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# St. Mary's Episcopal Church

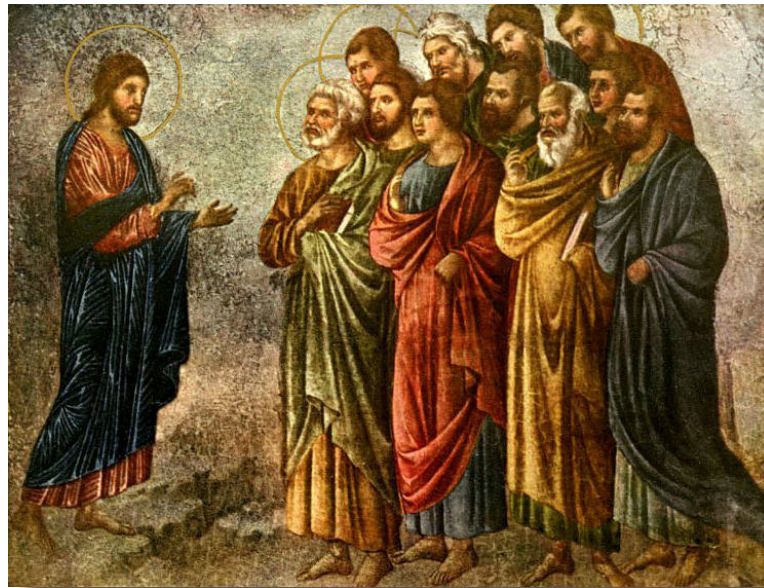
*A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania*

May 5, 2024 7:45 AM- *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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*Our Mission:* God is calling the people of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Wayne, Pennsylvania to follow Jesus' teaching to love God with all our hearts, souls and minds; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Therefore we love and embrace each other, friend and stranger alike in worship, service and prayer as we seek to live in and share God's Word.

- Adopted by the St. Mary's Vestry, May 2015



John 15:9-17

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**O** God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **First Reading**

**Acts 10:44-48**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

**W**hile Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 98

1 Sing to the Lord a new song,\*  
for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm\*  
has he won for himself the victory.

3 The Lord has made known his victory;\*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,\*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;\*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp,\*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn\*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,\*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands,\*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world\*  
and the peoples with equity.

## Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

**E**veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**J**esus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Prayers of the People

*The Deacon or other person appointed says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church. In our parish cycle of prayers this week, we pray for **Louisa Ridgway, David and Joyce Randolph, and their families.**

*After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.*

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop, Lucy Ann our Interim Rector and for that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph our President, and Josh our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor *(Congregation reads the name aloud)* **Irene Steinhardt, Barbara Kidder, Jennifer Lurie, Victoria Coates, JoAnne Vereneck, Jim Cobb, Scott Ziglar, Craig and Ann Marie Erickson, Marylu Hill and her family, Magali Behrmann, and Avanya Manasseh.** That they may be delivered from their distress, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; and especially remembering Margaret Blair and Eugene Morgan for whom the Flowers on the High Altar are given this morning, Christopher Glenn, Tony Wetzell, and Mary Ann and Alphonso Ferrara for whom the Center Altar Flowers are given, and Barbara and Rodger Blackwell for whom the Sanctuary Light is given, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## Invitation & Announcements

To all who are lonely and need friendship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, this church opens wide its doors and bids you WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors to St. Mary's this morning. Please sign our guest book by the front door of the Church.



**Today is Sunday, May 5th, 2024**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**7:45 am** Holy Eucharist Rite I

**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(livestreamed and recorded)

**10:15 am Christian Formation** Edith Helms

**11:15 am** Coffee Hour

**Acolytes:**

**7:45 am** Linda Noll

**10:00 am** John Hinchey

**Chalice:**

**7:45am** Greg Kelleher

**10:00am** Joyce Randolph

**Readers:**

**7:45 am** Balana Gullatt

**10:00 am** John Wickersham, Joyce Randolph

**Prayers of the People:** Bob Mickel

**Altar Guild:** Team 1

**Live Stream:** Brian Lanouette

**Ushers:** Scott Scheidt, Tom Buechle

**Parish Cycle of Prayers**

This week in our parish cycle of prayers, we pray for Louisa Ridgway, David and Joyce Randolph, and their families.

**Flowers on the High Altar** this morning are given by the Huck family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret Blair and Eugene Morgan.

**Flowers on the Lady Chapel altar** are given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ferrara to the glory of God and in loving memory of Christopher Glenn, Tony Wetzel, and Mary Ann and Alphonso Ferrara.

**The Sanctuary Light** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara and Rodger Blackwell.

**Please pray for those in ongoing need of our prayers and all on our parish intercession list at St. Mary's:** Irene Steinhardt, Barbara Kidder, Jennifer Lurie, Victoria Coates, JoAnne Vereneck, Jim Cobb, Scott Ziglar, Craig and Ann Marie Erickson, Marylu Hill and her family, Magali Behrmann, and Avanya Manasseh.

Also included on the prayer list are our friends John Paul, Peggy Wilson, Emma Cavanaugh-Kerr, Stan Compton, Arlene, Dan Bailey, Joe Stellabotte, Father Hentzi Elek, Carole Beideman, Mike Mattingly, Dana Lips, Fionn Reid, Miriam and Kris.

The names read aloud today include St. Mary's parishioners and family members of parishioners. Please say aloud the names of your loved ones during the Prayers of the People when the lector pauses for the congregation to add their own petitions.

Please note: *Kindly let our Parish Administrator Nicole Marie know if you would like yourself or another prayed for at our services. It is our practice to take individuals off the Intercession list after four weeks unless more time is requested.*

### **Our Transition Prayer for this week:**

Pray for the Vestry and the Search Committee.

Faithful Father, source of patient love, we pray that you will help our church to navigate the change to a new rector. Help the search committee to discern your will. In the midst of uncertainty, give us confidence in your abiding presence. Help those who seek to lead our congregation and help us all to pray for our common good, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please note:* On Thursday May 9 Mtr. Lucy Ann will be away and there will be no noon Healing Service, and the Ascension Day Service will be transferred to Sunday May 12.

### **Search Committee Update**

The Search Committee has been working over the past month first to organize itself and set up the process, and we met last week with Canon Jane from the diocese. The meeting was very productive discussing the

applications and the format of their submissions. As Canon Jane said to the Committee, she feels confident that our next Rector is among the applicants.

After the meeting last Thursday, Canon Jane e-mailed us the application packages which include a cover letter, resume, and the formal application used by the

Episcopal Church. The applicants come from across the country with varying backgrounds and skill sets.

This will take more time over the next couple of months, with online research, calls, zoom meetings, and interviews before the Committee comes to a consensus with a recommended candidate to the Vestry. Our expectation is that will happen in late Summer or early Autumn. The Canon said this fits within the “normal” 18 - 24 month time frame.

We ask that the Parish continues to pray for the Committee. Please reach out to a member of the Search Committee if you have any questions or input. Please do not ask any specific questions about applicants as we move forward respecting their confidentiality. - *St Mary's Search Committee*

### **Help St. Mary's Restore Homes for Those in Need on May 11th!**

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” - *Ephesians 2:10* Embrace the spirit of helping others by joining St. Mary’s volunteers to repair homes and restore hope for low-income families on Saturday, May 11th. The event is organized by Good Works, a Christian nonprofit organization located in Phoenixville, PA. Any skill level is welcome. To sign up, contact Scott Scheidt at [sms9494@gmail.com](mailto:sms9494@gmail.com). Let’s make this year unforgettable by creating positive change together for families in need!



### **Transition & Transformation Funding**

As our search for a new rector progresses, we are seeking financial support for specific work items critical to a successful and welcoming transition and transformation we are currently undergoing. Contributions to our Transition and Transformation Projects go directly to fund items on the work list for the Rectory, Parish Hall, and Church.

The focus now is the Rectory where we have eight additional work items to complete, and the roof and support structure for the Fr. Greene emergency exit. Examples are the Rectory kitchen cabinets, floor, countertop, and sink/faucet and, the broken underground drainpipe. Rectory estimates are still developing. Estimates in hand so far put Rectory work at about \$40,000. The Fr. Greene exit estimates put that work at \$21,000 due to the severity of the damage the roof and support structure.

The B&G Committee wishes to thank all those who have contributed to date including two anonymous gifts for the Rectory roof repair and the repairs to the Fr. Greene room south windows. Every donation matters and is greatly appreciated.

There are two ways to donate. You can find a link for donating to the fund under the Stewardship tab on our website. You can also send a check to the Finance Administrator made to St. Mary’s Church. On the memo line put T&T Fund. Donors may also specify a work item such as Rectory Kitchen, Rectory Pipe, Rectory Doorbell etc. by adding the item to the memo on the check, or by sending an email to *Nicole Marie* at [nicole@stmaryswayne.org](mailto:nicole@stmaryswayne.org). Your donation will be reserved for that item of work.



## Join Us for a Special Mother's Day Breakfast!



The Merry Men are sponsoring a special Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 12th, at 8:15am in the Navajo Room, which is located in the parish hall just across from church. Please join us to celebrate the wonderful women that we have been blessed to have in our lives. All are welcome! *Please note: The Mother's Day breakfast will replace the regularly scheduled breakfast on the first Sunday on the first Sunday in May.*

**Adult Formation** With the guidance of Erlis Wickersham, we are studying the Resurrection Appearances of Jesus with close attention to each passage in the Bible which emphasizes a different aspect of this Mystery. There are two more Sunday morning meetings at 9 am in the Navajo Room. These are today May 5th and May 19th. There is no Adult Formation on May 12th because of the Merry Men breakfast. Please see the Chimes for our discussion topics. Come and see for yourself, what wonderful works the Lord has done!

- Psalm 46:8. All are welcome!

(<https://www.stmaryswayne.org/echimes>)

**The Bible Study** that meets on Zoom has resumed on Mondays from 11am - 12pm. Now we are reading The Book of Psalms together. After reading from the Scripture, we discuss the passage to discover its relevance for lives today. All are always welcome to join us as we "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" the meaning. Just click on the link on the homepage of the St. Mary's website under the heading "Weekly Activities." If you have any questions, feel free to speak with Twila, Erlis or Mother Lucy Ann.

**Thursday Afternoons** at 1:30pm in the Navajo Room. Please join us for our Book Study on C.S. Lewis's *Screw-tape Letters*. Led by Mother Lucy Ann. Join us as we read and study together! Come anytime. The book is easy to read with lots to discuss.

**Please note: There will be no Bookstudy on Thursday 5/9.**

**New defibrillator and First Aid Equipment donated to St. Mary's!** This donation to St. Mary's is given by an Anonymous Donor! Stay tuned to learn more how you may be trained to use one of these devices at Coffee Hour.



**It was a lovely Evening with Artist David Phillips on 4/25**



**St. Mary's Book Club** The May meeting of the St. Mary's Book Club will take place on Wednesday, May 8th at 2 p.m. on Erlis Wickersham's porch, weather permitting. We will read *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky. At our June 12th meeting we will read *Alfie and Me; What Owls Know, What Humans Believe (2023)* by Carl Safina. At our July 10th meeting our selection will be *Bel Canto (2001)* by Ann Patchett. There will be no book club in August. Please give the book club a try! You don't even have to read the book. The conversation is always lively (no lectures, ever!) and there are always delicious refreshments. If you have questions please contact Erlis Wickersham at [vze27g53@verizon.net](mailto:vze27g53@verizon.net)

**Housekeeping** Due to our administrative office hours, all announcements for the Sunday Bulletin and weekly Chimes Newsletter need to be submitted to our Parish Administrator, Nicole Marie, by the end of the day on Tuesdays. Also please note that Nicole plans to be out of the office for summer vacations June 6th through June 12th and July 9th through July 17th. For Nicole's travels in June announcements will need to be submitted by *Tuesday June 4th* and for Nicole's travels in July announcements will need to be submitted by *Tuesday July 2nd*. We appreciate your understanding.

**SERVICES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S**

Sunday in the Church

7:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II\*

Monday-Friday in the Lady Chapel\*

9am Morning Prayer Rite II

5pm Evening Prayer Rite II

**Please note: There will be no Healing Service on 5/9**

*\*Livestreamed at St. Mary's Facebook page*

## **How to give to St. Mary's**

Simply point your camera at the QR code below and follow the instructions, or, to make a donation via text, simply text worship 1887, to the number 73256.



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