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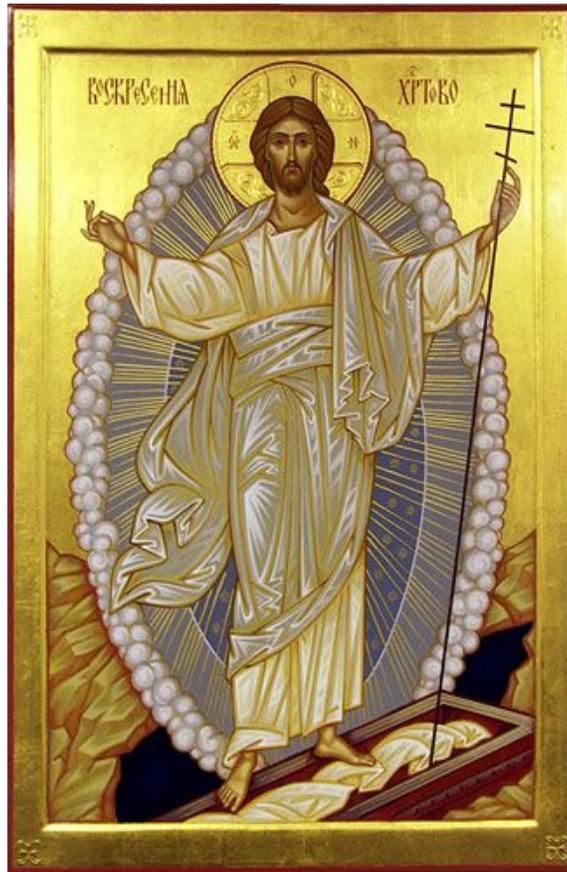
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania

April 18, 2021, 10:00 AM - *The Third Sunday of Easter*

Our Mission: God is calling the people of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Wayne, Pennsylvania to follow Jesus' teaching to love God with all our hearts, souls and minds; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Therefore we love and embrace each other, friend and stranger alike in worship, service and prayer as we seek to live in and share God's Word.

- Adopted by the St. Mary's Vestry, May 2015



*An organ chorale-prelude composed by Bach, based on a 16th century hymn
Christ ist erstanden, (Christ the Lord is risen again!), our opening hymn today.*

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Hymn in Procession - 184, *Christ the Lord is risen again!*

Christ ist erstanden



1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife,
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up - on the cross



Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.
takes our sin and guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say:
is ex - alt - ed now to save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia!



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed,



Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —
 — and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,
 al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
 Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit.

First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated

Psalm 4 (*Sung by all*)

Edward Cuthbert Bairstow



- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, de'fender of my'cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on'me and'hear my'prayer.
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you dis'honor my'glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and'run after false'gods?”
- 3 Know that the LORD does'wonders for the'faithful; *
when I call upon the'LÖRD, 'he will'hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and'do not'sin; *
speak to your heart in'silence up'on your'bed.
- 5 Offer the ap'ointed'sacrifices *
and'put your'trust in the'LÖRD.
- 6 Many are saying,
“Oh, that we might see'better'times!” *
Lift up the light of your'countenance up'on us, O'LÖRD.
- 7 You have put'gladness in my'heart, *
more than when grain and'wine and'oil in'crease.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I'fall a'sleep; *
for only you, LORD, 'make me'dwell in'safety.

The Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

A Reading from the first letter of John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Gradual Hymn -182, *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

Truro

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ according to Luke
People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

After the Gospel, the Priest says

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Joseph K. Smith

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

You have no equal, God. We come before you humbled, asking for your healing presence. Heal us, raise us so that we may serve you.

We are amazed at your creative genius--How you have stretched the heaven like curtains, and yet you bend to be with us. *Silence*

We are amazed, God. ***We raise our hearts in awe.***

Our world and our lives are in need of healing and direction. We ask you to guide your church and heal it where it is worn out and self-centered. Direct those who lead the church, bishops, priest and deacons, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Joseph and Lucy Ann our priests; all those in position of leadership.. *Silence*

We are amazed, God. ***We raise our hearts in awe.***

We ask you to heal the relationships between nations, and neighbors. Give the leaders of the nations the courage to pursue justice and speak peace as an example for the world, especially Joseph our President and Tom our Governor. *Silence*

We are amazed, God. ***We raise our hearts in awe.***

Many of us suffer from addiction, anxiety, and illness. Break their chains which bind them and heal them, God. Surround them with supportive people, the resources they need, and a tangible sense of your love. We pray especially for healing for **(congregation reads the name aloud) Jennifer, Irene, Lisa, Judy, Betty, Victoria, Anna, Jeff, Jess, and Tim.** *Silence*

We are amazed, God. ***We raise our hearts in awe.***

We pray for our church family. This week in our parish cycle of prayers we pray for the families of, Diana Cutler, David and Jill Cutler, Liz Cunningham, Tim and Karen Culbertson, Katie and Joe Crawford. *Silence*

We are amazed, God. ***We raise our hearts in awe.***

We pray for those who have died, that they may know the fullness of your love in the life you have prepared for them. Comfort those who grieve their loss and give them the confidence of your love which knows no limits of time or space. We remembering especially Claire Turk, Marion Hand, Heather Elizabeth Williams, Philip Sylvester Tyus, Sr. and John G. Long on the anniversary of their deaths this week; Lyons A. Hamblen, Milas and Irene Bennett, and Charles and Flora Hamblen in whose memory the flowers on the High Altar are given; and Katherine and Arthur Anderson in whose memory the Sanctuary Candle is given. *Silence*

We are amazed, God. ***We raise our hearts in awe.***

We also pray for other special intentions which may be added at this time either silently, aloud or electronically.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Priest then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Priest and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

Offertory Anthem -*Eastertide Carol*

Dutch carol, 17th century

(The words are those of hymn 192, This joyful Eastertide, all three verses.)

The people stand

Doxology – Hymn 380, Praise God from whom all blessings flow (vs 3)

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.


A - men.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

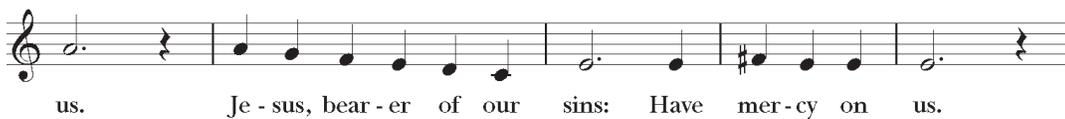
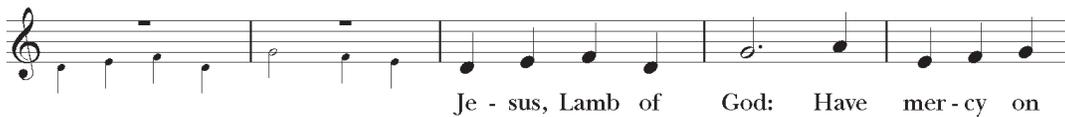
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Angus Dei, S-166

G. Near



The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn – LEVAS No. 41 – Christ has arisen, Alleluia.

Haya tune, Tanzania



Christ has a - ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and



praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia. For our Re - deem - er burst from the



tomb, E - ven from death dis - pel - ling its gloom. Let us sing praise to Him



with end - less joy. Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy, Our sin for -



giv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia. Je - sus is liv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

A prayer for those observing birthdays

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for those observing anniversaries

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send your blessing upon these persons who come to renew their promises to each other, and grant them in your grace, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Blessing

Closing Hymn -205, *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!*

Gelobt sei Gotte

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - jice and sing! Now is the
*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - jice and say:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

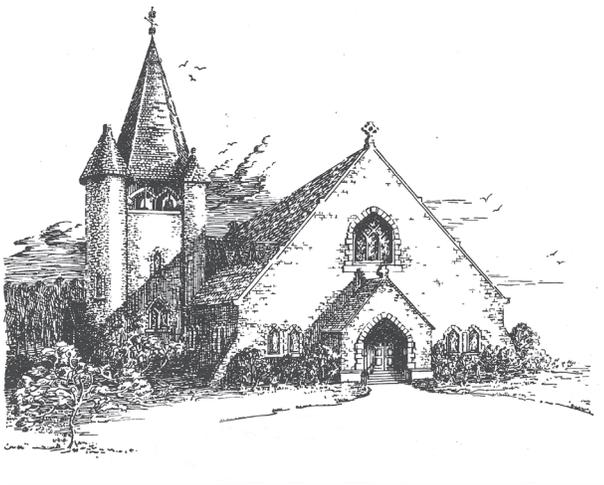
Voluntary on *Gelobt sei Gott* ("God be praised", Hymn 205).

Healey Willan

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. Let's Connect. Joining from the website? Send us an email; On Facebook? Leave a comment/message for us; Joining in-person? Sign our guest book by the front door.



Today is Sunday, April 18, 2021, the Third Sunday in Easter.

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II (livestreamed and recorded)

Flowers on the High Altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lyons A. Hamblen, Milas and Irene Bennett, and Charles and Flora Hamblen.

Additional altar flowers are given by the Steinhardt family in thanksgiving for the St Mary's congregation.

The Sanctuary Candle is given by Enid Ball to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Katherine and Arthur Anderson.

Intercession List

Jennifer Lurie, Irene Steinhardt, Lisa Hart, Judy Austin, Betty Rippel, Victoria Coates, Anna Radford, Jeff Russell, Jess Russell and Tim O'Donovan. Included on the prayer list are our friends Paige Longstreth, Rev'd Rick Harris, Susan Rex, Pam Crump, and John Paul.

Please note: It is our practice to take individuals off the Intercession list after four weeks unless we are notified to keep them on. Please let the office know if you need to keep someone on for longer. The names read aloud today include St. Mary's parishioners and family members of parishioners. You are encouraged to 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.

Parish Cycle of Prayers

This week we pray for the families of **Diana Cutler, David and Jill Cutler, Liz Cunningham, Tim and Karen Culbertson, Katie and Joe Crawford.**

Book Club

Announcing a change of the May meeting date. Although we customarily meet on the second Wednesday of the month, our May meeting will take place on the third Wednesday: May 19, 2021. At that time, we will discuss *The Gold Bug* and *The Purloined Letter* by Edgar Allan Poe. We will meet on Zoom, as usual. Please access the link via our website

homepage, under Weekly Activities. In June we will discuss selected poems of William Butler Yeats, and in July we will read the Sumerian epic, Gilgamesh. Everyone is welcome.

Adult Formation

Jesus said: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."

--Matthew 5:9

In two class sessions on Sundays April 18 and April 25 at 8:30, we will reflect on what it means to follow Jesus and be "peacemakers." Having attended the Lenten Book Study on *Beating Guns*, Louisa Ridgway and Mother Lucy Ann will share some of what they

learned during the study and focus on the challenge Jesus lays before us to be people of peace, both as individuals, and as communities. Our classes will discuss the April 11 March on Gun Violence Awareness, raise awareness about the epidemic of gun violence in our country and reflect on what it might mean for us personally and spiritually to be people of non-violence. All are welcome. You may join us by Zoom and the link may be found on our website: <https://www.stmaryswaynepa.org/weeklyactivities>

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