

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2021 – 9:30 AM
The Holy Eucharist – Contemporary Service



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Prelude

Holy

by Twila Paris

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.**

Praise

King of Kings

by Geoff Bullock

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.**

Meditation *This Is the Day* by Les Garrett, arg. by Dave Robinson

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*)

Song of Faith *I Believe* by Marc Nelson

The Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Daniel our bishop, Rodney our priest, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joseph our President, Thomas our Governor, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, 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;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, especially Irene Mason and Pamela Davis, eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Matthew, our patron, and all your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for our church family and preschool, for all who serve our nation in the armed forces and their families, for first responders and health care workers, for those celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries. We also pray for the protection of persecuted Christians

throughout the world, and that all may come to the knowledge and love of Christ.
I invite your own prayers and intercessions.

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 *My Lighthouse* **by Chris Llewellyn & Gareth Gilkeson**

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

Holy Holy Holy

by Allen Pote

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.**

Anthem *Glory to the Lord Our God* **by Steve Merkel**

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 *In Christ Alone* **by Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend**

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.**

Service Hymn

All Things Are Possible

by Darlene Zschech

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.