



St. Mary's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Called to **serve, heal, and love** in the light of God.

YEARS
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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024

8:00 a.m. • Rite I Holy Eucharist (spoken)

The Rev. Lester V. Mackenzie, AHC
Presider & Preacher

WELCOME

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Here in the Episcopal Church, we truly welcome everyone. Please sign a visitor's card (or scan the QR code below) and introduce yourself to Fr. Lester after the service.

If you'd like more information on joining St. Mary's, membership, baptism, serving as a youth acolyte, confirmation, etc., contact the Parish Office at 949-494-3542 or email parishoffice@stmaryslb.org.

Thank you for worshipping with us today!



Our Mission: To be open to God's love and Guidance. To embrace all in the name of Christ.

Our Vision: To be an inclusive community called to serve, heal, and love our neighbors in the Light of God.



New to St. Mary's?

Candida R. TerBush leads our Welcome and Engagement ministries at St. Mary's and she would love the opportunity to connect and answer any questions you may have.

Contact her at candidarivera25@yahoo.com

Sunday Schedule

8 AM

Traditional
Rite I Spoken Eucharist

9:15 AM

Adult Education
(will continue after Easter)

10:30 AM

Contemporary
Rite II Eucharist with Choir

Children/Youth
Childcare with Mimi Chavez,
Children's Chapel in the
Lower Church

11:30 AM

Hospitality/Coffee Hour
Guild Hall

Weekly Service Schedule

TUES

10:00am, Healing Service
Conference Call Format

WED

11:00am, Eucharist
Spoken, Church

THURS

7pm, Taizé Heartfulness
First Thursdays, Church

Ways to Give

Gratitude for your financial support of St. Mary's. Please consider giving to help us continue our ministry here in Laguna Beach and beyond.



Text GIFTMARY
to 44321



During the offering
on Sunday



Online through
Give Lively platform



Mail offering & pledges
to Parish Office

Ministry Schedule

If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, or made a change to the schedule, please mark the schedule in the Narthex and also contact the Parish Office.

We can always use more volunteers to help out with our Sunday liturgies! If you would like to help with being a reader, acolyte, usher, hospitality, etc., please contact the Parish Office.

TODAY AT 10:30AM

First Reader	YOUTH
Second Reader	YOUTH
Crucifer	Pat August
Chalice	Candida R. TerBush
Ushers	Ben Brown & Suzy Horaney
Hospitality	Cristina Calderone

Next Sunday, May 12, 10:30 am

First Reader	Tammi Ford
Second Reader	Christian TerBush
Crucifer	Tammi Ford
Chalice	Ben Brown
Ushers	Jim van Gaasbeek & Suzy Horaney
Hospitality	Tammi Ford



Next Sunday's Lessons

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19, Psalm 1

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, May 5

8AM	Rite I Holy Eucharist spoken
10:30AM	Rite II Holy Eucharist with Choir <i>Hospitality Hour following</i>
12PM	ECW Line Dancing Event, Guild Hall

Monday, May 6

7PM	AA Men's Group Meeting, Guild Hall
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Tuesday, May 7

10AM	Healing Service, Conference Call Format
7PM	AA Women's Group Meeting, Guild Hall
7PM	L.B. Chamber Singers, Church

Parish Prayer List

For the departed

Betty K, Dave Brokaw, Loretta Gautreaux, Colette Marsaud, Nancy Guthrie, Ralph Root, Blake Franklin, Bill Ford,

For healing, comfort and other requests

Miranda P, Alan, Melissa, Jim, Randy, Lie, Bettina, Pinkie M, JoAnn, Kayla K, Mary H, Josephine, Pamela, Joe, Terry, Sara, Jerry, Terrie, Nancy, Carol, Phoebe, Ralph, Hampton, Mimi, Francesca, Grace, Josh, John P., Tanya, Daniel, Tom, Jan, Karen, Lynn, Gregory, Erin, Ashley, Kady, Beau and Erika, Mike L, Erin, Tina, Milana, Linda, Kenedy, , Jill, John, Chris, Richard, Sarah, Corrie, Pat, Lauren, Judy, Jan

For all others in need

Those affected by natural & environmental disasters especially Japan, all in fear in Ukraine, Ethiopia, Sudan, Kongo, Israel and Palestine.

For our City of Laguna Beach and the Diocese of Los Angeles

Prayer cards can be found in the Narthex or scan the QR Code here:



Wednesday, May 8

NO WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST - CLERGY CONFERENCE	
10AM	Parish Staff Meeting
7PM	AA Men's Group Meeting, Guild Hall

Thursday, May 9

8AM	Men's Bible Study, Office Library
6:30PM	Toastmasters Meeting, Guild Hall

Friday, May 10

1PM	Women's Bible Study, Office Library
3PM	Judy Barry Celebration of Life, Terrace

Saturday, May 11

4PM	L.B. Chamber Singers Concert, Church
8PM	AA Living Sober Group Meeting, Guild Hall

Your Parish Leadership

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Parish Office Information

The Parish Office is open Monday - Friday,
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each week.

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Janet Chisholm · Class of 2026

Glen Roske · Class of 2026

John Kilpatrick · Class of 2026

Marc Mullendore · Class of 2026

*The Vestry meets the Fourth Sunday of each
Month at 12:00 p.m.*

A Few Reminders

WORSHIP

Follow along starting on page 9. Responses are in bold.

COMMUNION

From whatever tradition you come, you are always welcome at the Lord's table. We are currently receiving Communion at the Altar Rail.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

There will not be childcare service with Mimi Chavez this morning. There are "Youth Bulletins" with crayons in the back of the church. All Youth are invited to help participate during our Family Service (1st Sunday at 10:30am) as readers or acolytes. Contact Fr. Lester.

RESTROOMS

These facilities are located on our lower level, beneath the choir. For wheelchair access, please ask an usher for assistance.

HOSPITALITY / COFFEE HOUR

Following today's 10:30am Service, all are welcome to our Guild Hall for fellowship, coffee and light refreshments.

NEWCOMERS

Welcome to St. Mary's! Introduce yourself to Fr. Lester and complete a Newcomer Card. There is a QR code on page 3 of this bulletin to also fill out online. We are glad that you are here to join us in this faith forward journey.

You are always welcome here.



Calling all Youth to help serve as an Acolyte at Church!

If interested in being an acolyte during the 10:30am service, contact Fr. Lester.



Altar Flower Dedication

The Altar Flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God from **Sid Petersen**, "in honor of my wedding anniversary."



FAITH FORWARD JOURNEY

UNITY IN COMMUNITY - WALKING TOGETHER - ROOTED IN JESUS

2024 Stewardship
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

95^{YEARS}

A "Blast from the Past"

As we celebrate 95 years as a community, we reflect on our history in Laguna Beach.

Photo:
The congregation of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, with the Rev. John C. Donnell, in 1930.



Save the Dates for ECW's Summer Concert Series

June 15:

Ed Krajec & Danny Beissel

July 20:

Jason Feddy

August 17:

Reggie Christian

September 14:

Shauna McFadden & Bob Gunn

All concerts are from 5:30pm to 7:30pm on the Upper Terrace

OVERHEARD IN THE SACRISTY



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YOU ARE INVITED TO E.C.W.'S

LINE DANCING

TO CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO

SUNDAY, MAY 5

12:00 PM, GUILD HALL

\$20 - ADULTS

YOUTH 12 & UNDER - FREE

TICKETS INCLUDE CINCO DE MAYO
LUNCH, SOFT DRINK & LINE DANCING

BEER & WINE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

TICKETS ARE ON SALE!

SEE A DESIGNATED ECW MEMBER
FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

THEME FOR MAY:

Nurturing

“Be the one who nurtures and builds. Be the one who has an understanding and a forgiving heart, one who looks for the best in people. Leave people better than you found them.”

Marvin J. Ashton

LAGUNA BEACH CHAMBER SINGERS
PRESENTS
DAUGHTERS OF MOTHERS

A NARRATIVE CHORAL CONCERT
FEATURING POETS OF LAGUNA BEACH

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 4PM

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
428 Park Ave, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

RYAN BROWN, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
BOB GUNN, COLLABORATIVE PIANIST



The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

For the Holy Eucharist Rite One, we will be utilizing the Book of Common Prayer, found in the pews. Anytime you see the abbreviation *BCP*, please refer to the Book of Common Prayer.



OPENING ACCLAMATION, GLORIA • BCP 323-324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The Word of God

THE FIRST LESSON • Acts 10:44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

The people sit for the Word of God.

This missionary speech in today's reading marks an important turning point in the outreach of the early Church. Many Jewish Christians feared and resisted the possible inclusion of Gentiles, but Luke makes clear that Peter himself began the mission to the Gentiles under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Cornelius was a "God-fearing" Roman, one who worshiped God but had not adopted all of the Jewish practices. He received the sacrament of baptism, but not before he and his gathered receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This event marks a new Pentecost.

This psalm is closely related to Psalm 96. Its original setting may have been the enthronement festival of Yahweh, celebrated each year at the New Year's feast of Tabernacles. In later times, the psalm was interpreted to herald the Lord's final coming. It presents the Lord, in faithfulness to the covenant, acting in history for the salvation of God's people.

The writing of 1 John seems to have been occasioned by a schism in the community due to heresy, specifically the denial of Jesus's humanity. The central theme of 1 John is that "God is love" (4:8). The significance of this statement is explored through repeated meditation that interweaves theology and ethics.

THE PSALM • *Psalm 98 (Spoken Responsively By Whole Verse)*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song,
for the Lord has done marvelous things.
- 2 **The right hand and the holy arm of the Lord
have secured the victory.**
- 3 The Lord has made known this victory;
and has openly shown righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- 4 **The Lord remembers mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 **Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the Sovereign, the Lord.
- 8 **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell there-in.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who is coming to judge the earth.
- 10 **In righteousness shall the Lord judge the world
and the peoples with equity.**

THE EPISTLE • *1 John 5:1-6*

A reading from The First Letter of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL • *John 15:9-17*

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON • *The Reverend Lester V. Mackenzie, AHC*

THE NICENE CREED

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader In hope and silence, let us pray to God, the Creator of all.
That our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection, we pray to the living God.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That those who serve in the Church throughout the world - especially Michael our Presiding Bishop; John our Diocese Bishop may be refreshed and encouraged by Christ's victory, we pray to the living God.

People **Hear our prayer.**

The people **stand** for the Holy Gospel.

Today's gospel reading from the discourse on the vine and the branches deals with the disciples' relationships with one another. Jesus's relationship with the Father has now become the model for all believers. The Father and Son's relationship of mutual indwelling is now extended to Christians. The Father's love for the Son is the basis, both in origin and in quality, of the Son's love for the believer. Believers are to love one another with a love characterized by self-sacrifice. Thus, while Christians are still servants of Christ in terms of ministry, they are friends (v. 15) of Christ in terms with intimacy with God. In and through this relationship, Christians are appointed to "bear fruit." (v16).

The people **sit** for the Sermon.

Please stand as you are able.

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the *Sursum corda*, meaning “Lift up your hearts.”

When it is time for you to go forward to the altar rail, an usher will direct your row. Proceed to the altar rail and you may stand or kneel. Fold your right hand on top of your left, palms facing up, and receive the wafer. You may immediately eat the wafer or wait for the wine and take communion by intinction*. To sip the wine from the chalice, guide it to your lips with your hand on the base of the chalice. Receiving just the bread or wine alone is considered full communion.

Leader That the members of this congregation, and all who gather with us in prayer and song, may embrace and embody the good news of the resurrection, we pray to the living God.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That the people of this nation and those to whom we look for governance may be subject to one another in Christian love, we pray to the living God.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That war, famine, and disaster may cease in all the world, we pray to the living God.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That those in need of sustenance, shelter, healing, or accompaniment may be blessed with provision, we pray to the living God.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That, according to God’s promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, we pray to the living God.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Gracious God, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at the feet of your beloved Son; for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE & OFFERTORY

EUCHARIST PRAYER

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

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PRAYER FOR HUMBLE ACCESS

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING & THE DISMISSAL

