

<p><b>Ministers of the Day</b></p> <p>Reader OT and NT Epistle: Anne Sumblin  Prayers of the People: Blakely Taylor  Altar Server: Jan Morris  Ushers: Terry Kyzar and Chip Wood</p>	<p><b>Children at St. Mary's</b></p> <p>If you have children, please know that they are warmly welcomed at St. Mary's. Nursery care is available for infants and young children during our worship. From September through May, young people in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 may attend Sunday School, leaving for their classes after the first hymn. All children join us in worship after the Peace. Baptized children are encouraged to receive communion. Please know that your family – with all of its noise, commotion, and joy – is a vital part of the community gathered in worship.</p>										
<p>Man's sin is in his failure to live what he is. Being the master of the earth, man forgets that he is the servant of God.</p> <p><b>Abraham Joshua Heschel</b></p>	<p><b>Stewardship Report</b></p> <p>Total Inflows through 8/31/2020 \$ 134,745  Total Outflows through 8/31/2020 \$ 107,749</p> <p><b>Birthday Blessings to:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Belated: Ron Nall</td> <td>10/01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Greg Powell</td> <td>10/01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beth Weed</td> <td>10/03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Na-Quishia Brown</td> <td>Today</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chip Wood</td> <td>10/06</td> </tr> </table> 	Belated: Ron Nall	10/01	Greg Powell	10/01	Beth Weed	10/03	Na-Quishia Brown	Today	Chip Wood	10/06
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**St. Mary's Prayer List**

**Parishioners:** Campbell Kyle, Joanne Boswell; Willie Mack Pate; Maria Thigpen; Riven Adams; Tammy Portemont; Robert Koich; Fred Winkler; Ligia Allen; Jan Derrick; Gloria and Billy Gant

**Family of Parishioners:** The Floyd family, *family of Tim Mersmann*; Jaon Mims, *Susan Stephens' mother*; Paige Murphey, *family of Barbara Loyd*; Carole Barnette, *family of Carolyn Barnette*; Nelson Davis, *family of the Gambles*; Heath Hooper, *Tammy Portemont's nephew*; Sarah, *Maria Thigpen's mother*; Addie Selid, *mother of Kathy Kyzar*; Don Peters, *Suzi Mersmann's father*; Glenn, *Debra Gamble's brother*; Matthew Hendricks, *Jeanie Stokes Rue's son*

**Friends of St. Mary's:** The Scott family; all those suffering from Covid-19; all health care workers; Becky, *friend of Mother Cindy*; Patrick Ray and Peggy Mills, *friends of the Mersmanns*; the Boldog family, *friends of the Mersmanns*; Amy Bowman, *friend of the Sumblins*; Gary, *friend of Mother Cindy*; Katherine Stephens, *friend of the White family*; Bobby Crutchfield, *friend of the Sumblins*; Kevin and Skye Nash, *friends of Jeanie Rue*; Naima Ghany and family, *friends of Jeanie Stokes Rue*

**Faithful Departed:** Judy Scott

**Serving in the Military:** Chris Kucala, Tim Kucala

**Prayers of the People:** If you would like to add names and requests to our prayers, please write them on the paper provided on the lectern as you enter the nave or add any prayers, silently or aloud, at the designated times. You may also add names to our Prayer List by calling the church office (334-222-2487) or emailing our prayer request line (stmprayers@centurytel.net).

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and  
in thanksgiving for St. Mary's Church.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The Feast of St. Francis*

The Feast of St. Francis is TODAY, October 4<sup>th</sup>, and we will celebrate with a pet blessing that day at 4:00 pm in the patio between the two parish hall buildings. Masks will be required for humans. We will share a time of fellowship after the blessing, with individually packaged ice cream bars for humans and treats for dogs and cats. Donations of pet food to be given to our Rice and Beans Ministry guests for their pets will be accepted.

*Building Dedication*

Bishop Russell Kendrick will join us at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, to dedicate the new addition to the Parish Hall building, as well as our two newest outreach ministries, a Little Free Library and a Little Pantry. An outdoor reception will follow. Masks will be required, and appropriate social distancing will be practiced.

*Communion*

Weather permitting, communion (using already consecrated bread) will be shared each Wednesday at 6:00 pm on the patio outside the Parish Hall. You can park on the side lot and enter from the back of the building.

*Compline*

We will pray compline together at 8:00 pm on Thursday each week. This is a lovely way to end your day. Please join us. The Zoom link will be sent by email or contact Mother Cindy.

*Stewardship Campaign for 2021*

The Vestry asks that you return your completed pledge card for financial giving in 2021 by October 14<sup>th</sup>. The next year is a very important one in the life of St. Mary's, and your pledge is a sign of your commitment to our work together. Extra pledge cards are available in the narthex.

*Building Fund*

With the completion of our new building, we have begun paying monthly payments on our loan. If you have pledges outstanding for 2019 and/or 2020, we ask that you make every effort to pay these before the end of the year. If you did not make a pledge, please consider contributing.

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

**Blessing of Pets**— TODAY, Patio, 4:00 pm  
**Cursillo Reunion**—Tuesday(6th), 8:00 am, Cenergy Deli, Hwy 29 N  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** – Tuesday(6th) and Thursday(8th), 7:00 pm  
**Holy Eucharist**—Wednesday(7th), 6:00 pm, Patio  
**Compline**—Thursday(1st), 8:00 pm (on zoom)

**St. Mary's Vestry**

Debra Gamble: Senior Warden, Lay Leader  
Terry Kyzar: Junior Warden  
Bill Alverson  
Hunter Harrington  
Debbie Grimes  
Jason Jessie  
Tim Mersmann  
Anne Sumblin  
Shawn Taylor

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ  
Ministers: The People of St. Mary's Church  
Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick  
Rector: The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Howard  
Choirmaster and Organist: John Beasley  
Treasurer: Ron Nall  
Clerk: Nancy Eldridge



**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**  
Welcoming All to Experience God's Love  
**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
October 4, 2020

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It is with pleasure that St. Mary's welcomes you today! We would like to know you and serve you beyond the events of this day. You can begin our relationship by signing the guest book inside our front door. All are welcome to participate fully in our worship. All baptized Christians—not only Episcopalians—are welcome to join us at the altar rail for Holy Communion. Just as this is your Father's house, so the Lord's table has a place for you as well.

**Sunday Schedule**

**9:15 am Holy Eucharist**

**Thanks to Skip Enzor for his video services today.**

# The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2020

*As we enter this place, let us prepare for worship by quieting the noise in our lives and making room for God's word and sacrament to speak to us.*

In our liturgy, we open our hearts to encounter Christ in the scriptures and the sermon and to tell the whole sweeping story of salvation in the Nicene Creed. Our everyday lives are brought into our worship, confessed to God's goodness, grace, and mercy during the prayers of the people and the confession. We stretch out our hands in love to strangers, friends, and enemies as we exchange the peace—a sign of the kinship that we have as members of one body in Christ. By fully engaging the work of the liturgy, we prepare ourselves—in the words of Saint Augustine—to become what we see and receive what we are at God's table. *Adapted from Forward Day By Day*

*\*Stand as you are able*

*\*\*Stand or kneel as you are able*

## The Prelude

### The Word of God

\*The Procession      *“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”*      Hymnal 518

\*The Opening Acclamation      BCP 355

\*Gloria      BCP 356

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

**Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20**

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.” Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.”

Reader:    The Word of the Lord.

**People:    Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 19

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## The Second Lesson

**Philippians 3:4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader:    The Word of the Lord.

**People:    Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant:    The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

## The Holy Gospel

**Matthew 21:33-46**

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Celebrant:    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon	Mother Cindy
*Nicene Creed	BCP 358
**The Prayers of the People (Form IV)	BCP 388
**Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
*The Peace	BCP 360

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP 367
*Sanctus	BCP 367
**The Lord's Prayer (prayed together)	BCP 364
**The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364
**Communion Hymn <i>“Day By Day”</i>	Hymnal 654
**The Blessing	
*The Procession into the World	Hymnal 495

*“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrant:    Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People:    Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



