



ST. MARY'S

ON THE HIGHLANDS

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

July 27, 2025

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 Seventh 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.

Children are welcome in worship! Nursery is available for children younger than 3K. Children in preschool-3rd grade begin in church and 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*

While we worship in RMH, please fill the room from the front to the back - it is helpful for those arriving late.

Voluntary

Hymn in Procession – Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;
most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see
al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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 in excelsis

setting – Robert Powell

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.

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

The Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 18:20-32

The LORD said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

Psalm 138 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 **I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;**
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 **When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.**
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 **They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.**

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

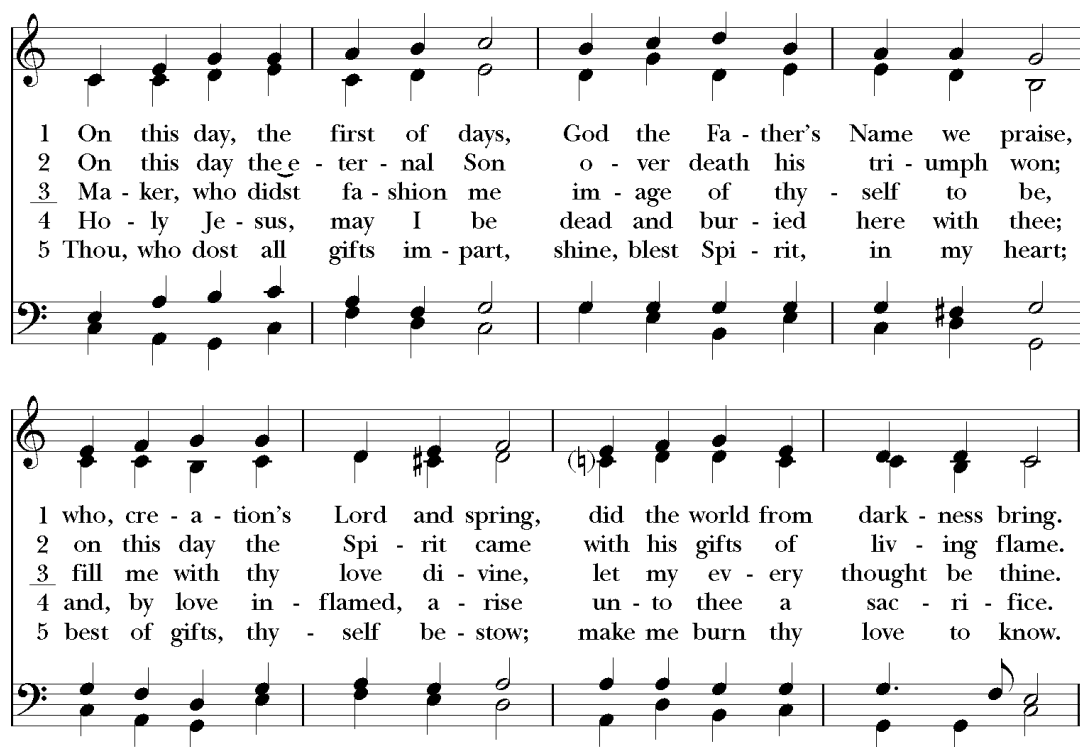
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Lesson

Colossians 2:6-19

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.



1 On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,
 2 On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;
 3 Ma - ker, who didst fa - shion me im - age of thy - self to be,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and bur - ied here with thee;
 5 Thou, who dost all gifts im - part, shine, blest Spi - rit, in my heart;

1 who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.
 2 on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.
 3 fill me with thy love di - vine, let my ev - ery thought be thine.
 4 and, by love in - flamed, a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.
 5 best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One,
 dwell within my heart alone;
 thou dost give thyself to me:
 help me give myself to thee.

The Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Deacon
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Deacon
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. H. Huey Gardner

The Nicene Creed *(standing)*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *(standing)*

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world,
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for all those on our parish prayer list and especially for Pat, Diane, Joe, Jim, George, Laura, and Bill;
that they may receive the gift of healing, strength, and life.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We give thanks for the life of Bob Doyle. Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Prayer for the Election of the Bishop of Alabama *(Celebrant and People)*

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop for The Diocese of Alabama, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

setting – Robert Powell

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._____

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

People and Celebrant

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation
 The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Any baptized person may receive Communion. Those who choose not to receive Communion may wish to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing one's arms over one's chest. Gluten free wafers are available by request.

Ushers will be in the center aisles. Movement is from the center aisle to the altar or Communion station to receive the bread and wine. Then return to your pew by way of the side aisle.

Music at Communion
 Hymn (*sung by all*)

Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, Lau - da - te Do - mi - num om - nes

gen - tes, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

1. 2. D.C.

Translation: Praise the Lord, all you peoples.

For the bread which you have broken (*sung by all*)

Omni die

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your
3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing
hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and 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.

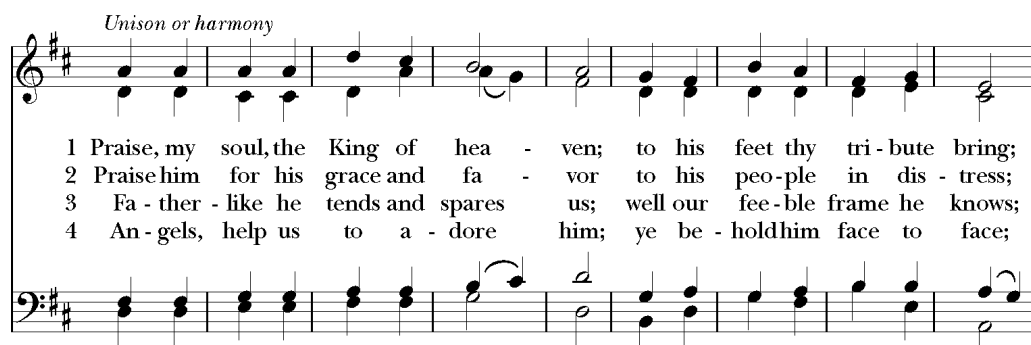
Blessing

As you leave this place, Go forth in Peace. Be assured that the past is forgiven- the Future is in God's hands.
Return to no person evil for evil. Remember the poor. Pray for the sick. And make no peace with injustice in
this world. And the blessing of God Almighty – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – Be among you and remain
with you always. **Amen.**

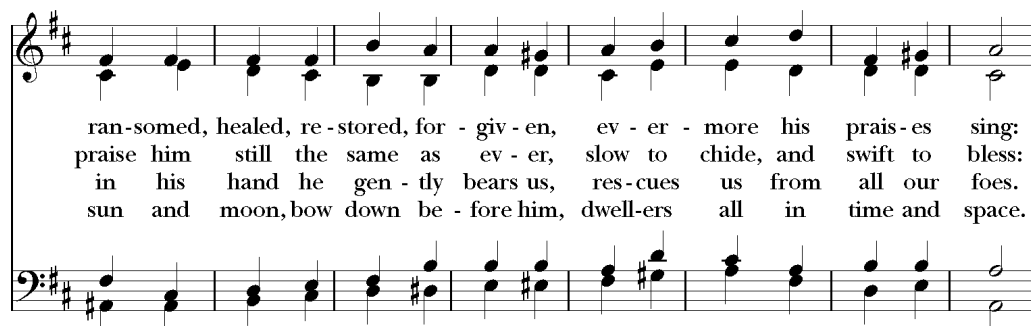
Hymn in Procession – Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda anima

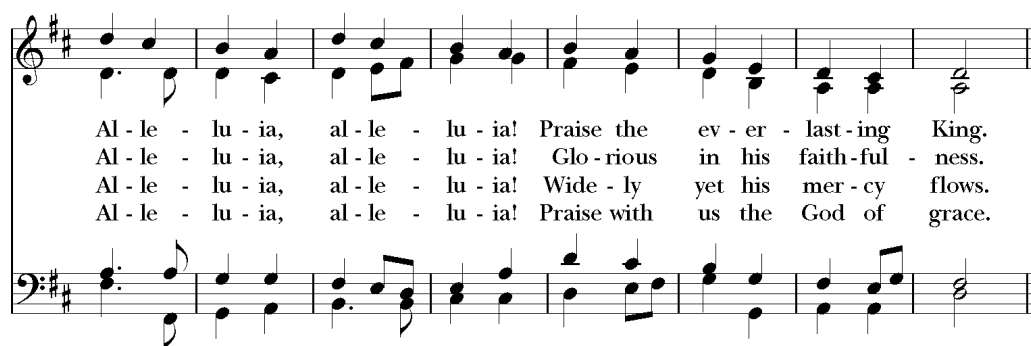
Unison or harmony



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

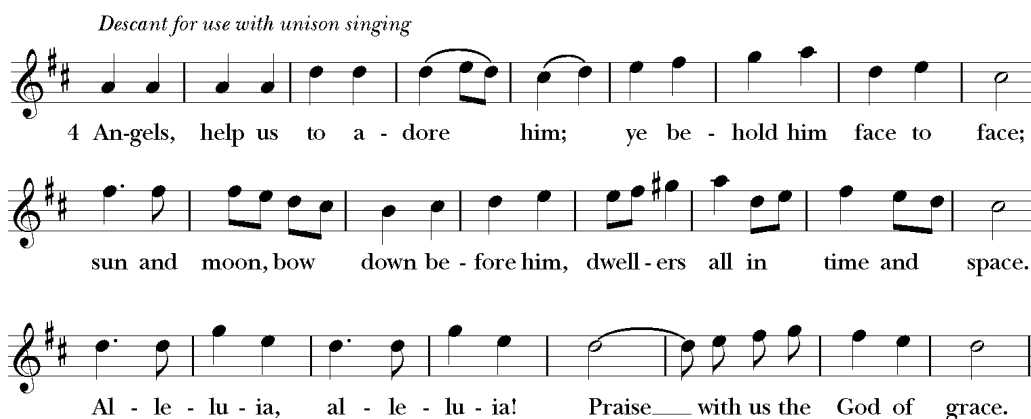


ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
 praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
 in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Descant for use with unison singing



4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Dismissal

Minister
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

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

Griff and Dolores Roberts

Assisting in our Worship Today

Preacher

The Rev. H. Huey Gardner

Celebrant

The Rev. Richard Ahlquist

Deacons

The Rev. Kaki O'Flinn The Rev. John Kennedy

Musicians

The St. Mary's Choir

Dr. John T. Lowe, Jr. – *Director of Music and Organist*

Assisting in Worship

Meade Whitaker

Chalice Bearers

Ed Allen

Stan Bradley

Lay Readers

Phil Black

Evan Pezant

Prayers of the People

Ingrid Richardson

Ushers

Jim Park

Davies Hood

Duncan Manley

Clint Thompson

Acolytes

Lexie Whatley

Webb Hawley

Mica Cuellar

Greeters

Cheryl Brakefield

Carolyn Martin

Emily Holmes

Jane Clapp

Altar Guild

Douglas Thompson

Beverly Kellen

Vicki McGehee

Cora Causey

Jennifer Dewees

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 complete 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 and complete the visitor card online.** And please introduce yourself to one of the clergy after the service. Thank you so much for worshiping with us.



St. Mary's Building Access

Please leave the motor court beneath RMH available for drop off or for those who need access to the elevator. To reach the worship space without using stairs, enter Drennen House through 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.*

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 all event info and registrations!

St. Mary's Night at the Barons!!

Thursday, August 7

Join us for an evening of fun at Regions Field's Banquet Patio, where the Barons will face off against the Chattanooga Lookouts. 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 starting at 6:30 PM, enjoy delicious burgers, Dreamland BBQ, beans, chips, bagged cookies, and refreshing drinks.**

To sign up: scan the QR code above to visit the Events page of our website. If you don't have internet access, just give Melodie Elam a call at 205-881-1261 to reserve your spot. **Tickets are \$15 for everyone aged 3 and up**, and we kindly ask that payment be made to secure your reservation. **Please note that the deadline to sign up is Friday, August 1, and unfortunately, we can't offer refunds after this date.**

Prepared Parents Class
Mon-Wed, July 28-30 / 10AM-Noon / Toddler Atrium

A class for children (infants through age 3) and their parents led by **Stephanie Spinks**. Sign up on the Events page of our website (scan the above “Events Page” QR code).

The “Loving Well” Group
Tuesday, August 5/ 2:00-3:00 PM / Chapel

Often, support and relief for caregivers come in the form of a shared community. The Loving Well group is an invitation to journey as companions along the same road in prayer, experience, and compassion. Cler Watkins and Kaki O’Flinn will facilitate the group. What you share will be kept confidential. **Contact Cler Watkins at clerweaver@gmail.com or Kaki O’Flinn at kaki@stmarysoth.org if interested.** This group meets every other Tuesday: August 5, August 19

Who Knew???
(formerly Aging Faithfully)
Next Meeting: Thursday, August 14 / 12:30 PM / Living Room

Are you an explorer with a few adventures under your belt? Or maybe just some years of experience with a life of faith? Join our **monthly gatherings** to follow the path we began with the “Aging Faithfully” book study earlier this year. The name of our gathering tells you that we want to keep listening, learning, and serving as we age.

Summer Reading Book Club
Tuesday, August 19 / Noon / Living Room

If you like reading and engaging in lively conversations, this series is for you. **Please bring your lunch, and we will have drinks and desserts ready in the Living Room.** For our last gathering, **Richard Ahlquist** will lead a discussion of *A Window to Heaven* by Patrick Dean.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summertime Blessing Box Collection

Our Blessing Box (located by the exit of the motor court) is one of the ways we serve those in our neighborhood. In it, we place necessities that are helpful to our neighbors in need. **This summer, we are collecting the following items to keep the box well-stocked.**

Peanut butter crackers	Granola bars	Meat sticks	Bottled water
Gatorade	Juice boxes	Body wipes	Toothbrushes
Travel-size toothpaste and deodorant			

All donations can be delivered to the Outreach office.

Morning Prayer Summer Schedule

All are welcome to join us for this daily office every **Wednesday** during the summer. Enter Drennen House **via the motor court door** and take the elevator to Level 3R. **We will meet in the CHAPEL while the nave is being painted.**

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

- **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.

Realm Member Database

Realm is up and running! If you were not able to utilize the parish “invite” from a couple of weeks ago, you can scan the QR code to the right to access the login page to activate your profile, edit your profile if needed, adjust privacy settings, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Melodie Elam at 205-881-1261. Thank you! *Please note: Access to the online directory is limited to **active parishioners**.*



PLEASE NOTE: Your default privacy settings allow only leaders and members of your parish groups to view your information in the online directory. To adjust this setting:

1. Sign in to Realm.
2. Click your name in the upper-right corner, and select **Privacy**.
3. Select your name or the name of a family member. (Parents can adjust these options for their children. Spouses can adjust options for each other.)
4. Select the privacy option you're comfortable with (*see definitions below*) or click **Custom Privacy** and select options for each field.
5. Click **Save**.

Helpful definitions of who can view your profile:

- “Anyone in the church” = Active St. Mary's parishioners with a Realm login.
 - “Leaders and group/serving team members” = Leaders AND members of YOUR groups
 - “Leaders” = Leaders ONLY of YOUR groups
 - “Users with permission only” = Clergy and staff only
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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:

Alex and Preston Ratliff

Please pray for our parishioners and staff:

John, Ann, Tommy, Jean, Margaret, Bill, Linda, George, Laura, Julia, Jim, Hap, June

For our families, friends, and neighbors:

Mark, Bill, Jennifer, Bart, Donna, Henry, Anna, Lynn

For those who are grieving:

Family of Reggie Gilbert, Family of Paul Mosteller, Family of Bob Doyle

For those who experience ongoing challenges:

Linda, Sue, Patty, Sherry, Judy, Patrick, Todd, Norma, Carley

And for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Alex, Brian, Steven, Daniel, Marjory, Jack, Jesse, Richard, Jonah, Robert, John, Isabelle, Charles

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The Reverend Richard Ahlquist, Associate Rector
The Reverend Deacon Kaki O'Flinn, Deacon / Pastoral Care
The Reverend Grady Richardson, Associate Clergy
The Reverend Gates Shaw, Associate Clergy

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