

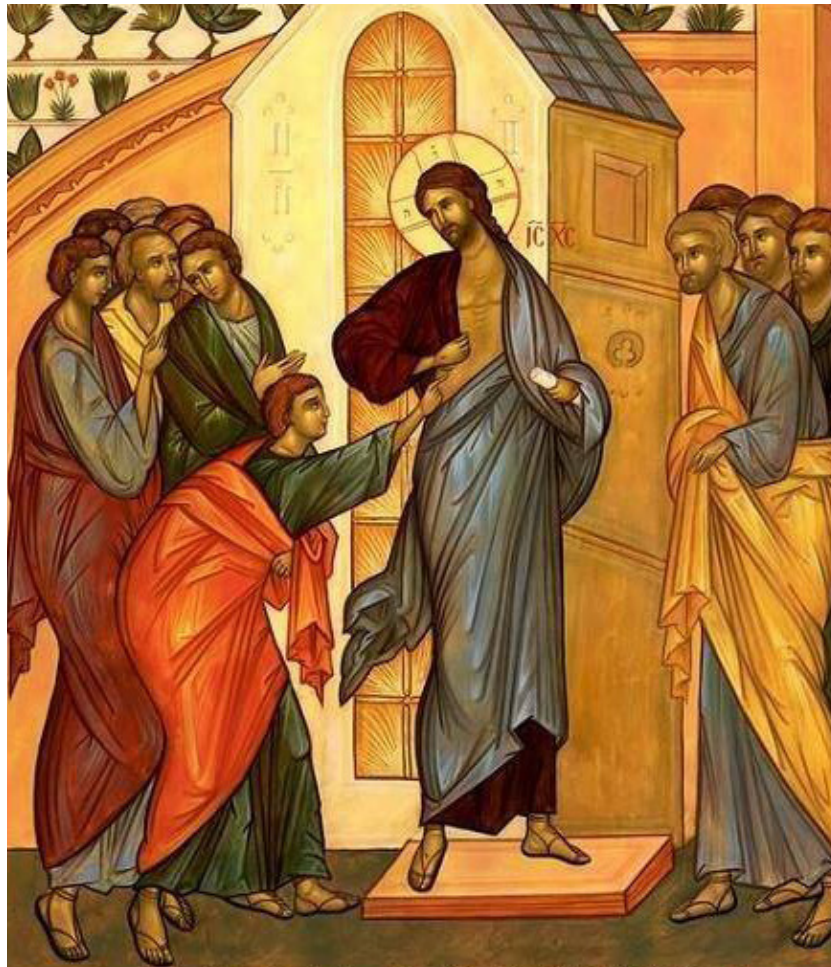


# St. Mary's Episcopal Church

*A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania*

April 27, 2025 The Second Sunday of Easter 7:45am Rite I

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Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

- John 20:29

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

**A**lmighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **First Reading**

**Acts 5:27-32**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

**W**hen the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**H**allelujah!

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

## Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

**J**ohn to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**W**hen it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Mary McCullough**

**Nicene Creed**

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## The Prayers of the People

*The Deacon or other person appointed says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world. In our parish cycle of prayers this week, we pray for Christopher Hart, Judith Hadley & Geoffrey Cowling, Balana Gullatt and Jeanne Griffin-Greene and their families.

*After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.*

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop, Father Conor our Rector that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald our President, and Josh our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor *(Congregation reads the names aloud)* **Irene Steinhardt, Jennifer Lurie, Victoria Coates, JoAnne Vereneck, Jim Cobb, Scott Ziglar, Craig and Ann Marie Erickson, Marylu Hill and her family, Magali Behrmann, Avanya Manasseh, Wilhelm Rebmann, Timothy O'Donovan, Aldys Davis, Guillaume Brunet, Enid Ball and Bob Buckley, Leah Laurie. Also included on the prayer list are our friends John Paul, Peggy Wilson, Emma Cavanaugh-Kerr, Stan Compton, Arlene, Carole Beideman, Grace, Fionn Reid, Lois, Ellie and Karen Iacobucci.** that they may be delivered from their distress, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good example of St. Mary and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. We pray especially for Lisa Hopkins Hart in whose memory the Altar Flowers are given, Iva May Johnson in whose memory the Lady Chapel Flowers are given and Mary Jo and George Arnott for whom the Sancutary Light is given.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**



## Invitation & Announcements

To all who are lonely and need friendship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, this church opens wide its doors and bids you WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors to St. Mary's this morning. Please sign our guest book by the front door of the Church.

### Today is Sunday, April 27, 2025 The Second Sunday of Easter

7:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(livestreamed and recorded)

11:15 am Coffee Hour

#### Acolytes

7:45 am Barb Zimmer

10:00am Ruth Lanouette, John Hinchey  
Allyson Radford

#### Chalice

7:45 am Barb Zimmer

10:00am Elizabeth Morrill

#### Readers

7:45 am Balana Gullatt

10:00am Edith Helms (1)  
Tom Sean Kelleher (2)

**Prayers of the People:** Bridget Lanouette

**Live Stream:** Noah Lanouette

**Ushers:** Neal Fulton, Janice Radford  
Frank Tatnall

#### Parish Cycle of Prayers

In this week's Parish Cycle of Prayers we pray for Christopher Hart, Judith Hadley & Geoffrey Cowling, Balana Gullatt and Jeanne Griffin-Greene and their families.

**Flowers on the High Altar** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Lisa Hopkins Hart** on the anniversary of her death, by her husband, Christopher Hart.

**Flowers on the Lady Chapel Altar** this morning are given in loving memory of **Iva May Johnson**, by her daughter Eleanor Johnson, deceased long time member of St. Mary's.

**The Sanctuary Light** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Mary Jo and George Arnott**.

**Please pray for those in ongoing need of our prayers and all on our parish intercession list at St. Mary's:** Irene Steinhardt, Jennifer Lurie, Victoria Coates, JoAnne Vereneck, Jim Cobb, Scott Ziglar, Craig and Ann Marie Erickson, MaryLu Hill and her family, Magali Behrmann, Avanya Manasseh, Wilhelm Rebmman, Timothy O'Donovan, Aldys Davis, Guillaume Brunet, Enid Ball, Bob Buckley and Leah Laurie. Also included on the prayer list are our friends John Paul, Peggy Wilson, Emma Cavanaugh-Kerr, Stan Compton, Arlene, Carole Beideman, Grace, Fionn Reid, Lois, Ellie and Karen Iacobucci.

The names read aloud today include St. Mary's parishioners and family members of parishioners. Please say aloud the names of your loved ones during the Prayers of the People when the lector pauses for the congregation to add their own petitions. Please note: *Kindly let our Parish Administrator Nicole Marie know if you would like yourself or another prayed for at our services. It is our practice to take individuals off the Intercession list after four weeks unless more time is requested.*

**Welcome our Guest Priest today!**  
**The Rev. Mary McCullough**



Mary is a retired Episcopal priest, living in Horsham with her husband of 49 years. Ordained in 2008, she served at Trinity Church Ambler for eleven years and was Interim Rector at All Hallows in Wyncote for two years. Mary has been a spiritual director for over 20 years having received her Master's Degree from Neumann University. Facilitating retreats and prayer groups is a lifegiving form of ministry. Mary loves to be with her five grandchildren, to read, do jigsaw puzzles and watch the Eagles!

We also welcome our Guest Organist **William Riley** today!



**Fr. Conor's Installation  
as the 11th Rector of St. Mary's Church  
SATURDAY, May 3rd at 10:00am**

Bishop Gutierrez will be coming to St. Mary's to officially install Fr. Conor as the 11th Rector of St. Mary's Church. Please join us for the service, and stay for the reception.

**Monday Morning Bible Study Online via Zoom  
11:00am - 12:00pm** During the months of February and March, the 11am Bible study class has been discussing the book of Jeremiah. We began a close analysis of Ezekiel on March 31st. We will follow this by reading the book of Daniel, and then we will turn our attention to the New Testament. Please consider adding this Bible study to your Lenten devotions. You will be in good company and always most welcome. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Erlis Wickersham at [vze27g53@verizon.net](mailto:vze27g53@verizon.net).

**St. Mary's Book Club**

The next meeting of the St. Mary's Book Club will take place **at Jean Wetzels house on May 14th at 2:00 pm**. We will discuss the true story of Susan La Flesche Picotte, who became the first Native American doctor in U.S. history. It is entitled *A Warrior of the People* and it was written by Joe Starita. On June 10th at Erlis Wickersham's we will read *An American Tragedy* by Theodore Dreiser. Our choice for July 9th is selected poems of John Keats (1795-1821). Everyone is cordially invited for delicious refreshments, lively discussion and fellowship. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Erlis Wickersham at [vze27g53@verizon.net](mailto:vze27g53@verizon.net).

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**The office will be closed the week after Easter Sunday.** You may find bulletins and links for all services, including morning and evening prayer, as well as the first Sunday after Easter on our web site at [www.stmaryswaynepa.org](http://www.stmaryswaynepa.org).

In the event of a Pastoral Emergency please contact **Father Conor Alexander** at 610-234-9948 or email Father at [frconor@stmaryswaynepa.org](mailto:frconor@stmaryswaynepa.org). Or you may contact our **Rector's Warden, Pat McKay** at [pat\\_mckay@comcast.net](mailto:pat_mckay@comcast.net).

Please reach out to our Parish Administrator, Nicole Marie with questions. You may also call her at 610-688-1313 (extension 202). **Nicole Marie plans to return to the Church Office on Monday, April 28th.**

**Two Special Events Sponsored by  
The Women of St. Mary's**

Wharton Esherick Museum  
[www.savingplaces.org/distinctive-destinations](http://www.savingplaces.org/distinctive-destinations)  
[wharton-esherick-museum](http://wharton-esherick-museum)  
Friday, May 2nd  
1:00pm to 2:00pm  
and  
Thursday, May 8th  
11:00am to 12:00pm

This spring, the Women of St. Mary's have scheduled two guided tours of the Wharton Esherick Museum. One takes place on Friday, May 2nd from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. The other is scheduled for Thursday, May 8th from 11:00am to 12:00pm. There is a small fee for each tour, which can accommodate 8 people. If you would like to be included, please let Erlis Wickersham know and we will arrange it with you.

Garden and House tour of Chanticleer  
[www.chanticleergarden.org](http://www.chanticleergarden.org)  
Thursday, June 26th  
11:00am

We have also reserved a Garden and House tour of Chanticleer on Thursday, June 26th at 11:00am, followed by a lovely lunch at Linda Noll's house. There is room for twelve people on this tour. It takes about an hour and there is also a small fee. Please tell Erlis if the Chanticleer event appeals to you. All are welcome, men and women. Since space is limited, we urge you to reserve early.

Please reach out to Erlis Wickersham with any questions.

**Future Adult Formation classes**

Because of First Sunday Breakfast on April 6th, followed by Palm Sunday and Easter, the next Adult Formation classes will begin on April 27th, when we will consider New Testament Letters not written by Paul. Erlis Wickersham will lead a discussion of Peter (April 27th) and Timothy (May 11). Twila Garletts will discuss James (May 18th). All are invited.



### **How to give to St. Mary's**

Simply point your camera at the QR code below  
and follow the instructions, or, to make a donation  
via text, simply text worship 1887, to the number 73256.



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## WEEKLY SERVICES AT ST. MARY'S

Sunday in the Church

7:45 am Eucharist Rite I

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II\*

Daily Office: 9:30am and 5pm

Thursday Healing Service: 12 noon

\*Livestreamed at St. Mary's Livestream page

<https://www.stmaryswaynepa.org/livestream>

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