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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

10:15am
Rite II
Morning Prayer

May 18, 2025

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
1 Saint Mary's Church Road
Abingdon, MD 21009

The Rev. Paul Andrew Bennett, Rector

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING HYMN *All creatures of ...* *Hymnal #400*
The blue Hymnal is located in each pew

THE PROCLAMATION OF EASTER

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Officiant On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice
and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your
praise.**

Officiant and People **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.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us
adore him.

VENITE *Psalm 95:1-7*

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his
hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**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 PSALM

Psalm 148

- ¹ Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- ² Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
- ³ Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- ⁴ Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
- ⁵ Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- ⁶ He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸ Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹² Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- ¹³ Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

JUBILATE *Psalm 100*

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Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF SIMEON *Luke 2:29-32*

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Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

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

THE THIRD LESSON

John 13:31-35

A Reading from the Gospel of John
Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial,

**and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

SUFFRAGES

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V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECTS

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions

as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

RECESSIONAL O love, how deep...

Hymnal #448

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Large print versions of the Book of Common Prayer are available on the tract table.
- Gluten free wafers are available upon request, let the usher know!
- Restrooms are located in the Parish House across the street from the church.

SAVE THE DATE: READING CAMP! JULY 28 - AUGUST 1

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR: Given for the Glory of God and in Honor of Rob's mother, Joyce Turner and in Thanksgiving for being the parents of two healthy sons, August and Marshall by Stephanie and Rob Turner.

The Altar Guild is scheduling Altar Flower donations for 2025. Please see or contact Beth Hunsinger 410-446-4351 or bhunsinger17@comcast.net if you are interested in remembering a loved one or special occasion. The cost for flowers is \$65 for 2025.

The Altar Guild would like to thank everyone who pre-ordered and came to the Flower Sale last Saturday. Your purchases, along with weekly flower donations, keep beautiful flowers on the altar and in the church throughout the year. Many thanks.

MEDITATION: Tues, Wed, Thurs in the chapel, 9:30am

WEDNESDAY CHAPEL SERVICE: All are welcome to the chapel (in the Parish House) at 10:15 each Wednesday as we commemorate notable persons and have lively discussions about the readings of the day.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: Each Wednesday in Classroom 4. Bible study will begin at noon. Participants are welcome to bring lunch with them. You are encouraged to bring your preferred bible translation. The zoom link to this class is in the Wednesday email.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY: ONCE A MONTH and ONCE A WEEK AM/PM slots available for filling the little free pantry. Would you like to give it a try? We invite you into this community effort to take care of each other!

Food closet is in need of: Small jars please... thank you!!!
Spaghetti sauce, Peanut butter, Can tuna, Shampoo

Toothpaste, Tampons, **See or email Lisa McGann:**
Lpmcgann442@yahoo.com

MINDFUL MOVEMENT: Join us at noon on Thursdays in the Parish Hall, bring a mat and a water bottle. It is free and for all people, all levels, even if you've never done yoga before! Email Amy: office@stmarysharford.org or call 410-569-0180 for more information.



NEW TO ST MARY'S? Please fill out our Newcomers and Visitors card in your pew or scan the barcode! We welcome you and invite you to ask us questions and get to know us!



SCAN ME



St Mary's Tea Party

17th May at 2pm
tickets



Adults \$15 Children \$5
please use the sign up
sheet to reserve spaces
(online or on tract table)

you are invited to bring a special cup/teapot to display
during the party

Hosted by
the Women of St Mary's





our 2025 camp theme

ALL ABOUT ME!



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Reading Camp Harford is a program of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland (EDoM) Outreach. Reading Camp does not provide religious instruction; our books and teaching materials are not faith based.

All of our adult volunteers are background checked and certified in child safety best practices through the Episcopal Church USA.

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READING CAMP HARFORD

is a **FREE** week-long full day camp for children entering second through fifth grades. It is held at the community center at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Abingdon.

OUR MISSION

is to provide a safe, fun summer camp setting for elementary school age children who are *reluctant readers*. They may be struggling with some basics of comprehension or phonics, or searching for a genre that sparks their desire to read for pleasure. Campers explore new ideas and ways to express themselves through engaging learning sessions, indoor and outdoor games, crafts, and—especially!—the chance to relax and have fun with new friends

Each morning at camp...

- campers are served a tasty, healthy breakfast and a mid-morning snack
- certified teachers lead small group learning session for skills refreshment and practice in reading comprehension, phonics, and writing, plus a creative discovery activity.

Each afternoon at camp...

- campers are served a filling lunch and a mid-afternoon snack
- activities are on the schedule such as exciting guest speakers and performers, a fun field trip, crafts and games, cooking, team-building challenges and lots more.
- offers plenty of free time to relax make new friends.
- includes special Book Breaks where campers explore our book collection to find just the right story to spark their imagination and interest.

For details about camp and registration forms for campers, adult volunteers, and teen counselors, send Bonnie a message at the address above.

**Reading Camp 2025 is scheduled for
July 28th – August 1st
Registration ends June 1st**