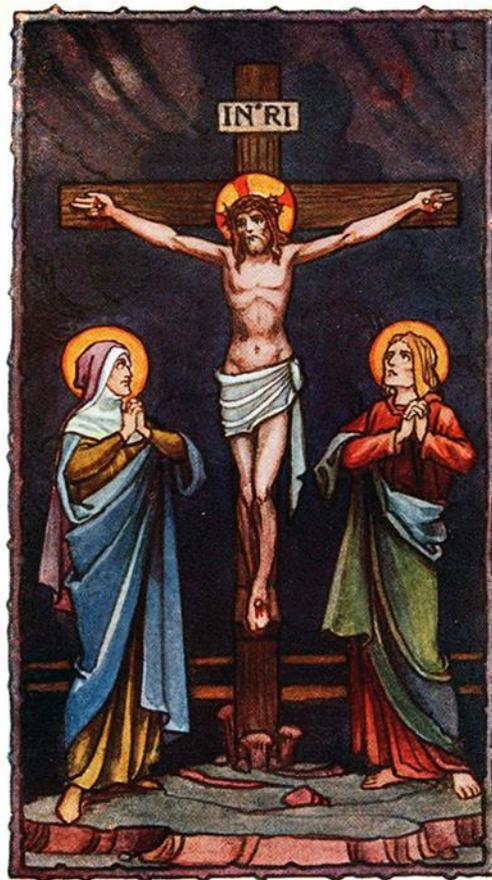


# St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021 – 8 AM  
Holy Eucharist – Rite I



*Good Friday* by Noyes Lewis

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Rev. Rodney Roehner

*(Refrain)* Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *(Refrain)*

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *(Refrain)*

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. *(Refrain)*

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory! *(Refrain)*

*Celebrant* ✠ Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endureth forever.**

*The Celebrant continues with the Collect of Purity*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Followed by the Summary of the Law*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## Kyrie

*Lord, Have Mercy upon Us*

'82 Hymnal – S 91

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Christ, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Lessons *Please be seated*

### Old Testament

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 51:1-13 (read responsively by whole verse)**

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 **Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 **Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.**
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.**
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 **Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.**
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 **Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

## New Testament

## Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

*Glory be to Jesus*

**'82 Hymnal – 479**

1. Glory be to Jesus, who, in bitter pains  
poured for me the lifeblood from his sacred veins!
2. Grace and life eternal in that blood I find,  
blest be his compassion, infinitely kind!
4. Oft as earth exulting wafts its praise on high,  
angel hosts, rejoicing, make their glad reply.

## Gospel

**John 12:20-33**

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

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves

me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Sermon** (*seated*)

Rev. Rodney Roehner

**The Nicene Creed** (*all standing*)

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;**

he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Bishop Daniel and Fr. Rodney, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph our President, Thomas our Governor, all the leaders of our local governments of Montgomery and Bucks Counties, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; especially Terry, Carol, Edward, Dick, Karen, Lou, June, Margaret, Constance, Priscilla, Bob, Kathy, Nancy, Doris, Joe, Mary, Jeryl and all those with the coronavirus.

We pray for this parish of St. Matthew's and our school, and that we may faithfully serve thee. We pray for all first responders, health care workers, and law enforcement, especially Jamie. We pray for all those serving our nation in the armed forces and their families, especially Steven, Jonathan, Kyle, Justin, and Zack. We also pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world, and that all people may come to the knowledge and love of Christ.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed ☩ this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Matthew, our patron, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## General Confession

*The Celebrant says*

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*Minister and People*

**Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins  
and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant then stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon ☩ and deliver you from all your sins, confirm

and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant then says the following sentences*

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

## **The Peace** *(all stand)*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

### **Offertory Anthem**

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

**'82 Hymnal – 441**

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Then the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Sanctus – '82 Hymnal – S 114**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People kneel as the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with ☩

thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## **Agnus Dei – '82 Hymnal – S 158**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

### **The Prayer of Humble Access** (*Celebrant and People*)

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*The Celebrant then faces the People while elevating the Sacrament and says*

✠ Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

*People* **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

### **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**

*Ab, Holy Jesus*

'82 Hymnal – 158

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure**

us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

*The Celebrant says the following blessing*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

*Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!*

**'82 Hymnal – 495**

1. Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, thou agonizing Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!  
By thy merit we find favor; life is given through thy Name.

2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins were on thee were laid:  
by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.  
All thy people are forgiven, through the virtue of thy blood:  
opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.

3. Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there forever to abide;  
all the heavenly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side.  
There for sinners thou art pleading: there thou dost our place prepare;  
ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Announcements

### Lenten Weekly Schedule

**Monday: 7:30 p.m.:** Bible Study on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 910-1184-9622 (3/8 & 3/22)

**Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.:** Prayer & Share Gathering on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 913-5830-9441

**Wednesday: 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 (This week: Chapters 10 & 11, Lead us not into temptation & Deliver us from evil & Conclusion)

**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

\* Registration required: register [here](#)

### Holy Week Service Schedule (all in-person except Good Friday Stations):

- Palm Sunday (3/28/21) 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.
- Mon, Tue, Wed in Holy Week (3/29, 3/30, 3/31) 6:00 p.m.
- Maundy Thursday (4/1) 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday (4/2) 12:00 pm and Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m via Zoom
- Holy Saturday (4/3) 6:00 p.m.: Liturgy of Light Service
- Easter Sunday (4/4) 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.

## **Lifelong Learning**

### **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

### **Sunday School**

A new Sunday School lesson will be available soon! This lesson will be pre-recorded. Families can watch and participate at a time that is convenient for them. The lesson this month is on Holy Week, and as in prior months, materials will be available for pick-up outside the narthex doors at church. Please watch your email, and St. Matthew's communications, for availability.

## **Communion Under Special Circumstances**

Fr. Rodney will now be offering "Communion under Special Circumstances," which is based on the version found on pgs. 396-399 of the BCP. It is a brief service that enables those who are not ready to return to in-person worship to still come to church and receive Holy Communion. Things to know: this service is only between you and Fr. Rodney, all are masked, you will take the host as Fr. Rodney says the appropriate words, and it takes no longer than five minutes. Please contact Fr. Rodney at [rector@saintmattsec.org](mailto:rector@saintmattsec.org) to make an appointment or ask further questions. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please click this [link](#) for more information and a video.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **Youth Group Schedule: Mondays**

Youth Group is our program offering for both middle school and high school students. Join us on scheduled Monday evenings of each month for games, fun, fellowship, projects, and lively discussions about our faith. **Our next meeting is tomorrow, March 22nd at 6:00 PM.** We are hoping to make Youth Group a bimonthly offering, and to make a transition toward outdoor meetings at Saint Matt's in late March or early April.

### **The Teenage Prayer Experiment**

What do you already know about prayer? Has the practice ever been helpful for you? I wonder . . . might there be different ways for us to connect with God than we're used to? Join the members of our Youth Group as we work through a series of ongoing *experiments* titled, **The Teenage Prayer Experiment**. Each chapter of the book introduces a prayer practice (using labyrinths, Lego Bible modelling, prayer beads, prayer walking) and includes comments by youth who have tried out the experiments for themselves. Of course there is space for you to record your own thoughts. Email Anthony at [anthony@saintmattsec.org](mailto:anthony@saintmattsec.org) to reserve your free copy for personal use, and for discussion in monthly Youth Group meetings.

### **Changes in the Sanctuary**

You may (or may not!) notice some additions in the sanctuary. Vestry approved the purchase of upgraded audio and video equipment, including installed cameras. This will both allow St. Matthew's to continue to offer online worship services for those not able to attend in person with less disruption to those in the sanctuary, as well as improve the quality of that online experience.

### **Church Office**

Please note that the church office is CLOSED on **Mondays**. On the other weekdays, you can reach someone by phone (215.646.4092, press #1 for the Parish Manager) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. If you need to stop

by the church for any reason, please call first to arrange a time, or to make sure that someone is on site to let you in. Thank you!

### **Prayers for Active Military**

You may have noticed a return recently to prayers for active military personnel. If you have a family member on active duty that you would like included in the Prayers for the People, please contact the church office at [parishmanager@saintmattsec.org](mailto:parishmanager@saintmattsec.org) or 215.646.4092.

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