

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021 – 10:30 AM
The Holy Eucharist – Rite II



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

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Processional Hymn *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus* '82 Hymnal – 495 v. 1-3

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 102

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.

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*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 53:4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 91:9-16 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
 and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 **There shall no evil happen to you, ***
 neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
 to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 **They shall bear you in their hands, ***
 lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
 you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 **Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; ***
 I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

**16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.**

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.**

Sequence Hymn

Jesus, Our Almighty Lord

'82 Hymnal – 478

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

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 the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, 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. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this parish of St. Matthew's and our school, for those celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries; 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 all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, 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, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **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 Anthem

A Canon of Praise

arr. By Natalie Sleeth

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 – '82 Hymnal – S 125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. 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

Christ Our Passover

'82 Hymnal – S 155

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 Song Is Love Unknown

'82 Hymnal – 458

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 *O Holy City, Seen of John* **'82 Hymnal – 583 v. 1, 2, 4**

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.

– 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.

