

The Holy Eucharist

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 24, 2023



St. Mary of the Harbor
Where the Land, the Sea, and the Sacred Meet

Welcome to 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.

If you are new or visiting, please sign our guestbook at the entrance to the church.

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.

Hospitality after Sunday Service

Right after this service, a time of hospitality will be offered in Nicholson Hall. All are welcome!

Vestry Officers

Pat Penza, Senior Warden
John Carroll-Yagel, Junior Warden
John Loftin, Treasurer
Judy Dozois, Clerk

Vestry Members

Tim Brown	Harry Ellsworth
Phil Franchini	Alex Glowacki
Anita McGahan	Janet Whelan

This Sunday's Leadership

Presider: *The Rev. Brian Raiche*

Deacon: *The Rev. Bruce Mason*

Organist: *Bill Carlson*; Crucifer: *Scott Yagel*; Lector: *Beth Chapman*; Healer: *Maghi Geary*;

Ushers: *John Loftin, John Carroll*; Altar Guild: *John Loftin, John Carroll*; Hospitality: *Carol Pesiri*;

Livestream: *John Carroll-Yagel*.

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Adagio

Raoul Grigi

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

We will Extol You, Ever Blessed Lord

Hymnal #404

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be Christ's coming kingdom. Amen.**

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 Lord. Amen.

Gloria

Hymnal #S280

Collect of the day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

(Pause for silent prayer)

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

First Reading: *Jonah 3:10-4:11*

A reading from the Book of Jonah

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-8

Read responsively by half verse

I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Second Reading: *Philippians 1:21-30*

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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Gospel Acclamation All Creatures of our God and King

Hymnal #400

Verses 4-5 Before the Gospel; Verse 7 after.



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise God O praise God Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel: *Matthew 18:21-35*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Brian Raiche

The Creed

I Believe In God Almighty

WLP #769

Prayers of the People

Form IV

Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit. We remember those for whom our prayers have been requested: Joan Boudreau, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Bobby Taylor, Kent Taylor, Carol Studley, Diana Hardy, Priscilla McChesney, Maureen Cronin, Michael Mason, Terry Monaghan, Donna Pickener, Deidre Malloy, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Joan Marshall, Marcia McClure, Jim Neely, Ann English, Marsha Davies, Hyacinth Rance, Margo Kent, David Griffiths, Peggy Cassano, Phil Franchini, Richard Cuciniello, and those whose names are spoken on our lips, those who are known to us in our hearts, and those known only to you. *You may name aloud those for whom you wish to pray.*

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died that your will for them be fulfilled; we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Presider: Lord God, forgive us our sins, by which we have added to the world's pain, and make us instruments of peace and reconciliation, through Christ our Lord.

People: **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

Enriching Our Worship 1

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider: 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

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Liturgy of the Table

Invitation:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Preparation of the Table

Instrumental

Andantino

Margo Guryan

Presentation of the Gifts

Give Praise and Glory unto God

Hymnal #375

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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. _____

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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be (+) the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Blessed Mary and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours Almighty Father, for ever and ever.

People: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Traditional Form

**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

Presider 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.

Fraction Anthem

WLP #876

Antiphon
Cantor, then all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

Fine Verses

— of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

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Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It has been made ready for those who love God and for those who hope to love God more. So, come, if you have been here often, and come if you have not been here long. Come if you have followed, and come if you have stumbled. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who seek him will meet him here at his table. For in this house which bears the name Mary, all are welcome to share the one she bore, Jesus the Bread of Life.

Communion Hymns

**O Food to pilgrims given
All who hunger gather gladly**

**Hymnal #308
WLP #761**

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray

People: 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

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional

God be with You till we Meet Again

WLP #801

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Epilogue on *Ash Grove*

John Barr

Announcements

2023 Stewardship Appeal: *New Beginnings Rooted in Love*

Last Sunday was our In-Gathering/Stewardship Sunday. You should have received your Stewardship Pledge Form in the mail. If you did not bring your pledge to church with you last Sunday, please mail it to the office. Thank you for your generosity! Pledged to date: 57 Pledges totaling \$116,525.

Institution of our New Rector

Save the date: Friday, November 3rd at 6:00 PM. Bishop Alan Gates will join us as we celebrate our new ministry with Brian. More details to follow.

Parish Prayer List

We will soon be updating the Parish Prayer List. Please contact Julia at the office with updates: smothoffice@gmail.com. Beginning in October, we will continue to reference the Prayer List during the Prayers of the People but only read the names aloud on the first Sunday of the month. You will continue to have the opportunity during the service to pray aloud those names you wish to place before the community.

Please keep in your prayers: Joan Boudreau, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Bobby Taylor, Kent Taylor, Carol Studley, Diana Hardy, Priscilla McChesney, Maureen Cronin, Michael Mason, Terry Monaghan, Donna Pickener, Deidre Malloy, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Joan Marshall, Marcia McClure, Jim Neely, Ann English, Marsha Davies, Hyacinth Rance, Margo Kent, Donna, Marge, and Fran, David Griffiths, Peggy Cassano, Phil Franchini, Joey Guerrero, Patty Davenport, Peter Swanson, Beth Chapman, Giacomo, Jeffrey, and Elizabeth.

UU Food Pantry

The UU Food Pantry inventory is very low.

There continues to be significant food insecurity on the Cape, and that is being felt at the UU Self Service Pantry on Commercial Street. St Mary's does the 1st Sunday regularly, yet it is felt we can do an extra giving this month due to the shortage. So we are speaking to the 17th of September, yet if you see this request somewhat after the fact, the following Sunday will also be greatly appreciated. Here are some of the most needed items: rice, canned beans, canned vegetables, Ramen noodles, instant oatmeal, cereal, canned chicken/tuna, Vienna sausages, mac/cheese, beef stew, Chef Boyardee products - - plus whatever you view as appropriate.

If any glass products are included, they will be taken to another food pantry in Provincetown - no outdated products please. Thank you kindly, and items may be placed in the container at the rear of the sanctuary (and that's a very grand use of a sanctuary). Deacon Bruce

Parish Calendar for the Coming Week

Strength for the Journey

Saturday, September 30th at 8:30 am

An online lay-led service of contemplation and healing. Strength for the Journey is now meeting in-person in the church. The service will also continue to be emailed for those who cannot attend in-person. Contact Gerri Spinella (gerri.spinella@gmail.com) if you'd like to be included in the email invitation to each week's service.

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