

# St. Mary's Episcopal Church Welcomes You!



## The Fifth Sunday of Easter & Music and Arts Sunday

May 3, 2026

8:15 - Spoken Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM - All Ages Service with Choirs

## Welcome to St. Mary's

Welcome, one and all! Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are most welcome here at St. Mary's! We strive to be an LGBTQ safe space and to live out our anti-racist principles in word and deed. The sacrament of Holy Communion is open to all who seek to know God in Christ. Come to the feast!

### A Special Welcome for those Bringing Children to Worship

We are very happy that you are here today!  
We want you and your children to feel at home here at St. Mary's.

- First, please relax. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children – and their sounds – are most welcome here.
- To make worship a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see what is going on, note the colors, watch the choir and clergy, and embrace the action at the altar.
- As we go through the liturgy, consider softly explaining the service to your children and encouraging them to chime in on the people's responses. All of these words belong to them, too.
- Be sure to sing, say, and pray the people's parts of the liturgy as much as possible, even as you are busy caring for your children. Your children will learn how to participate actively in worship by following your lead.

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## The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

A warm welcome to worship at St. Mary's this day!

**Wherever you see the † in our bulletin, it is customary to stand, as you are able.** Please listen to your body and remain seated as often as needed. If you need a restroom during the service, please exit through the rear doors of the church, walk through the windowed cloister, and enter the Parish Hall. Bathrooms will be on your left.

*Today we welcome The Rev. Elizabeth Ewing to lead worship.*

### Prelude

Canon in D

Johann Pachelbel

### † Processional Hymn 432 *(The Hymnal 1982)*

O Praise Ye the Lord

*Laudate Dominum*

### † Eastertide Greeting

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### † Gloria

*(8:15 only)*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

(10:30 only, S-280 Gloria in excelsis)

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.

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† Collect for Music Sunday

*The Royal School of Church Music*

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Presider*      Let us pray.

God of all creation,  
for whom the church, in liturgy and song,  
has borne faithful witness through the centuries;  
let us be your instruments of praise,  
that in us may be found that new dimension of sound  
which tunes our souls and bodies  
to the infinite beauty of your truth  
and the profound glory of your eternal light.  
For you reign, Trinity in unison,  
God in harmony, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson    Isaiah 6:1-8

*New Revised Standard Version*

*Lector*        A reading from the Book of Isaiah

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

*Lector*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*(8:15 only) The Psalm will be recited in unison*

**Hallelujah!**  
**Praise God in his holy temple;**  
    **praise him in the firmament of his power.**  
**Praise him for his mighty acts;**  
    **praise him for his excellent greatness.**  
**Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn;**  
    **praise him with lyre and harp.**  
**Praise him with timbrel and dance;**  
    **praise him with strings and pipe.**  
**Praise him with resounding cymbals;**  
    **praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.**  
**Let everything that has breath**  
    **praise the Lord.**  
**Hallelujah!**

*(10:30 only)*

**Choral Anthem** Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

Boswell, Papa

*You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks, You paint the evening sky with wonders.  
The earth, it is Your throne, from desert to the sea, all nature testifies Your splendor.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Sing His greatness all creation. Praise the Lord, raise your voice!  
You heights and all you depths, from furthest east to west, let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

*You reached into the dust, in love, Your Spirit breathed, You formed us in Your very likeness;  
To know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds, to join the everlasting chorus.*

*Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out, all heaven hear the sound of worship!  
Let every nation bring its honors to the King, a roar of harmonies eternal!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Sing His greatness all creation. Praise the Lord, raise your voice!  
You heights and all you depths, from furthest east to west; You distant burning stars, all creatures near  
and far, from sky to sea to shore, sing out forevermore! Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!*

**The Second Lesson**

Revelation 5:6-14

*New Revised Standard Version*

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Revelation

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

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

† **Sequence Hymn 361**

*(The Hymnal 1982)*

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Nicaea*

† **The Gospel**

Matthew 28.16-20

*New Revised Standard Version*

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

8:15 - The Rev. Elizabeth Ewing

10:30 - Michelle Germaine, Minister for Children, Youth and Families

*After the sermon, a time of reflective silence is kept.*

† The Nicene Creed

*Enriching Our Worship*

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

*Common Worship (Church of England)*

*Presider*

Let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings to God.

*Intercessor*

Jesus, light of the world,  
bring your light and peace to all people,  
especially those experiencing war and terror.  
*Jesus, Lord of life, **hear our prayer.***

Jesus, bread of life,  
give food to the hungry  
and nourish us all with your word.  
*Jesus, Lord of life, **hear our prayer.***

Jesus, our way, our truth, and our life,  
be with us and all who follow you in the way.  
Deepen our appreciation of your truth  
and fill us with your life.  
*Jesus, Lord of life, **hear our prayer.***

Jesus, Good Shepherd,  
who gave your life for the sheep:  
recover the straggler,  
bind up the injured,  
strengthen the sick,  
and lead all to fresh pastures.  
We pray especially for...  
*(a pause is held and prayers may be spoken aloud).*  
*Jesus, Lord of life, **hear our prayer.***

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,  
we give you thanks for all  
who have lived and believed in you  
and now feast with you at the heavenly banquet.  
We especially remember...  
*(a pause is held and names may be spoken aloud).*  
Raise us with them to eternal life.  
*Jesus, Lord of life, **hear our prayer.***

*Presider*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## † The Peace

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## Welcome & Announcements

*You are most welcome here at St. Mary's! If you are new, please fill out the Contact Card on the back of the bulletin and place it in the Offering Plate. We'll add you to our e-newsletter, and Rev. Sean will reach out with a personal welcome and to answer any questions you might have about St. Mary's.*

## Celebrating May Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Let us pray: Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts, may your peace which passes all understanding, abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Invitation to the Offering

*Presider* Walk in love as Christ loves us and gives himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God.

*On the first Sunday of each month, all cash placed in the offering plate will be designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Checks with "Discretionary Fund" in the memo can be contributed in the offering plate or by mail at any time. The Discretionary Fund enables Rev. Sean to meaningfully assist people who approach St. Mary's seeking tangible, material help – parishioners and non-parishioners alike.*

## Offertory Anthem

We Shall Be Known

Nutting, Longaker

*We shall be known by the company we keep, by the ones who circle round to tend these fires.  
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap the seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth.  
It is time now, it is time now that we thrive. It is time we lead ourselves into the well.  
It is time now, and what a time to be alive. In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love.*

† Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Thomas Ken, 1709

*Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623*

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/8 time. The lyrics are: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost: O praise God, Al - le - lu - ia! O praise God, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

† The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP)*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal God.

For Christ has broken the chains of death  
and risen triumphant from the grave;  
heaven has been wedded to earth,  
and all creation is reconciled with you.  
Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness;  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

*(8:15 only)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

(10:30 only, S-129 Sanctus)

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.\_\_\_\_\_

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Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us  
for yourself...

*If you would like the full text of the prayer, it can be  
found on page 362 of the Book of Common Prayer.*

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People**      **Christ has died.**  
                  **Christ is risen.**  
                  **Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in  
this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

*The prayer continues on page 363  
of the Book of Common Prayer.*

...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 God, now and for ever.

**People**      **Amen.**

## † The Lord's Prayer

*The Presider says*

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 Fraction

*The Presider breaks the bread in silence*

(8:15 only)

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

(10:30 only, S-155, Gerald Near))

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## † The Presentation and Invitation

adapted from St. Augustine of Hippo

*The Presider, joined by those others distributing, raises the elements and says*

*Presider* Behold what you are.  
*People* **May we become what we receive.**  
*Presider* The gifts of God for the people of God.

## Communion of the People and Healing Prayer

*All are most welcome to partake in Holy Communion, including children of any age. We believe that desire to commune with God precedes understanding and that understanding grows over time. Even for those who are advanced in years and in wisdom, the mystery of the sacrament remains. If you wish to deepen your connection to this mystery and have not yet been baptized, please consider speaking with Rev. Sean about participating in that sacrament of belonging.*

*If you are receiving Communion, please allow the priest or deacon to drop bread into your cupped and outstretched hands. If you need gluten free bread, please request it from the person serving you. Wine or grape juice may then be consumed by sipping or by intinction (dipping): the chalice containing wine is silver and will be on your left; the goblet containing juice is crystal and will be on your right. You may switch Communion lines if you prefer to receive wine rather than juice, or vice-versa.*

*If you are not receiving Communion, you are still most welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to communicate a desire for a blessing.*

*If you wish to receive healing prayer and the laying on of hands, please proceed to the side chapel after receiving Communion. You may request prayer for yourself or on behalf of others – for any reason. All prayer requests will be held in confidence by those who are offering healing prayer today.*

Communion Hymn 711

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty

## † Post-Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Presider says*  
Let us pray.

**Eternal God, 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**

May the songs of the angels sustain you,  
may the praises of the saints inspire you,  
may the silent music of the Unseen Trinity be in your heart,  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Source, Son and Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

† **Hymn 420**            When in Our Music God is Glorified  
(*The Hymnal 1982*)

*Engelberg*

† **Dismissal**

*The Presider dismisses the People, and the people respond*  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

Fugue in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

# The St. Mary's Prayer List

Merritt Andruss – recurrence of lung cancer, Sue Brosius, Cindy Falcone (Schofield),  
Rosemary Herrick, Jason Loudon, Matthew Thornton, Nathan Tullio, Jill Williams

**We pray also for our neighborhood and wider community, especially those with whom we share space and ministry: the guests and volunteers of the Ardmore Food Pantry; the families served by Family Promise of the Main Line; the children, parents, and teachers of Play & Learn.**

*Should there be someone you would like to have added to the published Prayer List, please email Francesca (office@stmarysardmore.org) who will send you a link to a brief form. Names will remain on the new list for two months. If you'd like someone to remain on the prayer list for longer than 2 months, you can always re-submit their name. Thank you for continuing to keep our St. Mary's community aware of those needing our prayers and support.*

**Introduce Yourself**  
*Link to Contact Card*



**Give Online**  
*Link to Simple Give*



**Serve on Sundays**  
*Link to sign-up*



# Happenings at St. Mary's – Get Involved!

There's always something going on at St. Mary's, and we'd love for you to be a part of it!  
From community gatherings to special events, everyone is welcome to join in.

## Recurring Weekly Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Every Tuesday	5:30 PM	Zoom	Centering Prayer Group

## Other Events & Activities

April 22	7 PM	Outside Fountain	Earth Day Worship Service
April 22	7 PM	Large Hall	Vestry
April 26	11:45 AM	Small Hall	Cathryn Miller-Wilson of HIAS PA to Speak

## Kids, Youth & Families Events & Activities

Sundays	9:30 AM	Upstairs Classroom	Youth Choir
Sundays	6:30 PM	Upstairs Rectory	Youth Group

Scan the QR Code to read Tidings and learn more about these activities!



Have an idea? Planning something? Need to get it on the calendar?  
Reach out to Francesca at [office@stmarysardmore.org](mailto:office@stmarysardmore.org).



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# MAINTAINING A LEGAL LIFELINE FOR IMMIGRANTS HIAS PA Fund Drive 2026 April 19 - May 3

**Most immigrants—including children—lack legal representation. Yet having an attorney can mean the difference between prolonged detention and safely returning home to family.**

**The HIAS PA legal team works tirelessly to defend local immigrants facing detention or removal. We've helped secure the release of neighbors who were unlawfully detained and advocate to raise awareness about the human and economic costs of deportation.**

**Our focus remains on serving the most vulnerable by providing expert legal representation—often their only path to safety through the courts.**

## How to Donate



### **Donate via Simple Give:**

<https://my.simplegive.com/App/Giving/STMARYSConv>  
Designate: Immigration Action Group

### **Donate via cash or check to St. Mary's Episcopal Church -**

Identify on envelope (if cash) or on memo line "Immigration Action Group" - place in collection basket or leave in parish office.

St. Mary's will send a check with the total of ALL donations to HIAS PA and acknowledge them on Church Giving Statements.

Sponsored by St. Mary's Immigration Action Group



**We're so glad you're here!** Thank you for joining us at St. Mary's today. We know it can be intimidating to walk into a new place where most people seem to already know what's going on. Many of us have been in your shoes, and we'd love to help you connect here. We have come to St. Mary's from a wide variety of religious and non-religious traditions. We've stayed because we want to be part of a community of shared values – of shared hopes and dreams for being human together on this fragile Earth – and because we've found deep meaning in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

HELLO

WELCOME

**St. Mary's is a church with a special history of caring for one another and for our neighbors.** Founded in 1883 to serve the mill workers of Ardmore, some wealthier neighbors joined the parish, too. Later in our history, St. Mary's was on the vanguard of explicitly welcoming LGBTQ+ people. We seek to grow continually in our inclusivity and diversity, desiring particularly to become a community ever more deeply committed to anti-racist thought and action. Children are very welcome in every aspect of our life together as full and valued members – fussy babies and talkative toddlers included.

**St. Mary's is also a church that strives to walk its talk.** We founded, fund, and operate the Ardmore Food Pantry. We regularly provide housing for families – in partnership with Family Promise of the Main Line – as they seek stable, secure permanent housing. We also care deeply about welcoming immigrants and refugees, working against gun violence, and ensuring equal access to quality education. **We hope you'll continue to join us in our work and worship!**

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## Newcomer Contact Card – We Look Forward to Getting to Know You!

Your Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions, Comments, and/or Doodles?

Would you like to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter?  Yes  No

***Please Place in the Offering Plate or Give Directly to the Priest or Deacon***