

Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church
Growing in Love to Become One with God's Purpose



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020
9:30 a.m.

Prelude: *“Jesus Jesus”*

by Geoff Bullock

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom for ever and for ever. Amen

Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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.*

Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with

steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 [Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.]

A reading from 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Meditation: “Come Holy Spirit”

by Lorilee Theissan

Chorus 1

Come Holy Spirit
Come Holy Spirit
Come to this place
We will embrace Your presence

Chorus 2

Come soften our hearts
Come soften our hearts
That we may obey
Teach us Your way come lead us

Bridge

Come Holy Spirit
Come Holy Spirit

Chorus

Reading from the Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head

is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Search Committee Update

Tim Walsh, Karen Sawyer

The 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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we may all 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 all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for 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, Phil, Mary Lou, Edward, Dick, Karen, Lou, June, Margaret, Constance, Ellen, Priscilla and Dorothea;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially remembering Kay Bachand who died on October 2nd, and Charles and Eleanor Foster for whom the altar flowers are given;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We give thanks for the marriage of Lindsay Randall and Christopher Surel;

The Lord bless and keep them always.

We give thanks for the baptism of Elliot Jacob Butker, son of Emily & Joshua Butker, who will be baptized at St. Matthew's at noon today.

The Lord bless and keep them always.

We praise you for 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.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution *Almighty God, have mercy upon 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.*

Peace

The Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 our thanks and praise.

It is our duty and our joy to thank and praise you, Father of mercies,
because when the gift of your grace was rejected by your creation people
you offered it to your chosen people,
and when it was rejected by your chosen people
you offered it once more in your Son.

When your Son was rejected and crucified you came not in wrath
but in the power of your Holy Spirit
to spread the good news
of restoration, reconciliation, and resurrection,
beginning in Jerusalem and on to the ends of the earth.

And so we stand before you
not in fear of your judgement but rejoicing in your abundant mercy,
joining with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
to sing the hymn of your unending praise.

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.

You give us so much, gracious God,
but everything we have is loss
compared to the wondrous love we see in your Son Jesus Christ.

On the night before your Son died
we took away everything you gave us in him,
and yet you gave us a meal.

Now in this wonderful sacrament
we give you everything we know how to give you,
praying that you will give us Christ in the form of this meal.

Send down your Holy Spirit upon us now,
that we might become the body of Christ that you give us to eat.

Give us your very self in these gifts of bread and wine
and make them for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
“Take, eat: this is my body which is given to you;
do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
“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.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

God the Alpha and Omega,
you are the wisdom from which we come,
and you are the destiny to which we are going.
You abide among us, between us, and within us.
Where your servants are rejected, sustain them.
Where your messengers are beaten, renew them.
Where your children are cast out, give them hope of justice and vindication.
Where your vineyard is in the hands of headstrong tenants,
bring your liberation, bring your transformation,
bring your righteousness, until the day comes
when we and your suffering people see you face to face,
ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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 Celebrant breaks the bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the Feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion will now be served in the back of the church. Please wear your mask until you are back in your pew at which time it can be removed to consume the host.

Communion Song: "You Called My Name"

by David Robinson

You called my name, you called and I came
You called my name, you called and I came

Verse 1

My teacher, your love will never end
And always send me where I need to be
To live my life completely
For you have called me by name

Chorus

The mystery of your call
That I should hear your voice at all
That I should hear your voice and
Feel your choice of me.
You called my name, you called and I came
You called my name, you called and I came

Verse 2

You who speak the words of life
Keep my strive, where it needs to be
To live my live completely
For you who called me by name

Closing Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Parish Announcements

Song of Service: “*Rise Up and Praise Him*”

by Paul Baloche

Verse

Let the heavens rejoice let the earth be glad
Let the people of God sing His praise
All over the land
Everyone in the valley come and lift your voice
All those on the mountaintop
Be glad and shout for joy

Chorus

Rise up and praise Him
He deserves our love
Rise up and praise Him
Worship the Holy One
With all your heart
With all your soul
With all your might
Rise up and praise Him

Adult Lifelong Learning Forum: Please join us this morning at **11:00 AM**. for the *Adult Lifelong Learning Forum*. Led by a group of rotating leaders, the forum aims to focus on understanding the root causes of systemic racism, and how Christians are called to respond. Join the forum every Sunday at 11:00 AM on Zoom here:

<https://zoom.us/j/98376656289?pwd=QmFGa1AxRmpYc1NuLzNKbjNRaFtQT09>



Excerpted from the Letter to the Congregation from the Stewardship Committee:

In planning for 2021, we continue to seek to be good stewards of our resources, while funding those things that will allow our dreams as a parish to come to fruition. In this season of stewardship, we would like to share with you our plans and challenges...

We will soon be bringing in a new Rector, and we need to offer a competitive compensation package that allows us to call an experienced member of the clergy. We are looking forward to having new leadership to continue in our mission to preach the Gospel, care for the sick, visit the bereaved, represent our church in the community, develop a vision for the future, and provide administrative support to the whole congregation...we would need **pledges for 2021 of \$357,000**... *our level of pledging exceeded the \$357,000 amount just two years ago...*

We ask that you give prayerful consideration to pledging as much as you can to support the mission of St. Matthew's Church.

To make your pledge online, go here: <https://forms.gle/EjdE1CLy7PJokPEM6>, or you can detach the form included in the October Oracle and mail it to the church, or you can email our Parish Manager directly (parishmanager@saintmattsec.org). We would ask that you complete your pledge by **November 1st**, so that we can properly budget for next year. Thank you for your consideration and faithfulness.

Lifelong Learning Ministry

a new, exciting path for Christian Education at Saint Matthew's

Anthony Carrella, Lifelong Learning Committee Chair & Youth Ministry Coordinator

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School now meets via Zoom once a month. Participants can attend live on the designated Sunday, or on their own time later in the month. Our Sunday School resource is designed to mimic a live atrium experience, and to provide resources for your child's Christian education that works on *your* schedule.

The November and December sessions are currently being planned. Information will be published when we have all the details. Remember that starting on the Friday before the session, you are welcome to pick-up materials at Saint Matt's that will help you facilitate this lesson on your own at home. Contact Linda Baier with additional questions. You can join Sunday School here:

<https://zoom.us/j/98376656289?pwd=QmFGa1AxRmpYc1NuLzNKbjNRaFtQT09>

MS and HS YOUTH GROUPS | Wednesdays at 5:00 PM

Please join us for a Youth Group session! We've got great plans lined-up for you, and we'd love to have you participate. There's a group for everyone — High School students, Middle Schoolers, and even an opportunity to come together at the end of each month. These sessions are being held over Zoom until it is safe for us to gather live and in-person.

Join Youth Group here: <https://zoom.us/j/91363746529>

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation plans were put on hold when the coronavirus pandemic began getting serious. We are planning a path forward for this group to be confirmed in early 2021, and to invite the next class of confirmands into a period of discernment and learning. Stay tuned for additional details.

ADULT EDUCATION

We have been blessed to gather together week after week for the *Adult Lifelong Learning Forum*, which is held on Sundays at 11:00 AM. Led by a group of rotating leaders, the forum aims to focus on understanding the root causes of systemic racism, and how Christians are called to respond. Join the forum every Sunday at 11:00 AM on Zoom here:

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Election Season at Saint Matthew's

The vote is a solemn act where we encounter our identities as both citizens of the United States and as the people of God. Our Christian witness calls us to make our voices heard at the ballot box. Each election, Saint Matthew's offers its campus as a community polling location. This is because we are steadfast

in our belief that everyone be given a safe space to cast their vote — without any barriers. This election, we will also host and invite all to *Prayer at the Polls*. Details below:



Prayer at the Polls | 11.3.20

We invite you to join us live **and** online for *Prayer at the Polls*, being held at Saint Matt's on election day.

All-Day Sacred Space

Beginning at 6:00 AM, our sanctuary will be open for quiet reflection, meditation, and prayer. Come light a candle, place it in the sand, walk a labyrinth, and sit in the stillness before or after casting your vote. This space will be open from start to close on election day. This space is outfitted to comply with the current COVID-19 guidelines.

Services for Justice, Peace, and Unity

Additionally, we will offer 20 minute prayer services for justice, peace, and unity at three-hour intervals. These services can accommodate up to 25 masked worshippers in-person. Hesitant to attend live? We will offer a Zoom link for your participation. These services will be held at **9:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 3:30 PM, and 6:30 PM**. Let us commit ourselves to God by offering our fears and frustrations, but also our hopes and dreams.

Join at any time on election day:

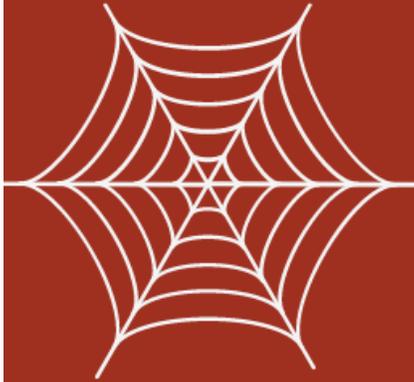
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Want to lend your help? Have questions? Contact Anthony: anthony@saintmattsec.org

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DAVE ROBINSON, GREG DARNLEY
& BARRY COULTON

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**KID'S
COSTUME
CONTEST
WITH PRIZES!**



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH NOON-2PM

**BRING A PICNIC LUNCH
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR
BRING A FRIEND (OR TWO)!**

FREE!

BE SAFE • MASKS REQUIRED