

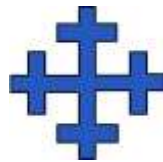
Lifting up his hands, Jesus blessed them.



The Ascension of Christ - Salvador Dali (1904-1989)

The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
The Sunday after the Ascension

May 21, 2023



St. Mary of the Harbor

Where the land, the sea and the sacred meet

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

*May the joy of Easter raise you up to new life!*

*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 and Wine at this Table. For health reasons you may wish to receive only the Bread. Please be assured that you have made your full communion whether you receive the Bread only, or if you receive both the Bread and the Wine. Eager to do all we can to protect one another's well-being, we entrust you to take whatever health precautions seem best to you.

### Updating the Parish Directory

It is time to update the parish directory to make sure it has the most accurate contact information for your new rector. Please check your entry, and correct any errors. Once you have checked your entry, please put your initials just to the left of your entry. There is a copy of the directory on the table by the baptismal font, and another on the pass-through counter in Nicholson Hall. You need only check your entry in one of the copies.

### Celebrating Ollie Ahmuty's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Today – Sunday, May 21

Ollie Ahmuty, longtime parishioner, former vestrywoman, and former chief host of Sunday hospitality, will soon turn 100. All are invited to celebrate this milestone with her during our hospitality time after church today.

### Stewardship Update

It is never too late to pledge! This week we have received an additional pledge, and this brings us to 70 pledges: 93% of the way towards our goal of 75 pledges for 2023. The total amount you have pledged thus far is \$113,725, which is 81% of the way towards our goal of \$140,000. We are grateful for all the ways you support the ministry and mission of St. Mary's!

### The Annual Parish Meeting – June 18

The Annual Meeting of the Church of St. Mary of the Harbor will take place after the 10 am service on Sunday, June 18.

## 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 make us aware of any needs for a pastoral conversation or visit.

## Parish Calendar for the Coming Week

**Saturday, May 27 – 8:30 am**

### Strength for the Journey

An online lay-led service of contemplation and healing. Contact Gerri Spinella ([gerri.spinella@gmail.com](mailto:gerri.spinella@gmail.com)) if you'd like to be included in the email invitation to each week's service. On Saturday, June 3, Strength for the Journey will return to meeting in-person in the church. All are welcome!

**Sunday, May 28 – 10 am**

### Holy Eucharist – The Day of Pentecost

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## This Sunday's Leadership

Interim Rector, Preacher, and Celebrant – *The Rev. William W. Rich*

Deacon for the Gospel and Intercessions – *The Rev. Bruce Mason*

Organist – *Bill Carlson*

Lector – *Sharon Inger*

Ushers – *Peter Falconer, Harry Ellsworth*

Hospitality – *Carol Pesiri, John Carroll, John Loftin*

Crucifer – *Sharon Inger*

Healer – *Andi Sawyer*

Altar Guild – *Lee Ann Fanning*

Livestream – *John Carroll-Yagel*

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## Vestry Officers

Pat Penza, Senior Warden  
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John Loftin, Treasurer  
Gerri Spinella, Clerk

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# The Holy Eucharist

Prelude *Adagio* from Sonata in D

Baldassare Galuppi

Hymnal 214

Hail the day that sees him rise

*Llanfair*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## The Collect for Purity

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.

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Canticle 20

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

## The First Reading

**Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 47

*read responsively by the half verse*

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*

**shout to God with a cry of joy.**

2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; \*

**he is the great King over all the earth.**

3 He subdues the peoples under us, \*

**and the nations under our feet.**

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, \*

**the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

5 God has gone up with a shout, \*

**the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.**

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*

**sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

7 For God is King of all the earth; \*

**sing praises with all your skill.**

8 God reigns over the nations; \*

**God sits upon his holy throne.**

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*

**with the people of the God of Abraham.**

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*

**and he is highly exalted.**

## **The Second Reading**

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymnal 215 See the Conqueror mounts in triumph**

*In Babilone*

## **The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 24:44-53**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend William W. Rich

# The Creed

*Please stand as you are able.*

1. We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty, by whose plan  
2. Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,  
3. We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:

earth and hea - ven sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan.  
suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cen - ded to the dead.  
saints of God in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness and love.

We be - lieve in Christ the Sa - vior, Son of God in hu - man frame,  
We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's King to rule and reign,  
So by faith, our sins for - gi - ven, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,

vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.  
to the Fa - ther's side as - cen - ded till as judge he comes a - gain.  
we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)*

## The Prayers of the People

- Deacon* In the power of the risen and ascended Christ who intercedes on our behalf, let us pray, saying:  
"Hear us, O risen Christ."
- Deacon* That we might be your faithful witnesses, even to the ends of the earth, we pray:  
*People* **Hear us, O risen Christ.**
- Deacon* That Christians everywhere might ask the Spirit of God to rule their lives, we pray:  
*People* **Hear us, O risen Christ.**
- Deacon* That repentance and forgiveness of sins might be preached through the whole earth, we pray:  
*People* **Hear us, O risen Christ.**
- Deacon* That those who are paralyzed by fear or doubt might be healed and renewed, we pray:  
*People* **Hear us, O risen Christ.**
- Deacon* That in this community of faith the coming of the Spirit might find us steadfast in prayer and strong in love, we pray:  
*People* **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

*Deacon* That all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity might be brought beyond their present troubles into the Spirit's peace, we pray. And especially for those on our parish prayer list: the people of Ukraine, the people of Russia, Elizabeth, Monique, Joan Boudreau, Julie, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Bobby Taylor, Kent Taylor, Carol Studley, Diana Hardy, Scott Ashley, Sam Adams, Frank Milby, Priscilla McChesney, Maureen Cronin, Michael Mason, Terry Monaghan, Donna Pickener, Deidre Malloy, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Phebe McPherson, Joan Marshall, Marcia McClure, Chip Bailey, John Mikorenda, Jim Neely, Ann English, Duncan Stewart, Marty Thomas, Corinne, Laura Crain, Terry Pannell, Aaron Allers, and those whose names are spoken on our lips, those who are known to us in our hearts, and those known only to you, we pray: [*pause for other names to be added, silently or aloud*].

Hear us, O God.

*People* **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

*Deacon* That Jeanette Penza and all the faithful departed may enter ever more deeply into the peace and joy of the ascended Christ, we pray:

[*pause for other names to be remembered, silently or aloud*]. Hear us, O God.

*People* **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

*Celebrant* Good and gracious God, you do infinitely more for us than we can ask or imagine. Hear these our prayers, and by the grace of your risen and ascended Son, fulfill now our petitions as may be best for us, and wisest for the common good.

*People* **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

**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 Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## **Announcements**

## **Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

**Offertory (St. Mary's Choir)** *Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary*

Charles/Foster

## **Presentation Hymn**

**Hymnal 461 (omit v. 5)**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!**

**Alleluia**



# The Holy Communion

## EOW - Eucharistic Prayer 3

*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* All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

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### Holy, holy, holy Lord

*Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is in a simple, folk-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner;  
harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)  
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*Celebrant*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*Celebrant*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Mary, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

*All*

**Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**      *in traditional language*

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant*    Alleluia. This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.  
*People*        **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.**

**Receiving Communion**

*All are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, at God's Table. If you would prefer a gluten-free host, please make that known to the priest when you come to the altar rail. If you would prefer grape juice instead of wine, please make that known as well.*

**Communion Hymn**

**Hymnal 489**

**The great Creator of the worlds**

*Tallis' Ordinal*

**Post Communion Prayer**

*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.**

**The Blessing**

*Celebrant*    Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God bless you, and strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world.

*People*        **Amen.**

**Hymnal 481**

**Rejoice, the Lord is King!**

*Gopsal*

**The Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude**

*Fantasie*

*Johann Pachelbel*