



St. Mary's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024

8:00 am Rite I Holy Eucharist (spoken)

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

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, Taize 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

This Sunday, March 24, 10:30 am

First Reader	Christopher Gilbertson
Second Reader	Philippe Guggenheim
Crucifer	Candida R. TerBush
Chalice	Tammi Ford
Ushers	Larry & Marjorie Gorum
Hospitality	Julianna & Cristina

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 pm

First Reader	Tammi Ford
Second Reader	Karen Zfaty
Chalice/Crucifer	Martha Davis

Good Friday, March 29, 12:00 pm

First Reader	Cristina Calderone
Second Reader	Aden Welle
Crucifer	Mark Clymer

Good Friday, March 29, 7:00 pm

First Reader	Carrie Joyce
Second Reader	Tom Davis
Crucifer	Tammi Ford

Easter Sunday, March 31, 5:30 am

Reader / Crucifer	Candida R. TerBush
Reader	Christian TerBush

Easter Sunday, March 31, 10:00 am

First Reader	Tom Davis
Second Reader	Kristi Guggenheim
Crucifer	Martha Davis
Chalice	Tammi Ford
Ushers	Jim van Gaasbeek, Ben Brown Julianna van den Berg & Susie Horaney
Hospitality	Dennis, Barbara & Jim

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday

8AM	Rite I Spoken Holy Eucharist
10:30AM	Rite II Holy Eucharist with Choir
	Hospitality Hour following, Guild Hall

Monday, March 25

7PM	AA Men's Group Meeting, Guild Hall
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Tuesday, March 26

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

Nancy Guthrie, Ralph Root, Blake Franklin, Bill Ford, Jose Chavez, John Lever, Steven Perryman, Rev. Deacon Walter Johnson, Dr. Donald Fraser, John H.,

For healing, comfort and other requests

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, Naomi, Bill & Sara, Nick J, Cynthia, Don, Barbara, Erin, Ashley, Kady, Beau and Erika, Mike L, Erin, Tina, Milana, Kathleen, Rev. John Mennel, John, Sandy, Linda, Kenedy, Charlie, 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, March 27

10AM	Parish Staff Meeting
11AM	Weekly Wednesday Eucharist
7PM	AA Men's Group Meeting, Guild Hall

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday

8AM	Men's Bible Study, Office Library
5:30PM	Agape Supper, Guild Hall (Please RSVP)
7PM	Maundy Thursday Service with Choir

Friday, March 29

12PM	Good Friday Seven Lessons Service
NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY TODAY	
7PM	Good Friday Service with Choir

Saturday, March 30

9AM	Easter Decorating, Church
8PM	AA Living Sober Group Meeting, Guild Hall

Your Parish Leadership

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The Parish Office is open Monday - Friday,
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Ben Brown • Class of 2025

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 **St Mary's Episcopal Church** in gratitude to all volunteers in our Altar Guild Ministry.

MARCH 2024 EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) THEME:

Reflection

"Beginning today, set an intention and a relentless focus on living your life as the greatest person you can be, in all situations."

Brendon Burchard

Laguna Beach Grief Group

Laguna Presbyterian Church is conducting a Grief Group, open to all in the community who have lost a loved one or dealing with a hardship. Sessions begin on Monday, April 8 and will continue each Monday from 4pm - 5:30pm. Sessions will be held in the Brides Room at Laguna Presbyterian.



WHY THE PALM BRANCH?

The palm branch is a symbol of victory, triumph, peace and eternal life, originating in the ancient Near East and the Mediterranean world.

Palms and palm branches have symbolic meaning to the Jews of today and in ancient times. Palms, along with other tree branches, are a part of the Feast of Tabernacles, or Booths, and also were used by the Maccabees when they celebrated their victory over the Greeks over 2,100 years ago.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2024

Food and Hygiene Drive for Orange County Rescue Mission



This Lent we are going to run a drive for food and hygiene items to support our neighbors in need in Tustin - the homeless families and individuals who have come to the OC Rescue Mission for help. From its humble beginnings in 1963, the Mission has grown to several campuses and provides not only food and clothing, but also housing, counseling, medical help, legal aid, and job training. As you can imagine, food and hygiene items are always needed, and this is where we come into the picture!

Your Outreach Committee is asking that you bring 3-4 items for each of the six Sundays in Lent, as we run this program from February 18th through Palm Sunday, March 24th. A list of the items needed is shown to the right. Please just these items, since the Mission knows what they need most.

Please place your donations on the table in the narthex, and for those online, please join us by putting your donations in the box provided in the Parish Office Mondays through Fridays, 9 am to 12:30 pm.

If we all commit to bringing food and hygiene items each week as a Lenten discipline, St Mary's will have a wonderful amount of much-needed items to donate to those who desperately need help. Thank you so much, St Mary's, for your faithful and generous hearts, in gratitude,

St Mary's Outreach Committee

CANNED FOOD ITEMS:

Tuna
Meat
Fruit
Vegetables
Spaghetti or marinara sauce
Beans
Soup

PACKAGED FOOD ITEMS:

Peanut butter
Rice
Cereal
Snack Bars
Pasta
Instant noodles

HYGIENE ITEMS:

For residents living on campus

Liquid hand soap
Soap bars
Shampoo
Conditioner
Toothpaste tubes
Toothbrushes
Razors
Shaving cream
Laundry Detergent
Toilet Paper
Feminine products

For the homeless

Travel Size, please
Soap bars
Shampoo
Toothpaste tubes
Deodorant
Hand wipes

Also

Toothbrushes
Socks (men's, women's, children)



Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Clothing Collection Drive for Working Wardrobes

Donate Your Gently Used Clothing!

When:

- Date: March-April
- Location: Bring to St. Mary's

What to Donate:

- Quality Clothing: Clean and gently used items on hangers.
- Accessories: We accept accessories too!

Why Donate?

- Your donations help individuals overcome barriers to gainful employment.
- 100% of retail profits fund Working Wardrobes' career readiness services.

How to Participate:

1. **Select and Clean:** Gather your best-quality clothing and put them on hangers.
2. **Spread the Word:** Tell everyone about our need for all types of donations.

Contact Us:

- Contact Marjorie: 949 497-8549-h; 714 322-0567-c or email: marlar4@cox.net

Important Safety Guidelines:

- Donated clothes must be CLEAN and ON HANGERS.

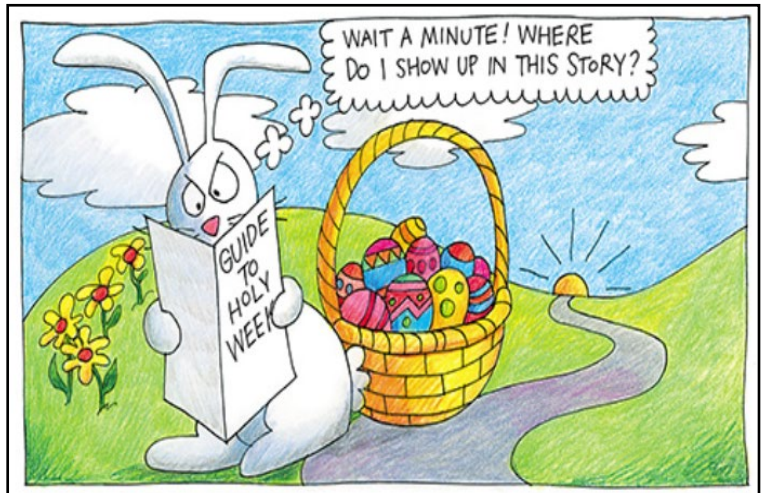
Thank you for supporting Working Wardrobes! Your contributions make a difference in the lives of those striving for meaningful employment.

For more information, visit the Working Wardrobes Donation Center.

EASTER DECORATING

Help us decorate the Church for Easter! Join us Saturday, March 30th at 9:00 a.m.

Questions? Contact Pat August





HOLY WEEK

SERVICES FOR 2024



Wednesday, March 27

Weekly Eucharist 11am (spoken)

Maundy Thursday, March 28

Agape Dinner (please RSVP) 5:30pm, Guild Hall

Maundy Thursday Service 7pm, "The Watch" & Reconciliation of a Penitent following in the Columbarium

Good Friday, March 29

Solemn Collects & Veneration of the Cross 12pm (spoken) & 7pm (with choir)

Easter Sunday, March 31

Easter Vigil Sunrise Service 5:30am (spoken)

Festive Easter Service 10am (Brass + Choral), Parish Potluck and Easter Egg Hunt following

The Diocese Office and the Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday, March 29 and on Easter Monday, April 1.

SOUP + SALAD DINNER

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28, 5:30pm, Guild Hall

PLEASE RSVP! AN RSVP SHEET IS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

All youth and their families are invited to an

easter egg hunt

Easter Sunday, March 31 - following the 10:00am Service



We welcome all guests and visitor's to St. Mary's. The people's responses can be found in bold.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Presider Let us pray.
 Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL • *John 12:12-16*

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**



BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Presider It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

People Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE PROCESSION

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people process into the Sanctuary as are able.

THE PSALM • Psalm 31:9-16 (spoken responsively by whole verse)

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
**I am forgotten, out of mind, as if I were dead;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.**

My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
**Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness |save me."**

THE SECOND LESSON • Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians

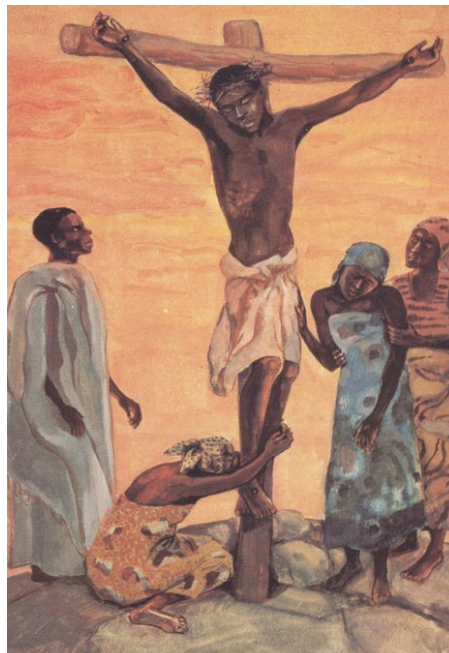
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

The people sit for the Word of God.

Psalm 31 is a lament by one surrounded by evil people. Trust in God encourages the psalmist to entrust himself to God's care. In anticipation of God's deliverance, the psalmist prays with thanksgiving and joy.

Today's passage is generally considered to be a hymn to Christ that Paul has adopted to make his own point. The hymn contains an outline of Christ's saving work: divine preexistence (v. 6), incarnation (v. 7), death (v. 8), celestial exaltation (v. 9), heavenly adoration (v. 10) and Jesus's new title (v. 11). His "equality with God" is not a prize to be "exploited" for his own advantage but is a treasure to lay down.



"The Crucifixion" by Jesus Mafa, 1973

The people stand at the introduction of the Gradual Hymn.

GRADUAL HYMN • *Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart*

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Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks and sing! Your
 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while
 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks and sing! Your

glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, nob - lest mirth.
 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice give thanks and sing.
 re - joice, re - joice

Words: Edward Hares Plumtre - Music: Marion, Arthur Henry Messiter

In his account of the Passion story, Mark is constantly working to shape the story so that all the major themes of his Gospel emerge. Jesus the powerful teacher and miracle worker - the Christ - must suffer. He will be misunderstood and abandoned by his disciples, as the hatred of those out to kill Jesus triumphs. But in Jesus's own weakness, the power of God was present to bring salvation.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD • *Mark 15:1-39*

Presider
People

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests

stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The people sit for the Homily.

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.”

The Words of Institution recall Jesus’ words at the Last Supper (instructing the disciples to do this in remembrance of him). The words of invocation called Epiclesis is where we ask the Holy Spirit to descend upon these gifts and upon us to make the bread and wine holy and to make us part of Christ’s body.

HOMILY • *The Rev. Lester V. Mackenzie, AHC*

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER • BCP 340

THE LORD’S PRAYER • BCP 336

PRAYER FOR HUMBLE ACCESS • BCP 337

POST COMMUNION PRAYER • BCP 339

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL



TO ALL PARENTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN, WE WELCOME YOU!



Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel like you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! We have children's bulletins and coloring pencils, we welcome young persons to share their creativity. If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." Remember that the way we welcome children in Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know they are at home in his house of worship.

TO MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH

The presence of children is a gift to the Church, and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome all children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

Easter Sunday

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SERVICES

5:30am

Great Vigil of Easter Sunrise
Service (Spoken)

10:00am

Festive Easter Eucharist with
Brass and Choir (Rite II)
Parish Brunch &
Egg Hunt following





FAITH FORWARD JOURNEY

UNITY IN COMMUNITY - WALKING TOGETHER - ROOTED IN JESUS

2024 Stewardship
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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