protect one another's well-being. Masks continue to be preferred throughout our worship services. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Hospitality Following Today's 10 am Service**

Immediately following our 10 am service, coffee and delicious refreshments will be served in Nicholson Hall. Nicholson Hall may be easily reached by turning right at the back of the church and proceeding through our beautiful garden. Please join us!

### **Wednesdays at St. Mary's – Eucharist at 5:30 pm – Christian Formation at 6:00 pm**

On Wednesday evenings in September and October, a brief half-hour service of Holy Eucharist will be offered at 5:30 pm, and a half-hour of Adult Christian Formation will be offered at 6 pm. All are welcome to come to either, or both. Adult Formation in September will focus on "Care for Creation," and in October will focus on "Contemporary Saints."

### **Welcome to Our New Office Administrator**

Julia Perry has accepted the job as the parish's Office Administrator. Julia is a parishioner and presently serves on the Search Committee helping to lead the parish as it discerns the future ministry of St. Mary's, and seeks out the priest who will be the parish's next Rector.

### **In Case of Need**

If pastoral needs should arise, please contact the Reverend William W. Rich, Interim Rector, at 774-383-1236 or [WWRich53@protonmail.com](mailto:WWRich53@protonmail.com). Please let us know if you, or someone in the parish, needs a pastoral conversation or visit.

## **A Commitment to Outreach**

St. Mary's designates 10% of its operating budget for community service and outreach. Recent benefactions include Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod, the Homeless Prevention Council (HPC), Amazing Grace (a summer camp for children of incarcerated parents). Seguimos Adelante (supplying food and water to asylum seekers waiting on our nation's southern border), and Episcopal Relief and Development, which is partnering with the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe to aid Ukrainian refugees. Through HPC's "Walk for Home," the St. Mary's team, led by Khristine Hopkins, raised \$2,200.

## **Supporting Our Neighbors**

Our friends at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House offer a "Little Free Pantry," providing non-perishable grocery and toiletry items for anyone in need. They have asked for help from St. Mary's in keeping the pantry stocked. Ready-to-eat items are most needed, such as granola bars, peanut butter crackers—things you might pack in a school lunch bag. Use of the pantry has gone up, but donations are down. Please consider picking up something extra when you are shopping. Canned goods have been suspended in the summer heat. Pantry items may be left in the basket by the baptismal font. Please, no perishables and no glass containers

## **This Week at St. Mary's**

**Wednesday, September 21 – 5:30-6:30 pm – Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle**

Holy Eucharist (half hour) with Adult Christian Formation (half hour)

**Saturday, September 24 – 8:30 am**

**Strength for the Journey**

An in-person, lay-led service of contemplation and healing.

**CASAS Pet Blessing – 2:15-2:30 pm – St. Mary's Garden**

**Sunday, September 25 – 10 am**

Holy Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday of the Season of Creation – Universe Sunday

## **The Church of St. Mary of the Harbor**

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## **Sunday Leadership Today**

Interim Rector, Presider, and Preacher - *The Reverend William W. Rich*

Deacon for the Gospel and Intercessions - *The Reverend Bruce Mason*

Organist – *Bill Carlson*

Crucifer – *Sharon Inger*

Lector – *Brian Talbot*

Healer – *Gerri Spinella*

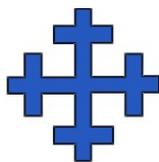
Ushers – *David Griffiths, Scott Yagel*

Altar Guild – *Sharon Inger*

Hospitality - *Carol Pesiri*

Livestream - *John Carroll-Yagel*

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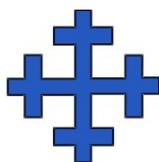
## **Vestry**

### **Officers**

Pat Penza, Senior Warden  
Tim Brown, Junior Warden  
John Loftin, Treasurer  
Gerri Spinella, Clerk

### **Vestry Members**

John Carroll-Yagel  
Harry Ellsworth  
David Griffiths  
Anita McGahan  
Andrea Sawyer  
Michael Sutila



## **Search Committee**

Bill Glass, Chair  
Joan Gibbons  
Sharon Inger  
Julia Perry

The Search Committee may be contacted via email: [smothsearch@gmail.com](mailto:smothsearch@gmail.com).

# The Holy Eucharist

## Hymnal 413

New songs of celebration render

*Rendez á Dieu*

*Celebrant* In the Name of God,  
present in the thunder of the storm.  
In the Name of Christ,  
present in the stillness after the storm.  
In the Name of the Holy Spirit,  
present in the winds of the storm.

*People* **Holy! Holy! Holy!**  
**The whole earth is filled with God's glorious presence.**

## The Collect for Purity

**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 Redeemer. Amen.**

## Hymnal 400

All creatures of our God and King (verse 3)

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for our God to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Fire so intense and fiercely bright,  
you give to us both warmth and light,  
O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Creator be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**God, our Creator, as we face the storms of this world, we celebrate the wonders of the wind and the weather. Help us to see your presence in the forces of nature, your presence with those who suffer from natural disasters, and your presence among those who come to their aid. Teach us to recognize that your Wisdom is embedded in all natural forces, a Wisdom that suffers, guides, and heals. In the name of Christ, who is the Wisdom of God renewing all things in creation. Amen.**

~ from *liturgy-usa-storm-Sunday-1*

## The First Reading

**Jonah 1:1-6, 11-12, 15, 17**

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, 'Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.' But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. The captain came and said to him, 'What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.'

Then they said to him, ‘What shall we do to you, that the sea may quieten down for us?’ For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said to them, ‘Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quieten down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.’

So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. But the LORD provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights.

*Reader*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29**                      *read responsively by the half verse*

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
**worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
**the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
**the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
**the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
**the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
**and strips the forests bare.**

And in the temple of the LORD \*  
**all are crying, "Glory!"**

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
**the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

## **The Second Reading**      from *Grief in a Silent Sea* by Tim Gordon

Jesus never scuba-dived on a dying Great barrier Reef. He never saw the colors fade, the architecture collapse and the symphony silenced. But I think his words and actions at Lazarus' tomb show us how he might respond to today's environmental crises. If, while on earth, Jesus had seen the riches of creation reduced to a rubble field, he surely would have wept with us for its loss. He surely would have pointed us to its future redemption. And he surely would have used this as motivation to protect all that still remains of the planet's wonders. "I am the resurrection and the life," said Jesus, as his cheeks shone with tears. One day, the sea will sing again.

*Reader*      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymnal 370**

I bind unto myself today (v. 4)

*St. Patrick's Breastplate*

## **The Holy Gospel**

**Mark 4:35-41**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend William W. Rich

## **A Profession of Faith**

**We believe in God, who creates all things,  
    who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,  
    who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.  
We believe in God as the source of all life,  
    who baptizes this planet with living water.  
We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,  
    the malnourished one, the climate refugee,  
    who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.  
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,  
    who came to reconcile and renew this world  
    and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,  
who moves with God  
and who moves among and with us today.**

**We believe in everlasting life in God.**

**And we believe in the hope that one day**

**God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.**

~ Profession of Faith from Gurukul Lutheran Theological College and Research Institute (a seminary in South India), adapted by Keld B. Hansen, 2009

## **Litany for Creation and All Creatures**

Leader Let us give thanks to God the Creator for the gifts of seas, land, and skies, and all the creatures that depend on them.

Silence

Leader Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Leader Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Leader Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Leader Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Leader Grant that all your creatures may thank and serve you;

People **Show your blessing on earth, O God.**

Leader Grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, providing food and drink for all your creatures;

People **Show your blessing on earth, O God.**

Leader Open our eyes to the joy and beauty of creation, that we may see your presence in all your works;

People **Show your blessing on earth, O God.**

Leader Look with favor upon all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of creation may abound for all your creatures;

People **Show your blessing on earth, O God.**

Leader Make us faithful stewards of creation, wisely caring for the earth, the air, the seas, and all the life they bear; and make us faithful stewards of the life we share here at St. Mary's;

People **Show your blessing on earth, O God.**

Leader Awaken us to our responsibility for the care of creation;

People **Show your blessing on earth, O God.**

Leader Forgive us our waste and pollution of creation and strengthen us to heal wounds we have inflicted;

People **Show your blessing on earth, O God.**

Leader Remember all in captivity, trouble, sorrow, need sickness or any other adversity, and those who are hunted, trapped, deserted, or abused, that they may find safety in homes of loving care; we remember before you this week: the people of Ukraine, the people of Russia, Mike Sutilla, Joan Boudreau, Joyce, Sandra Powell, Julie, Cameron Sager, Ken Barry, Teri Delaney, Towanda deNagy, Bobby Taylor, Gladys Taylor, Kent Taylor, Carol Studley, Ron Kershaw, Cecelia Hall, Diana Hardy, Scott Ashley, Sam Adams, Frank Milby, Priscilla McChesney, Maureen Cronin, Michael Mason, Terry Monaghan, Joseph Barnes, Donna Pickener, Deidre Malloy, Ollie Ahmuty, and those whose names are spoken on our lips, those who are known to us in our hearts, or those known only to you [*pause for names to be added*].

People **Shower your blessing on earth, O God.**  
Leader Do not forget those creatures who have died yet remain dear to us, that they may rejoice in your new creation; remembering especially Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II [*pause for names to be added*].

People **Shower your blessing on earth, O God.**  
Celebrant Holy God: No sparrow falls without your attention; nothing that dies is lost to you; nothing comes into being without your love. Give us just and compassionate hearts, that we may serve the earth and all its creatures, holding fast to the vision of your peaceable reign in which all will live with you eternally; through the Risen One, Christ our Savior. Amen.  
~ Litany from *Honoring God in Creation*

People **Spirit of the living God:  
Guide us as we journey together in search for a new rector.  
Grant us patience to listen and wisdom to understand each other and ourselves.  
Equip us with open minds and truthful hearts.  
Anchor us in faith, hope, and love during this transition and always. Amen.**

The prayers are concluded with Hymn # 608, verse 1

*Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave, who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*

### **The Confession and Absolution**

**Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you,  
failing to rightly claim our kinship with all your creatures.  
We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources,  
taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly,  
holding future generations hostage to our greed.  
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.  
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth  
as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts,  
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* Peace with yourself.  
Peace with Creation.  
Peace with one another.  
The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

### **Stewardship Talk**

**Why I Love and Give to St. Mary's**

*Priscilla Jackett*

### **Birthday and Anniversary Prayers**

### **Offertory**

*On Jordan's stormy banks I stand*

Southern Harmony 1835

## The Presentation of the People's Gifts

### Presentation Hymn

Hymnal 292

O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Kingsfold

*In our continuing desire to protect all from COVID, we will not be offering the chalice at Communion. Gluten free hosts are available. Please tell the priest if you would like a gluten free host. For those wishing to receive it, there is also sacramental anointing with oil and prayers for healing offered during Communion at the back of the church.*

## The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer for Creation

*(adapted by the Rev. Dr. Nina Pooley from various Anglican Communion resources)*

*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 God thanks and praise.***

*Celebrant* We give praise and thanks to you, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption.

Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through Jesus, your Christ, transforming death into life.

Through your Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you – for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people.

And so we give thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: "Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

He took the wine, and gave thanks to God Creator. He gave it to his friends, saying: "This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me."

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant & People* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive.

Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew.

Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all; through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever.

*People* **Amen.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer** — *from A New Zealand Prayer Book*

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and shall be,  
Father, and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your beloved community of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* This is the Living Bread, given for all Creation.

*People* All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.

**Communion Hymn**

**Hymnal 312**

Strengthen for service, Lord

*Malabar*

**Post Communion Prayer**

Faithful God, in the wisdom of your wonder and love,  
you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels,  
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.

May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Announcements**

**The Blessing**

**Hymnal 569**

God the Omnipotent!

*Russia*

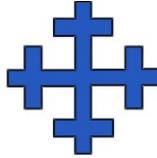
**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve God's Creation.

*People* Thanks be to God the Creator.

## Information from Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light

*For links to helpful sources for the care of Creation*  
see: <https://www.massipl.org/everyday-environmental-stewardship>



### **Stewardship and the Search for a New Rector**

Stewardship is one of the most vital factors in St. Mary's life in this season of transition between your recently retired Rector, and the Rector that your Search Process and the Holy Spirit will bring to you. Later this week, you will be receiving stewardship materials. They will ask you to think and pray about your pledge, and then to make your pledge – your financial commitment to support the ministry of St. Mary's in the coming year.

But in a very real sense, your pledge is more than just a financial commitment, more than just a matter of money. Your pledge is also a matter of spirit. Your pledge is a personal, small “s” sacrament. And like all sacraments, your pledge is a tangible “outward and visible sign” of faith. Your pledge is a sign that you are renewing your trust in God for the coming year, trust that God will sustain you as you do your part to sustain St. Mary's.

Taken together as a whole, the parish's pledges are also a sign of your hope for the future of St. Mary's. The stronger the pledge base of the parish is, the more attractive St. Mary's will be to potential priest applicants. Your recent financial history has been quite strong. Continuing this strength through your pledges will be part of what draws priests to think and pray about coming to be your next Rector.

As your Interim Rector, please know that I believe in the bright future of St. Mary's, and that I will be joining you in making my pledge to support the ministry of the parish in the coming year. I urge you to join me by making your pledge as a sign of your trust in God and the bright future that God has in store for the Church of St. Mary of the Harbor.

Blessings and peace, in Christ's love,

Bill Rich, Interim Rector