

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021 – 9:00 AM
The Holy Eucharist – Contemporary Service



St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church, New York, New York

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Prelude *We Bow Down* **by Twila Paris** (instrumental)

Gather *We Bow Down* **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 Brook 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.

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.

People **Amen.**

The Lessons *Please be seated*

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God,

just as Aaron was. So also 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.**

Meditation

You Are Holy

by Twila Paris

Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

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

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

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

The Sermon (*seated*)

Rev. Rodney Roehner

Faith Song *We Believe* by **Matthew Hooper, Richie Fike, Travis Ryan**

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 Phyllis, Terry, Carol, Edward, Dick, Lou, June, Margaret, Priscilla, Nancy, Ava, Greg, Norman, Laura, Mary, Patti, Ernie, Jack, and all those with the coronavirus.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, especially Charles and Eleanor Foster, in whose memory the altar flowers are given by Judy Groben, and Ann Sibson, in whose memory the altar flowers are also given by Bill Sibson and her family, 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 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; 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.

Celebrant Let us also pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

All **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.**

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

Your Banner

by Robin Mark

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

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.**

Anthem *Blessing and Honor* **by Terry MacAlmon**

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 *Jesus, King of Angels* **by Fernando Ortega**

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.**

Service Hymn

For All You've Done

by Reuben Morgan

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

– PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Generous Offerings Provide Relief

We are pleased to report that generosity at Saint Matthew's abounds! Thanks to all who recently provided offerings to the following organizations:

- Saint James School; **\$420** as of Oct. 15.
- Relief for Hurricane Ida, Louisiana; **\$1250** as of Oct. 15.

The 2021 Annual Meeting

November 14th, 2021, at ~ 9:45 AM

This announcement serves as official notice regarding Saint Matthew's upcoming Annual Meeting. The meeting is to be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 14th immediately following the 9:00 AM service. Unlike last year, there will not be a virtual engagement option. Following the Annual Report, the body will elect diocesan delegates and welcome newcomers to the vestry.

Altar Flowers Honor Your Moment

Have a special moment coming up? Memorializing a departed loved one? Want to give thanksgiving, or lift up a cause? Sponsoring our parish altar flowers is a lovely way to honor your moment, and support St. Matthew's at the same time.

Individuals may sign up for a specific Sunday by marking them on the chart outside the parish kitchen, or by contacting Anthony in the parish office **anthony@saintmattsec.org** . We ask that individuals consider a minimum donation amount of \$50 for each request. Each arrangement costs \$70. Thank you!

– PARISH OUTREACH –

Donate to *Cecil and Grace Bean's Soup Kitchen* in Norristown.

This Sunday Oct. 17, the Saint Matthew's community is collecting donations for Cecil and Grace Bean's Soup Kitchen in Norristown. This critical local ministry provides sustenance to 700+ families each week through a strong spirit of generosity. Our parish family at Saint Matt's can make a direct impact on the kitchen's operations by using envelopes found in the pews, or by making an online donation at **<https://tinyurl.com/SMEC-FedTheHungry>**.

Support the St. James School Science Class

Saint Matthew's is proud to support the learning community at the St. James School in Philadelphia. Right now, the school's science teacher is seeking donations of supplies to support classroom activities and experiments. These items are easy to find at home, or at the grocery store. If you are called to contribute, look at the most pressing needs by heading to:

<https://tinyurl.com/St-James-Science> . Parishioners may sign up to donate items on the form linked above. All supplies should be dropped off at Parish Office during regular office hours.

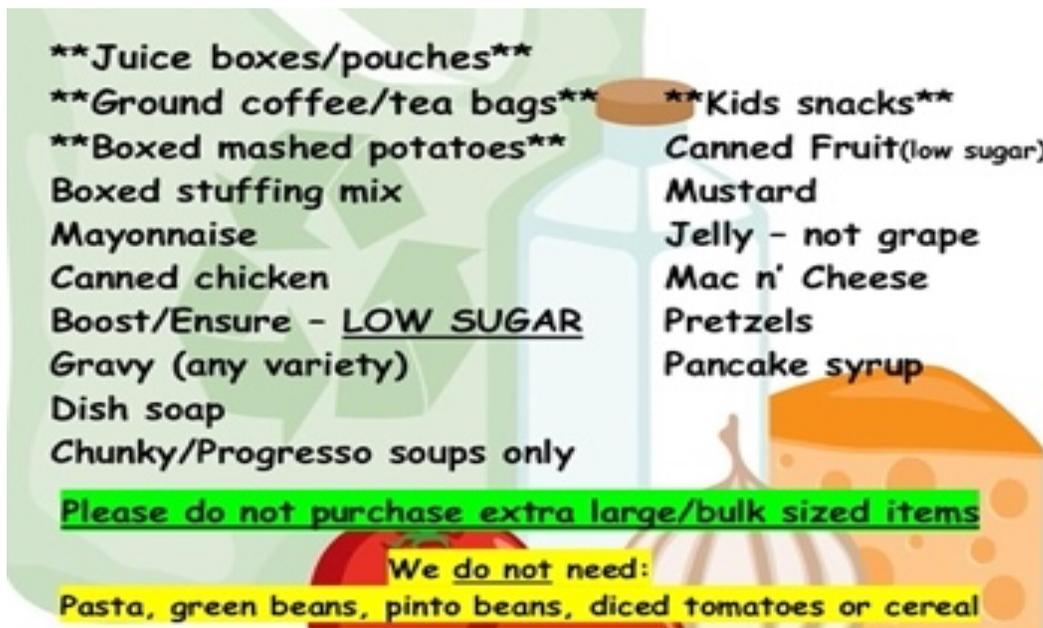
Operation Bear Hug Preparations Begin

St. Matthew's is preparing to spread Christmas comfort by donating new teddy bears to residents dwelling within our local care centers (*think: Fox Subacute and senior residences*). The effort is steered by parishioner Linda Walsh, who is inviting the Saint Matt's community to begin providing financial donations by going to

<https://tinyurl.com/SMEC-OBH-21> . Details on donating bears themselves will be announced in the coming weeks, so stay tuned!

Support the Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard

At-risk individuals and families in Montgomery County are blessed by the support provided by our local Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard. The organization has been actively feeding the hungry in Ambler and beyond since 1973. Saint Matthew's continues to collect food items for the cupboard in a box outside our parish kitchen, and in the bins outside the narthex doors. Current needs include:



– PARISH EVENTS–

TODAY: Consecration Sunday and Coffee Hour

October 17th @ 10:00 AM

Please join us this morning for a special consecration Sunday coffee hour! You should all have received a letter from Father Rodney and a 2022 pledge card in the mail. Please join us on Consecration Sunday to offer your pledge for 2022 in thanksgiving for God's constant blessings. If you are not able to attend in person, you may also either mail your pledge card to the church office or complete your pledge online by going to <https://tinyurl.com/SMEC-consecrate> . Saint Matthew's respectfully request pledges to be submitted by November 1st.

Trunk or Treat 2021

October 30th @ 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Trunk or Treat is back! This event will be held on Saturday, October 30th following a brief prayer service @ 4:00 p.m. Why just decorate your house? Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/SMEC-Trunk> to decorate your trunk, have fun, and bring joy to all our trick-or-treaters. Watch for a flyer in the upcoming week with more details and information.

Holy Eucharist on All Soul's Day

November 2nd @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Saint Matthew's will honor the faithful departed on All Soul's Day by holding a solemn Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd at 6:00 PM. We invite worshippers to join us in remembering their loved ones by providing us with their first and last name(s). Head to <https://tinyurl.com/SMEC-remembers> to add names to our community memorial. Submissions are requested by Monday, November 1st. If you would like to donate alter flowers for the occasion, please reach out to Anthony.