



ST. MARY'S

ON THE HIGHLANDS

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

June 14, 2026

Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM

Welcome to St. Mary's! We are glad that you have joined us for worship. If you are visiting today, please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate when it is passed to you.

Today is the Third Sunday after Pentecost. This season in our church year is one of spiritual growth, where in meditating on Jesus' parables, miracles, and challenging teachings, we learn about who our Savior is and to what sort of life he calls us.

Holy Eucharist begins on page 355 of *The Book of Common Prayer*. Hymns are found in *The Hymnal 1982*, also located in the pew rack in front of you. "S" numbers are found in the front of the hymnal.

Children are welcome in worship! Nursery is available for children younger than 3K. Over the summer, all children will begin church with parents. Children in preschool-3rd grade follow the crucifer to Children's Chapel after the Gospel reading. All children will return to their families at the peace.



The nave supports those with hearing impairments via an audio induction loop. Please set your hearing aid to "T" (Telecoil) setting.

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

—"A Prayer of Self-Dedication," *The Book of Common Prayer*, 832

The moments before worship are a special opportunity for silence, for reflection, and to come before God in prayer. “Be still, then, and know that I am God” *Psalm 46:11*

Voluntary – Basse et Dessus de Trompette
Chorale Prelude – Nun bitten wir

Louis Nicolas Clerambault
Bietrich Buxtehude

Hymn in Procession 51 – We the Lord’s people

Decatur Place

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis **S280**

setting – Robert Powell

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 230

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

10 How shall I repay the LORD *

for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *

in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; *

**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *

in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Sequence Hymn 455 – O Love of God, how strong and true

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The Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas

and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. “See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

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

Children in preschool – 3rd grade follow the crucifer to Children’s Chapel

The Sermon	The Rev. Richard Ahlquist
The Nicene Creed (<i>standing</i>)	BCP 358
The Prayers of the People (<i>standing</i>)	BCP 387
Confession of Sin (<i>kneeling</i>)	BCP 360
The Peace (<i>standing</i>)	BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Blessing

Hymn in Procession 539 – O Zion, haste

Tidings

Dismissal

BCP 366

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary – Toccata in G Major

William Hieronymous Pachelbel

**The flowers on the altar are given to the
glory of God and in loving memory of**

William Walker Jemison, Jr.
Caroline Kidd Morrow
John Coe Kelley
Lynn Morrow Turner

Barrett Coe Kelley
Joseph Lynn Morrow, Jr.
Josephine Marie Jones

Assisting in our Worship Today

Preacher and Celebrant
The Rev. Richard Ahlquist

Deacons
The Rev. Deacon Kaki O’Flinn
The Rev. Deacon John I. Kennedy Jr., MD.

Musicians
The St. Mary’s Choir
Dr. John T. Lowe, Jr. – *Director of Music and Organist*

Assisting in Worship
Teal Cuellar

Chalice Bearers
Cindy Wiley Dale Stone
Hugh Rushing

Lay Readers

Buddy Moon

Stacy Moon

Prayers of the People

Mica Cuellar

Acolytes

Alice Kate Krawczyk

Emily Krawczyk

Bibb Wahl

Alex Wahl

Ushers

Duncan Manley

Craig Krawczyk

Greg Ellis

TBD

Greeters

Gordon Martin

TBD

Altar Guild

Michele Hill

Andy Hardesty

Claire Hardesty

Carolyn Long

St. Mary's Flower Guild

VISITING ST. MARY'S?

Welcome! Please pick up a visitor packet from the table in the narthex. We also encourage you to fill out a Visitor Card (found on the back of the pew in front of you) and drop it in the offering plate. You can also scan the QR code to the right to complete the visitor card online. And please introduce yourself to one of the clergy after the service. Thank you so much for worshipping with us.



St. Mary's Building Access

Please keep the motor court beneath RMH open for drop-offs or for those needing access to the elevator. To reach the worship space without using stairs, enter Drennen House from the motor court or from 12th Avenue and take the elevator to level 3R.

Parking at St. Mary's

Monday-Saturday: Parking is available in four places.

- The motor court.
- The lot below the garden (Take steps to the garden and doors to Parish Office.)
- The lot on 12th Avenue behind Ramsay High School (“St. Mary's West Lot”)
- Street parking

Sunday:

- **The motor court is reserved for handicapped parking SUNDAYS ONLY.**
- The small lot at the AT&T building- This lot is available on SUNDAYS ONLY.
- Street Parking on both sides of 12th Avenue

Please note:

- *The lot across 12th Avenue behind Mellow Mushroom is a private lot to which we do not have access. Violators will be towed.*
- *Make sure you have a parking decal on your car to avoid being towed from a St. Mary's lot. These are available in the Parish Office.*

Wheelchairs Available

Wheelchairs are available at the Parish Office reception desk, the entrance to Drennen House, and the connector. Please feel free to use them if needed.

City Action Partnership (CAPS) Service Available

CAPS is in the 5 Points South neighborhood. They are available to assist with dead batteries, locked cars, and the unhoused. Please feel free to call them for assistance or to report a concern: 205-251-0111.



PARISH EVENTS

*Scan this code for quick, easy access to our website's **EVENTS PAGE** to view all event details, registration info, and links.*

Middlers Dinner

Thursday, June 18 / 6:00-8:30 PM

This event for adults in their 40s and 50's will be hosted by Hill and Dan Weathers (44 Country Club Road, 35213). BYOB. \$15 pp to cover the food cost. **RSVP by paying via Venmo to @Hill-Weathers.** Please include your email address with your Venmo so we can send you parking information.

June Book Club

Tuesday, June 16 / Noon / Living Room

For our June Book Club, **Katie Dewees** will lead our discussion of *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. Bring your lunch—we'll provide treats and, as always, a lively discussion.

June Who Knew???

Wills, Trusts, and Other Types of Post-Death Asset Transfer

Thursday, June 18 / 12:30 PM / Living Room

Ever heard that you can't take it with you? All of an individual's assets will pass to someone else upon death. Who receives what and how depends on many factors. Join **parishioner Dale Stone**, who will offer insight into structuring asset transfers at death, drawing on his long experience as an estate planning attorney. *Contact Emily Rushing or Kaki O'Flinn to learn more about our regular monthly gatherings or to suggest a topic.*

Beginner Knitting Classes
Monday & Wednesday, June 22 & 24
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM / Room 309



If you have ever wanted to learn to knit, we have a treat for you! Our very own master knitter, Katherine Berdy, will offer beginning knitting classes for adults this month. We will learn the knit and purl stitches on Monday and how to cast on and off on Wednesday. *Materials will be provided, so all you have to do is show up ready to learn. We do need an exact head count for materials, so please register!*

House of David
Eight Thursdays: June 25-August 13
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM / Living Room

All are welcome! We will watch the first season of the Prime Video Series *House of David*, which depicts the rise of David, tracing his journey from his time as a shepherd to his eventual kingship with the House of David. A group discussion will follow each episode.

St. Mary's Night at the Birmingham Barons
Thursday, June 25 / 6:30 PM

- **Join us for an evening of fun at Regions Field's Banquet Patio**, where the Barons will face off against the Knoxville Smokies. The Patio is a COVERED, open-air deck with a great view of the field along the third base line. Gates open at 6PM, and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM: burgers, Dreamland BBQ, beans, chips, bagged cookies, and soft drinks.
- **Scan the QR code to reserve your tickets**; if you do not have internet access, please call Melodie Elam at 205-881-1261. **Tickets are \$15 for everyone aged 3 and up**, and we kindly ask that payment be made to secure your reservation. **Deadline is TOMORROW, June 15**; no refunds after that date.



Created for A Purpose: July 20-24

Created for A Purpose is a creative arts camp for girls rooted in Scripture and the good news of the Gospel. Rising 3rd–8th-grade girls are led by high school, college, and adult women from the parish. **Interested in Serving? Scan the QR code above to visit our Events website page and apply or sign up.**

- **Counselors:** Rising 9th–12th grade girls & college women. Rising 10th grade and older will receive a \$200 stipend.
- **Adult Volunteers:** All women of the parish can serve!

Built for a Purpose
Saturday, August 15 / 9:00 AM-4:00 PM / Swan Lake Stables
Registration Now Open!

Built for a Purpose is a fun day for **3rd-8th grade boys** to create, sing, be silly, and learn about Jesus. Using tools, playing games, and learning new skills are all part of the day. **Men and Senior High boys are needed to lead building projects, games, cooking, worship, and Bible teaching.** Cost for campers is \$60. **Registration is now open for campers and volunteers.**

Scan the QR code above to visit the Events page on our website. Questions? Contact Katie Dewees at katie@stmarysoth.org or 205-881-0704.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Summer Sunday Worship Services

All services listed below begin at 10:30 AM.

- **NEXT SUNDAY, June 21:** Holy Communion from the *Prayer Book of The Anglican Church in Japan*
- **June 28:** Commissioning of parishioners who are traveling to Amistad Mission (Bolivia)
- **July 5:** Holy Communion from the 1789 *Book of Common Prayer*, the first US BCP
- **July 19:** Commissioning of the St. Mary's Choir for their Wells Cathedral (UK) Residency, plus payers for Created for a Purpose
- **July 26:** Guest preacher at our 10:30 AM service: the diocese's new Canon to the Ordinary, the Rev. Canon Katie Pearson
- **August 2:** Instructed Eucharist (learn some background on what we do in the liturgy)
- **August 9:** Back to School Blessing
- **August 16:** St. Mary's Sunday

Morning Prayer

Wednesdays / 8:40 AM / Church

All are welcome to join us for this lay-led daily office. Enter Drennen House via the motor court door and take the elevator to Level 3R.

St. Mary's Cursillo Community

We've got a lot of great things happening this year, and we'd love for you to be part of it! If you're already a Cursillista, **please join the St. Mary's Cursillo group on Realm** to stay connected.

Interested in attending Cursillo? Please contact our Parish Lay Rector, Christy Parsons, through Realm for more information. The next Cursillo weekend is Cursillo #241, October 8-11.

Centering Prayer

Tuesdays / 11:30 AM / Chapel

Centering Prayer is an ancient Christian form of silent prayer that is ideal for both corporate and private worship. Our group meets in-person and via Zoom. For Zoom: meeting ID is 3891069314; password is Prayer.

Opportunities to Serve

- **Highlands United Methodist Church Breakfast Ministry** St. Mary's provides volunteers on **Thursdays, 8:30-10:00 AM**. Questions? Contact Monica Sargent (205-913-4689 or monica@stmarysoth.org). To volunteer, please visit www.stmarysoth.org/outreach.

Pastoral Care Ministries

- **The “Loving Well” Support Group for Caregivers will meet on June 2 and June 15.** This group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at **2:00 PM in the Chapel**. It supports parish caregivers, offering community and relief from the loneliness and frustration of caregiving. Facilitators are Cler Layton and Kaki O’Flinn.
 - **Home Communion:** If you or someone you know is unable to worship in person and would like to receive a home communion visit, please get in touch with The Rev. Deacon Kaki O’Flinn at kaki@stmarysoth.org or 205-881-1532.
 - **Hospital Visits:** If you would like to specifically request a visit from the clergy or Pastoral Care Team member, please contact Kaki O’Flinn.
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PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

You may email prayer requests to cissy@stmarysoth.org or call (205) 933-1140.

In an effort to stay current, names will be kept on the list for a month after the date given. If you wish to continue beyond that, please contact us.

For those who await the birth or adoption of a child:

Charles and Olivia Lewis, Brittney and Kellen Watkins

Please pray for our parishioners and staff:

John, Ann, Margaret, Bill, Mike, Jean, David, Sharon, Elizabeth, Debby, Joanne, Chuck

For our families, friends, and neighbors:

Emily, Bob, Colton, Rusty, Sara, Michael, Kym, Tunsten, Ashley, Winnie

For those who are grieving:

Family of John Bryant, Family of Dr. Merrill Northington Bradley, Family of Carolyn and Buddy Puckett

For those who experience ongoing challenges:

Patty, Judy, Patrick, Todd, Norma, Carley, Andy, Betty, Bart, Natalie, Linda M.

And for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Alex, Brian, Steven, Daniel, Marjory, Jack, Jesse, Richard, Jonah, Robert, John, Isabelle, Frank, Emilio, Truitt, Gilbert

ST. MARY'S ON THE HIGHLANDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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CLERGY

The Rev. H. Huey Gardner, Rector

The Rev. Richard Ahlquist, Associate Rector

The Rev. Deacon Kaki O'Flinn/Pastoral Care

The Rev. Deacon John I. Kennedy Jr., MD./Episcopal DIOALA Chaplain to UAB Medical Center

RETIRED CLERGY

The Rev. Grady Richardson

The Rev. Gates Shaw

Retired clergy who worship and occasionally serve at St. Mary's

LAY STAFF

Emily Ball – *Asst. Children's Minister*

Katie Dewees – *Children's Minister*

Melodie Elam – *Director of Communications and
Hospitality Ministries*

Jessica Hall – *Youth and Young Adult Minister*

Cissy Hartz – *Ministries Coordinator*

Dr. John T. Lowe, Jr. – *Director of Music and
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Anne Morgan – *Asst. Children's Minister*

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Matt Watson – *Facilities Manager*

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