

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 21, 2021 – 8:00 AM
The Holy Eucharist – Rite II



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1. Thy Strong word did cleave the darkness;
 at thy speaking it was done;
 for created light we thank thee,
 while thy ordered seasons run:
 Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia without end!

4. God the Father, Light Creator,
 to thee laud and honor be;
 to thee, Light of Light begotten,
 praise be sung eternally;
 Holy Spirit, Light Revealer, glory, glory be to thee;
 mortals, angels, now and ever praise the Holy Trinity.

Celebrant ☩ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant continues with the Collect of Purity

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.**

Glory to God – '82 Hymnal – S 280

**Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,**

you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lessons *Please be seated*

Old Testament

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 62:6-14 (read responsively by whole verse)

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

**7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.**

8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

**9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.**

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

**11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.**

12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

**13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.**

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

New Testament

I Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not

rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

'82 Hymnal – 660

1. O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me to bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2. Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

4. In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the

nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

The Sermon (*seated*)

The Nicene Creed (*all standing*)

**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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Daniel our Bishop; for Rodney our priest; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Joseph our President, for Thomas our Governor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Maple Glen; for all of Montgomery and Bucks Counties, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering; especially Terry, Carol, Mary Lou, Edward, Dick, Karen, Lou, June, Margaret, Constance, Priscilla, Bob, Kathy, Cornelia, Alice, Treva , Kathy and all those with the coronavirus, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this parish of St. Matthew's and our school; that we may serve God faithfully, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who serve our nation in the armed forces, and for their families, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives; especially for persecuted Christians, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Irene Mason and Pamela Davis, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Matthew, our patron, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

General Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory *How Wondrous and Great Thy Works* **'82 Hymnal – 533**

1. How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!
 How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
 O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name?
 Though only art holy, thou only supreme.
2. To the nations of earth thy light shall be shown;
 their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:
 thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad,
 till earth's every people confess thee their God.

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus – '82 Hymnal – S 130

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Matthew, our patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **AMEN.**

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

**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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem – S 164

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

The Celebrant then faces the People while elevating the Sacrament and says
✠ The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Spiritual Communion – *for those watching online*

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of the Church where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my soul. I unite myself unto you, and embrace you with all the affections of my heart. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your Love. Amen.

Communion Hymn

My God, Thy Table

'82 Hymnal – 321

1. My God, thy table now is spread,
thy cup with love doth overflow;
be all thy children thither led,
and let them thy sweet mercies know.

4. Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest
till through the world thy truth has run,
till with this Bread shall all be blessed
who see the light or feel the sun.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.

The Celebrant says the following blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Jesus Call Us

'82 Hymnal – 550

1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian follow me;"
2. as, of old, Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,

turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

COVID Vaccine Information and Links

Looking for information regarding the COVID vaccine, and how to register? Please see the links below for information:

For a comprehensive overview of many questions surrounding the COVID vaccine here in PA: <https://states.aarp.org/pennsylvania/covid-19-vaccine-distribution>

To find a vaccine provider:

<https://www.pa.gov/guides/get-vaccinated/#Step2FindaVaccineProvider>

Life Long Learning

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Sacred Circle

A Youth Group Kick Off for 2021

6:00 - 6:45 PM, Wednesday January 27th on Zoom*.

If you consider yourself a *youth*, you are welcome.

What do you love to do? When do you feel like your true self? What is your creative dream? Where are you headed?

Growing up doesn't only mean getting older — it also means growing into new skills. Have you noticed your violin playing getting a bit better? Seeing your artwork bloom? Watching yourself master new moves and strategies on your sports team? I wonder... what's next for you? What lays ahead? How is God involved in your creative energy? What is God calling us to create together?

Join me, Fr. Rodney and his family, and our Saint Matt's Youth as we answer these questions and begin a new era for youth ministry at our church — one guided by *your* creative spirit and our collective call to grow and be ALIVE in Christ's spirit. Come as you are. Come to meet new people. Come to rebuild and sustain connections you have been missing. Come to learn about yourself, strategies to enliven your creative spirit, and where God is taking you.

**Though we are virtual for now, we'll begin meeting at Saint Matt's outdoors when it's warmer this Spring. Parents are encouraged to endorse their child's virtual participation until we can gather in-person.*

Join us on 1/27 at 6:00 PM Zoom on 1/27 by clicking this TinyURL: <https://tinyurl.com/y6gmgrnm>

Layette Collection 2021



Now through the end of February, St. Matthew's is gathering new clothing for children ages infant through 6 to be sent to [St. Timothy's Episcopal Outreach Center](#) in Kentucky for distribution in this impoverished Appalachian area. This year, we will also expand and include some local charities in need of layette materials.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Purchase brand-new clothing and drop it off in the boxes by the kitchen, or outside St. Matthew's (919 Tennis Ave, Maple Glen) in the plastic bins at the lower parking lot entrance to the Narthex.
- Purchase brand-new clothing via an online retailer or Amazon (see our [Wish List](#) for options) and send it to Tim Walsh. His home address is 126 Morning Walk Dr., Warrington PA 18976.
- Make a donation through our [online giving page](#) by choosing "Layette Offering" from the dropdown menu (or click on the button below), and we will purchase clothing for you!
- We will be collecting until February 28.
- Questions? Reach out to Tim Walsh [via email](#) or contact the Parish Office at 215-646-4092.

Upcoming Visit from Bishop Gutiérrez!

Save the date: **January 31, 2021!** Bishop Gutiérrez will join St. Matthew's that day for a virtual visit. Please watch for updates, but the current planned schedule is as follows:

- 10:45 a.m.** – Sermon prepared for St. Matthew's by Bishop Gutiérrez will be shown as a Facebook "premiere" event.
- 1:00 p.m.** – Discussion with Bishop Gutiérrez open to the entire congregation via Zoom ([Zoom link](#))
- 2:00 p.m.** – Zoom meeting with the vestry & Father Rodney.

Adult Forum:

The Adult Forum will be joining with many other Episcopal parishes during Epiphany, reading the Gospel of Mark. Organized by Forward Movement, the Gospel is divided into daily readings, which we will be discussing in our education hour on Sunday mornings. You can find more information @ www.goodbookclub.org. Please join us! <https://tinyurl.com/LLLForum>

Here is a listing of the remaining dates and the verses covered:

January 24 - Mark 7:14-9:32
January 31- Mark 9:33-11:33
February 7 - Mark 12:1-14:11
February 14 - Mark 14:12 - 16:20 (end)

Get Acquainted with Father Rodney

There are still some spaces open for the **Wednesday, January 27 10:00am** “Get Acquainted Meeting” with Father Rodney. This meeting will be held on [Zoom](#). Please register as a family, i.e. do not count all individuals who will be online: [Register](#).

If you were not able to attend one of these meetings, but would like to meet Father Rodney personally, please contact him directly either via email (rector@saintmattsec.org) or by calling the office to set up a time, 215.646.4092.

Altar Flowers

Although we are not currently able to worship *in person*, we still worship *together* through our Livestream services. As such, our Flower Ministry continues, with altar flowers being delivered each week. As in years past, we invite you to remember loved ones, celebrate special events, or offer thanksgiving through sponsoring the altar flowers on any given Sunday.

Please contact the parish office (parishmanager@saintmattsec.org or 215.646.4092) to sign up for a Sunday.