



*Welcome to*

## **St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

*Where Word and Sacrament come together  
in celebration and service*

### **The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Sunday, September 18, 10:00 AM**

*RITE II*

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## Gathering of The People

### Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Lobe den Herren*

Hymnal 390

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

*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

*Celebrant:* 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.*

### The Gloria (all sing)

Robert Powell

Hymnal S 280

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

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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. *Amen.*

Amos 8:4-7 (*Please be seated*)

*Lector:* A reading from Amos

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,  
buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."  
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** 113 (spoken responsively by verse)

BCP 756

1 Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the LORD; \*  
praise the Name of the LORD.

**2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.**

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
let the Name of the LORD be praised.

**4 The LORD is high above all nations, \*  
and his glory above the heavens.**

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high \*  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

**6 He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**

7 He sets them with the princes, \*  
with the princes of his people.

**8 He makes the woman of a childless house \*  
to be a joyful mother of children.**

1 Timothy 2:1-7

*Lector: A reading from Paul's Letter to Timothy*

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;  
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,  
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*Lector: The Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel** (*please stand*)

Luke 16:1-13

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

*Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**People: Praise to you Lord Christ**

**Homily** (*Please be seated*)

*Rev'd. Wright*

*Deacon:* Let us affirm our faith as expressed in the Nicene Creed.

**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.***

### **Prayers of the People**

*Deacon:* God has searched for us to teach us how to search for one another. That we may learn to live in God's new Jerusalem, generous with life, let us pray together, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

You come to us unarmed. May we never use you as a way to war, we pray you, O God.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

You come to us penniless. May we never use you as a way to wealth, we pray you, O God.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

You come to us innocent. May we never use you as a way to corruption, we pray you, O God.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

To comfort the suffering with compassion, especially those on our prayer list: John, Renee, Holley, Marlene, Traci, Rick, Rachel and Helen, we pray you, O Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

To face the death of life with the love you give, we pray you, O Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we use your peaceful self as a way to make peace, we pray you, O God.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we use your penniless self as a way to beg for alms, we pray you, O Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we use your innocent self as a way of curing sin, we pray you, O Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Shame us out of arrogance, O Lord, arrogance of power and place, we pray you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Win us with the love you have for the least of things, we pray you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* It would be a joy for us to be as you are, O Lord, toward the least of things on earth. We ask for your peacefulness, your humility, your innocence, both for ourselves, and for all the world. For there is no going home to you without our brothers and sisters, and through Christ our Lord.

## **Confession and Absolution**

**BCP 360**

### **Prayer of Confession**

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor devoutly kneeling as able.

**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;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.***

### **Absolution:**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

### **Peace** (*Please stand*)

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Announcements *(Please be seated)*

During Holy Communion those seated at the far sides of the church will be the first to be ushered to the front of the church, then those seated in the main aisle. The ushers will guide from the front pews to the back. Please return by the side aisle.

## Liturgy of Communion

Offertory Hymn      Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart      *Slane*      Hymnal 488

Presentation Hymn *(please stand)*      Doxology      Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## The Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 (all sing)

Franz Schubert

Hymnal S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.*

## Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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 *(A period of silence is kept.)*

BCP 364



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

### The Invitation

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Deacon:* For those who are unable to be present with us to partake of the Eucharist feast, we invite you to make your spiritual communion.

### Communion of the Faithful

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at this time.*

### Communion Hymn

There is a balm in Gilead

*Balm in Gilead*

Hymnal 676

### Post Communion Prayer (Please stand)

BCP 365

*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**

*Celebrant:* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you always.  
*Amen.*

**Closing Hymn**

God of Grace and God of glory

*Cwm Rhondda*

**Hymnal 595**

**Dismissal**

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Grand Jeux*

Jean-Baptiste Notre

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

**Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev'd. Ryan Wright**

**Deacon: The Rev'd. Bill Gillmore**

**Organist and Music Director: William Elliott**

**Acolyte: Kathleen Palaia**

**Crucifer: Tim Blaicher**

**Lectors: JOYceanna Rautio and Vivi Curt**

**Ushers: Jared and Lyn Pope**

**Altar Guild for this week: Lana Martindale, Jane Whinfrey, Sandie Gagorik and Kathy Vogel**

During the summer months when the prayer stations in the church do not have personnel available, OSL invites parishioners to either fill out a prayer request and place it in the box in the narthex for forwarding to our Power of Prayer Team or you may email your prayer request directly to Yolanda Naimoli, leader of the Power of Prayer Team, at [powerofprayer@stmarysbonita.org](mailto:powerofprayer@stmarysbonita.org).

### **Special Intentions for the Prayers of the People**

This week we pray: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer pray for The Diocese of Morogoro, The Anglican Church of Tanzania; Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Diocese of **Southwest Florida**, The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith; Companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Companion Diocese of Georgia; Companion Diocese of South Carolina; Companion Diocese of Western Louisiana; St. Raphael's, Fort Myers Beach; St. Stephen's, New Port Richey; St. Thomas', St. Petersburg; St. Vincent 's, St. Petersburg; St. Wilfred 's, Sarasota; Trinity-by-the-Cove, Naples

- for and all victims of war especially in Ukraine.
- for all elected officials that serve our community.
- for the ECW at Saint Mary's and the diocese.
- for all that care for the elderly in assisted living.
- that we may use the gifts received from God in a righteous way.
- for the United Way and the work, they do.
- In thanksgiving for kind acts rendered and received.
- for the sick and injured may they receive healing.
- for all Bishops especially for our Bishop, Dabney and for the ordination of Doug Scharf as Bishop Coadjutor remembering Philander Chase Bishop of Ohio and of Illinois 1852
- for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit especially John, Renee, Holley, Marlene, Traci, Rick, Rachel and Helen, and those on the Pastoral Care list.
- for the Divine love and mercy to sanctify all souls departed: especially Queen Elizabeth II
- For those serving in the armed services and all those who are deployed.



## Notices for the week of September 19 - September 25

The Altar Flowers this week are given by Mike Dabbar to the glory of God in loving memory of Elias Dabbar.

Please join us this week for **Coffee Hour** hosted by the Worship Commission after the 10:00 AM service.

September is Suicide Prevention Month. There is an excellent article on "Navigating a mental health crisis" available in the Narthex for anyone who is interested.

**Meals of Hope** needs volunteers! On Monday afternoons (2PM-5PM), St. Mary's hosts the trucks of this non-profit organization and volunteers hand out staples and fresh produce to Lee County residents. Please contact Bobbi or Nancy for more information.

Bobbi Bird (Meals of Hope) 239-537-7775 or Nancy Vaughn (St. Mary's) 239-989-3389

**ECW Lunch Bunch**, Thursday, September 29, at 12:00 noon. We will meet at Doug's Seafood, 3411 Bonita Beach Road, Suite 307-310, Bonita Springs. Please RSVP by September 25 to [dorisbialowis@comcast.net](mailto:dorisbialowis@comcast.net)

**Fall Foyer Groups**...fun, fellowship, food, a fool-proof forum for new parishioners and veteran parishioners. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please indicate whether you would like to dine at home or restaurant and add your email so you can be contacted. If you dine in a home, the host should provide the main course with everyone else contributing to the meal. If you dine in a restaurant, each person is responsible for their own cost. Questions? Contact Candy Bergquist at [candybergquist10@gmail.com](mailto:candybergquist10@gmail.com) or 978-473-0028.

On September 24, the Rev'd. Dr. Douglas Scharf will be consecrated and ordained as the Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida. The ceremony will take place at the Van Wezel Arts Center auditorium in Sarasota. Father Wright and Father Faupel will attend along with several members of the congregation.

## Please join Deacon Bill Gilmore



## Saturday, October 1 at 9:30 AM

**This Week at St. Mary's**

<i>Monday</i>		
Sept 19	12:00 PM	Book Club with Hugh Blair (Zoom)
	5:00 PM	Evening Prayer
<i>Tuesday</i>		
Sept 20	8:00 PM	AA Empathy Meeting
<i>Wednesday</i>		
Sept 21	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Zoom)
	5:00 PM	Evening Prayer
<i>Thursday</i>		
Sept 22	7:30 AM	Morning Prayer
	10:00 AM	OSL Growing Deeper (Zoom)
	4:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
	5:00 PM	Evening Prayer
<i>Friday</i>		
Sept 23	5:00 PM	Evening Prayer
<i>Saturday</i>		
Sept 24	11:00 AM	Consecration of Bishop Coadjutor (Sarasota)
	8:00 PM	AA Group Meeting
		<i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
Sept 25	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	6:30 PM	AA Meeting

**New Horizons will be in the Parish Hall Monday through Thursday  
from 3 pm to 5:30 pm.**

The Rev'd Ryan A. Wright, *Rector*  
 The Rev'd. Dr. D. William Faupel, *Assistant Priest*  
 The Rev'd. Gail Tomei, *Assistant Priest*  
 The Rev'd. William K. Gilmore, *Deacon*  
 William Elliott, *Organist and Music Director*  
 Nancy Vaughn, *Director of Youth and Family Ministries*  
 Ian Mitchell, *Parish Administrator*  
 Sandra Cecchini, *Office Assistant*  
 Sandy Gunger, *Sexton*

