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Welcome!

Cultivating wonder.
Growing in Christ.
Renewing our communities.

Order of Worship
November 1, 2026 | 10:30 am
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Welcome

Prelude ***A Mighty Fortress***
-arr. DiGesare

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**
We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
We shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
We give you thanks, O God…to you be all honor and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn #65 (Chalice)** ***A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Prayer of the Day
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

You are invited to use the time before service to prepare your heart and mind for worship through prayer and reflection. We kindly ask that all cell phones and media devices be silenced.

Worship Liturgy
Throughout the worship liturgy, you are invited to respond with all of the words in bold.

***Asterisk indicates** please rise in body or spirit

Hearing Assist Devices
Headphones & receivers are available in the tech booth.

WE HEAR

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17 (pg. 249)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.
O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

New Testament: 1 John 3:1-3 (pg. 240)

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 (pg. 4)

*Gospel Response (Chalice #44)

Bless the Lord, oh my soul
And all that is within me
Bless God's holy name

Reflection

* Hymn #635 (Chalice) *Faith of Our Fathers*

Thanks to the following for assisting with service today:

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WE RESPOND

All Saint's Litany *(See Insert)*

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer
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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

Offering Collection
If you'd like to support the mission and work of St. Mary's, you may give using the QR code or place cash or a check in the offering plate located in the Vestry.

Offering Song – (Chalice #379) **Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring**

***Offertory Prayer**
Faithful and everlasting God, as we are mindful of all who have gone on ahead of us, teach us to follow their example:
to share the good news in word and deed,
to feed the poor in body or spirit,
to support and comfort the mourners and the repentant,
to encourage the meek and stand with them in crises,
to affirm those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
to cherish and learn from the merciful,
to be humbled by, and stand with, the peacemakers. Amen.

Sunday Mornings
9:15 am – Adult Sun. Sch
9:15 am – Children's Sun. Sch (2nd & 4th Sundays)
10:30am – Hybrid In-Person and Online Worship

Church Staff
Rev. Sam Chamelin: *Pastor*
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Pastoral Emergencies
For pastoral concerns please call the church office 410-346-7977
Prayer Requests:
To submit a prayer request, scan the QR code with your phone, submit a request via the Church Center app, or call the church office.

Church Office Hours
Mondays & Wednesdays
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COMMUNION

Invitation

The apostle Paul speaks words of peace when he writes… As we gather at this table we join together with the saints of every time and age, praising God with one voice.

Here at this table, the resurrected Christ comes to us in the elements of bread and wine. As we share this meal with Christ and with one another, we are filled with his presence invited to live the resurrection, and to anticipate the day when all will be well. So come, my brothers and sisters, for we are invited to this feast of victory!

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and our highest calling to give thanks unto, Lord our God, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Word made flesh,… For your love and faithfulness we will at all times praise you, and join in the unending hymn around your throne:

Holy, holy, holy,
God of love and majesty
The whole universe speaks of your glory,
O God Most High!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!
Hosanna in the highest!

We thank you for the church throughout the ages…Lord, give us courage to follow your way of life.

Words of Institution

We remember….Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ's death we proclaim.
Christ's resurrection we declare.
Christ's coming we await.
Glory be to you, O God.

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death…Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy one, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread and the Pouring of Wine

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.
The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: grant us your peace.

Call to the Table

In our sharing bread today we include in companionship
the saints alive and the saints resurrected.
In our sharing of bread today we include in companionship
the poor, marginalized and rejected of this world.
In our sharing of bread today we include in companionship
those known to us and those not known, who need Jesus now.
In our sharing of bread today we include in companionship
Jesus, our incarnated, broken and risen Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.
We give you thanks for this meal of nourishment and joy, and we thank you for the companions with whom we share it. Give us, as you give to all the faithful, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first born of many from the dead. Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn #637 (Chalice)** ***For All the Saints

***Benediction**

***Three-fold Amen**

Announcements

Postlude** ***Faith of Our Fathers
- arr. Berry