

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021 – 9:30 AM
The Holy Eucharist – Contemporary Service



“Come and See”

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Prelude

Here I Am Lord

by **Dan Schutte**

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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lessons *Please be seated*

Old Testament

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called

again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 (read responsively by whole verse)

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

**14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.**

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

**16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!**

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

New Testament

I Corinthians 6:12-20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and

make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Righteous One

by Bruce and Teresa Muller

Gospel

John 1:43-51

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

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon (*seated*)

Song of Faith

This I Believe

by Ben Fielding and Matt Crocker

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 Donald our President, Joseph our President-elect, 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 Pam, Ruth, Pat, Libby, Phyllis, Betty, Patsy, Terry, Carol, Mary Lou, Rosemary, Karen, Lou, June, Margaret, Constance, Priscilla, Kathy, Cornelia, Carol, Treva and all those with the coronavirus;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, especially John van Steenwyk, Robert Hughes and Pauline McIntyre, 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

King of Love

by I Am They

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 Alan 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 *He Is Exalted* **by Twila Paris**

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 *You Called My Name* **by David Robinson**

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

The Joy of the Lord

by Twila Paris

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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 Anthony, 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



As you know, we have been gathering new clothing for children ages infant through 6 to be sent to Saint Timothy's Episcopal Mission 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.

We have three options for donating:

1-Purchase brand new materials and drop off in bins at the top of the steps outside the double doors to the narthex.

2-Purchase layette materials via [Amazon](#) and send to the Walsh home (address shown below). Any layette is fine to purchase or you can click on the Amazon link for layette that we have already selected.

3- Make a donation through our [online giving page](#) by choosing "Layette Offering" from the dropdown menu, and we will purchase clothing for you!

It is safe and easy to participate in making someone feel loved. Let's help those less fortunate that are struggling to clothe their children! We will be collecting donations this year until Sunday, February 28.

Tim Walsh, 126 Morning Walk Dr, Warrington PA 18976, 215-380-1749

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 17- Mark 5:1-7:13

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

Father Rodney would like to become better acquainted with you and your family, so we are planning some “Get Acquainted Meetings” by [Zoom](#) this January. Each meeting will be limited to 8 sign-ups (families). Please register as a family, i.e. do not count all individuals who will be online: [Register](#). Please look for an email with more information. Remaining scheduled meetings are:

- Tuesday, January 19 1:00pm
- Wednesday, January 20 7:00pm
- Wednesday, January 27 10:00am
- Thursday, January 28 7:00pm

Father Rodney is looking forward to meeting you and your family and becoming better acquainted. Thank you, Welcoming Committee

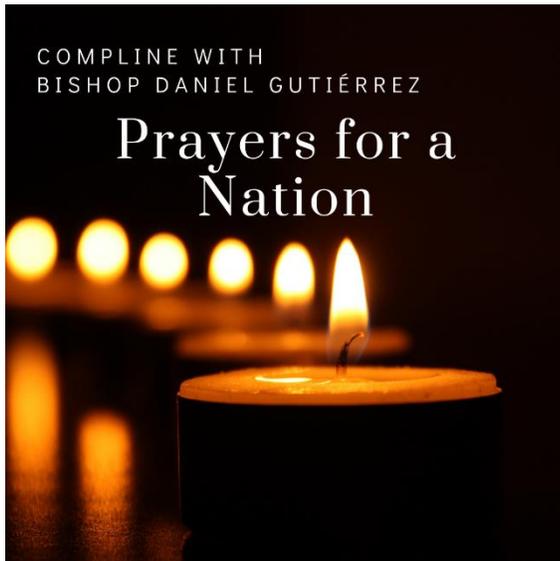
Upcoming Visit from Bishop Gutierrez!

Save the date: **January 31, 2021!** Bishop Gutierrez 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 Gutierrez will be shown as a Facebook “premiere” event.

1:00 p.m. – Zoom meeting for the entire congregation with Bishop Gutierrez (Zoom meeting details to follow)

2:00 p.m. – Zoom meeting with the Vestry & Father Rodney.



On Monday, as we celebrate the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. it is important that we also recommit ourselves to the principles he taught. Please join Bishop Gutierrez on January 18, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. on Facebook as he leads a very special service of compline which will conclude with us recommitting ourselves to the vows made at our baptism.

[Join on Facebook.](#)