

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 14, 2021 – 9:30 AM
The Holy Eucharist – Contemporary Service



Transfiguration Mosaic – St. Catherine's Monastery, Sinai, Egypt

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Prelude

We Have Seen Your Glory

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 Brooke and Scott Ligertwood, Jason Ingram

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I

know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 50:1-6 (read responsively by whole verse)

1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, ***
God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.

4 **He calls the heavens and the earth from above ***
to witness the judgment of his people.

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."

**6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.**

New Testament

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

Meditation

You Are a Holy God

by Brian Duane

Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves; and he was transfigured before them, and his garments became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses; and they were talking to Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were exceedingly afraid. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly looking around they no longer saw any one with them but Jesus only. And as they were

coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead.

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

The Sermon (*seated*)

Song of Faith *We Believe in God the Father* **by Graham Kendrick**

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, Edward, Dick, Karen, Lou, June, Margaret, Constance, Priscilla, Bob, Kathy, Cornelia, Joe, Jeryl and all those with the coronavirus;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Matthew, our patron, Blessed Absalom Jones, 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 first responders, health care workers, law enforcement, and those who serve our nation in the armed forces, especially Steven, and their families; 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

Days of Elijah

by Robin Mark

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 Larry Hampton

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 *You Are My All in All* **by Dennis Jernigan**

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 *Mighty to Save* **by Rueben Morgan and Ben Fielding**

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 *Hear Our Praises* **by Rueben Morgan**

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent at St. Matthew's



Services, February 17, 2021

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary, in person only*

6:00 p.m. Imposition of Ashes via [Zoom](#)

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary*, also available
via [Livestream](#)

*Registration required: <https://reopen.church/r/MZEUeRNk>

Lent-at-Home

Lent-at-Home kits will be available for pick-up by the parish beginning on Sunday, February 14. There are three kits to choose from depending on your household, but all include an adult devotional and ashes for self-imposition via [Zoom](#) on 2/17 at 6:00 PM

Young Kid's Kit: Lenten sheep calendar, coloring book prayer hands, an alleluia banner, a Lenten promise poster, and more!

Older Kid's Kit: an alleluia banner, a Lenten origami sculpture, a Lenten promise poster, an illustrated family devotional, and more!

Adult Kit: Lenten devotional and ashes.

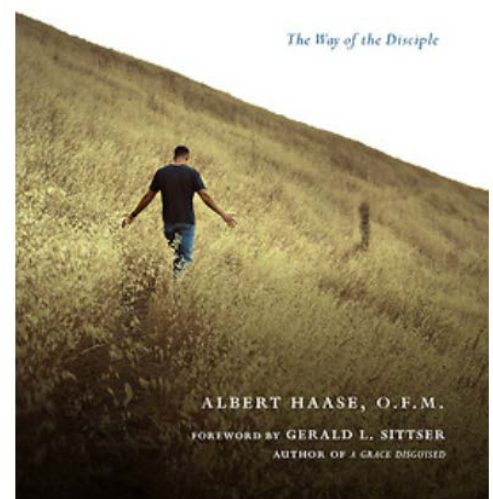
Weekly Schedule (program details below the schedule)

- Monday:** 7:30 p.m.: Bible Study on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 910-1184-9622 (3/1 & 3/15)
- Tuesday:** 7:30 p.m.: Prayer & Share Gathering on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 913-5830-9441
- Wednesday:** 12:00 p.m.: Noonday Prayer & Lunch on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 943-8248-6248
6:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary, in-person only.
- Thursday:** 9:00 a.m.: Morning Prayer on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 923-4782-3061
7:00 p.m.: Living the Lord's Prayer study group on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 989-3231-9987
- Friday:** 7:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 939-2242-4572
- Sunday:** 8:00 a.m.: The Holy Eucharist – Rite I Service (In-Person and [Livestream](#))
9:30 a.m.: The Holy Eucharist – Contemporary Service (In-Person and [Livestream](#))
11:00 a.m.: Adult Lifelong Learning Forum, on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 983-7665-6289

Thursdays, starting February 25 @ 7:00 p.m.

What does it mean to live what you pray? When you pray the Lord's prayer have you often thought about what the words really mean?

Join us in reading the book Living the Lord's Prayer: The Way of the Disciple by Albert Haase, OFM. Father Haase teaches us to think about the words we pray and the meaning our prayers have for our spiritual formation and daily lives. Starting February 25th, we will begin a five-week session from 7 pm to no later than 8:30 pm via [Zoom](#). The book is available at Amazon. If you cannot purchase the book, but would like to attend, please contact the church office at 215-646-4092. Please consider joining us for this Lenten opportunity.



Fridays, starting February 19 @ 7:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross via [Zoom](#)

Sundays, 11:00 a.m., Adult Lifelong Learning Forum

Sundays in Lent we will take a video pilgrimage together through the Holy Land. Offered by Saint George's College, Jerusalem, 'The Holy Land' video series invites one to experience the beauty, wonder and inspiration of this most sacred region. You can view each week's video at your convenience at any point in the week, and then join us on Sundays via [Zoom](#) for conversation and fellowship. The first video in our series is titled: 'A River Through The Desert,' and will be released for viewing on February 15th. Our first Lenten forum will begin on Sunday, February 21 at 11:00 am. We look forward to our Journey with Christ together with you!

Jon Clark & Karen Randall, Adult LLL Leaders

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>

Youth Clothing & Supply Ingathering February 2021 Outreach Project



Now through the end of February, St. Matthew's is gathering new clothing for children ages infant through age 12 to be sent to [St. Timothy's Episcopal Outreach Center](#) in Kentucky for distribution in this impoverished Appalachian area. This year, we will be sharing the collection with [Cradles to Crayons](#), a local charity that provides for local impoverished children.

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, 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.