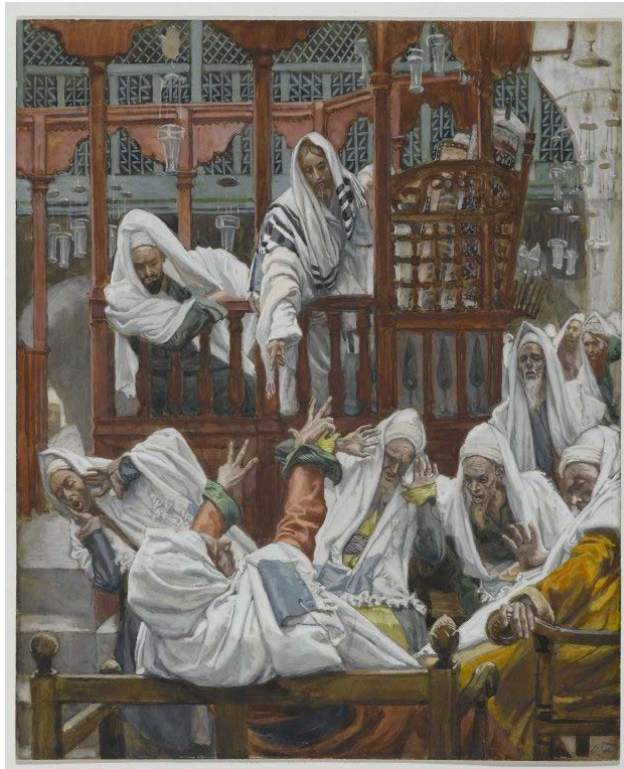


St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 31, 2021 – 8:00 AM
The Holy Eucharist – Rite II



The Possessed Man in the Synagogue
by James Tissot

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1. Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness; leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
 come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy thy praises render
 unto him whose grace unbounded hath his wondrous banquet founded;
 high o'er all the heavens he reigneth, yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

2. Sun, who all my life dost brighten; Light, who dost my soul enlighten;
 Joy, the best that any knoweth; Fount whence all my being floweth:
 at thy feet I cry, my Maker, let me be a fit partaker
 of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, thy glory, given.

3. Jesus, Bread of life, I pray thee, let me gladly here obey thee;
 never to my hurt invited, be thy love with love requited;
 from this banquet let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
 through the gifts thou here dost give me, as thy guest in heaven receive me.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other

gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 111 (read responsively by whole verse)

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.**

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

**4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

**8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.**

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

**10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.**

New Testament

I Corinthians 8:1-15

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

From All that Dwell Below the Skies

'82 Hymnal – 380

1. From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
through every land, by every tongue!

2. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord
and truth eternal is thy word:
thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
till suns shall rise and set no more.

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

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

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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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, Joe, Jeryl 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 Judith and William Murwin who are celebrating their 55th anniversary, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, 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 the 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 Anthem

Everywhere I Go

arranged by Natalie Sleeth

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 *From Thee All Skill and Science Flow* '82 Hymnal – 566

1. From thee all skill and science flow, all pity, care, and love,
all calm and courage, faith and hope: O pour them from above!
Impart them, Lord, to each and all, as each and all shall need,
to rise, like incense, each to thee, in noble thought and deed.
2. And hasten, Lord, that perfect day when pain and death shall cease,
and thy just rule shall fill the earth with health and light and peace;
when ever blue the sky shall gleam, and ever green the sod,
and our rude work deface no more the handiwork of God.

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.**

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name – the Lord, the Mighty One.

4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

TODAY: Visit from Bishop Gutiérrez!

Bishop Gutiérrez will join St. Matthew's today for a virtual visit. The 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.
- Please note that the Adult Forum is cancelled for today to accommodate this schedule.

FEBRUARY 7: Return to Limited In-Person Worship

St. Matthew's will resume limited in-person Holy Eucharist worship services in the sanctuary on February 7. As in the past, you must register to attend these services. Register here: <https://reopen.church/r/MZEUErNk>

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Communion, Traditional Music

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Communion, Contemporary Music.

Both services will also be offered via [livestream](#).

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group Gathering, 5:00 PM Monday, February 8

Please join Anthony and Father Rodney at the St. Matthew's fire pit on February 8 @ 5:00 p.m. We will burn palms and prepare Lenten kits. We will also take some time to discuss your vision for future plans for this group and its meeting space.

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>

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.

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.