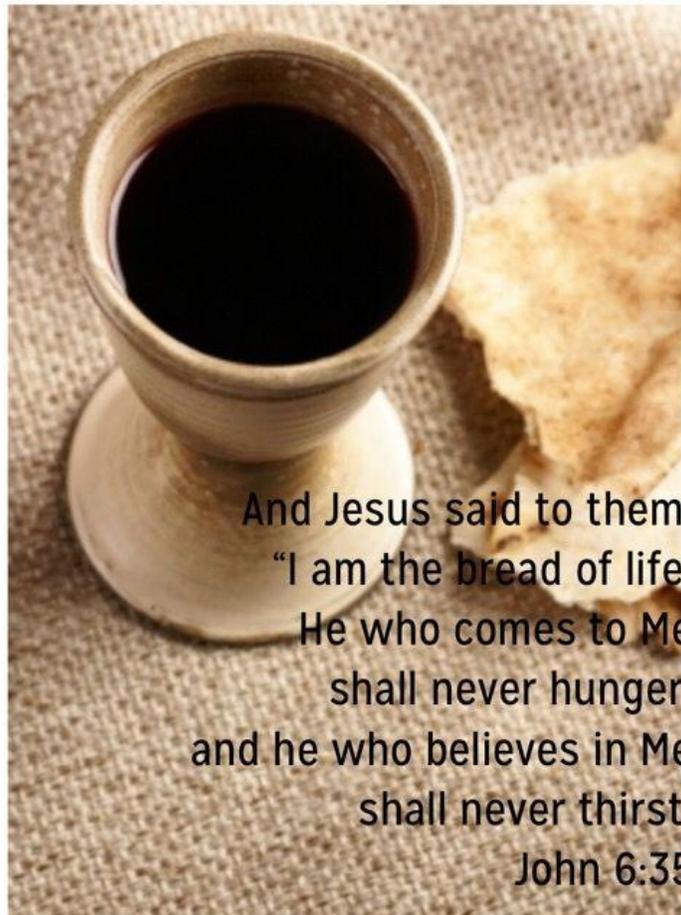


# St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

## The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021 – 10:30 AM  
The Holy Eucharist – Rite II



And Jesus said to them,  
“I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to Me  
shall never hunger,  
and he who believes in Me  
shall never thirst.  
John 6:35

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**Processional Hymn** *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* '82 Hymnal – 522, v. 1,2,4

*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.**

**Holy God - Trisagion**

'82 Hymnal – S 100

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us. (3x)

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 Reading**

**Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that

way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.” Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’” In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 78:23-29 (read responsively by whole verse)**

23 So he commanded the clouds above \*  
and opened the doors of heaven.

**24 He rained down manna upon them to eat \*  
and gave them grain from heaven.**

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; \*  
he provided for them food enough.

**26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens \*  
and led out the south wind by his might.**

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust \*  
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.

**28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp \*  
and round about their dwellings.**

29 So they ate and were well filled, \*  
for he gave them what they craved.

**New Testament Reading**

**Ephesians 4:1-16**

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**    *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*    '82 Hymnal – 547, v.1,2,5

**Gospel**

**John 6:24-35**

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

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

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** (*seated*)

Rev. Rodney Roehner

## **Nicene 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 – Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, for the protection and relief of persecuted Christians, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Daniel our Bishop, for Rodney our priest; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Joseph our President, Thomas our Governor, for the leaders of Montgomery and Bucks Counties; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this town of Maple Glen; for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Phyllis, Terry, Carol, Edward, Dick, Karen, Lou, June, Margaret, Priscilla, Nancy, Ava, Greg, Norman, Laura, Alice, Mary, Patrick, Patti, Nancy and all those with the coronavirus; let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this parish of St. Matthew's and our school, for those celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries, and especially for Aubrey Jean Reynolds, who was baptized earlier this morning; that we may serve God faithfully, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For all first responders, health care workers, and law enforcement, especially Jamie; for those who serve our nation in the armed forces, especially Steven, Jonathan, Kyle, Justin, Zack and their families, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially remembering Eileen Logan, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the Communion of the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Matthew, our patron, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our Lord. **To you, O Lord, our God.**

## **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 Hymn**

*Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

**'82 Hymnal – 690**

## **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 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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 – '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 Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. ✠ Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

**Fraction Anthem**                      *Jesus, Lamb of God*                      **'82 Hymnal – S 164**

*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**                      *My God Thy Table Now is Spread*                      **'82 Hymnal – 321**

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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.

*The Celebrant says the following blessing*

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**      *Deck Thyself My Soul with Gladness*      **'82 Hymnal - 339**

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Announcements

### Pound the Pantry

We are thrilled to have a newly cleaned and organized kitchen. However, we now need your help to re-stock the pantry! If you would like to help, please go here: <https://tinyurl.com/parishpantry-SMEC> Donations may be placed in the box located in the narthex. Thank you!

### Lifelong Learning – Sunday School

We are looking forward to September, and the return to in-person Sunday School, with great anticipation. Stay tuned next week for information on a Sunday School Open House to be held in the end of August.

### Parish Hall Labyrinth Prototype

Have you noticed the green tape on our parish hall floors? If you haven't, take a look during this morning's coffee hour. Eleven Saint Matthew's youth gathered a few weeks ago to support Nathaniel Mathew in creating this prototype of his Eagle Scout project, a prayer labyrinth. Nathaniel is planning on creating a larger, eco-conscious version of the labyrinth on our church campus later this summer. The final version will be grass-hewn, with a stone path leading to its threshold, and with a small trailhead to direct visitors. We invite you to *test drive* the labyrinth in our parish hall throughout July and August anytime you like. Call the church office if you would like to walk it as an individual or a family during non-worship hours. Nathaniel would appreciate any feedback on the pattern he is proposing. While you're there, take a look at the art pieces we created as a youth group this year. **If you'd like to donate funds to Nathaniel's project, please contribute here: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1645637>**

## Episcopal Community Services Programs

Do you know someone struggling to achieve certain goals, or work toward self-sufficiency? Episcopal Community Services (ECS) has several free programs (virtual) that might be right for them. The programs currently running are listed here. Pass them on!

**The RISE Initiative:** A workforce development program that helps connect people to employment, build their skills, and chart the course for their next steps in life. Benefits include: Access to our employer network; monetary incentives; 1-on-1 career coaching; connections to training & educational opportunities; \$25 for completing enrollment; Monthly grocery store gift card. Participants have the opportunity to earn up to \$250 for accomplishing goals and they are eligible for a gift card to a grocery store of their choosing. **Details:** Running now through mid-December (virtual). [Click here.](#)

**Feed Your Potential 365:** A hands-on group experience that teaches people how to prepare affordable, healthy meals for their family, be a smart grocery shopper, and understand the role of food in their health. The series includes cooking demonstrations, food tastings, healthy ingredient swaps and health & wellbeing workshops. **Details:** Tuesdays, 7/20 – 8/24, 4-5pm (virtual). [Click here.](#)

**The Father's Group:** A group for fathers and paternal figures who want to be more present in their child's life. Whether they need parenting advice or are looking for a support system, this group can help men become better, more present figures in children's lives. **Details:** Saturdays, 7/24 – 10/9, 3-4pm (virtual). [Click here.](#)

**The Parent Connection:** A supportive series that promotes parental competence and aims to improve primary parent/caregiver and child relationships. Topics include the stages of child development, coping with COVID-19 and social distancing, spending quality time with children, varied approaches to positive parenting, meditation and stress reduction tips, resource sharing, and other wellness activities. **Details:** Mondays and Wednesdays, August 16 – September 27, 2x a week for 6 weeks (virtual). [Click here.](#)