

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist – Contemporary Service



Feed Them by Jorge Cocco

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Prelude

Amazing Love

by **Billy J. Foote**

Gather

Fill this Place

by **Epsy & Mattrone**

Verse 1

There is a Light that burns
in the darkness
There is a Hope that
washes the fear away
There is a Peace that settles around us
It is Your love that sets
our hearts ablaze

Verse 2

There is a King that reigns in victory
There is a mercy strong
enough to save
We feel it rising up from the ashes
There is a Love that
overcame the grave

Chorus

Father we're on our knees
With every heartbeat
We bring you this offering
Lord come and fill this place

Father we're crying out
Spirit, we need you now
Glorious love surrounds us
Lord come and fill this place

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

Praise the Lord (To God be the Glory)

by **Matthew West**

Praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice

Come to the Father
through Jesus His Son
And give Him the glory
great things He has done

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Great Love

by Robin Mark

Verse 1

My heart will sing to You
because of Your great love
A love so rich so pure,
a love beyond compare

The wilderness, the barren place
Become as blessing in the
warmth of Your embrace.

Verse 2

When earthly wisdom dims
the light of knowing You
Or if my search for
understanding clouds Your way
To You I'll fly, my hiding place
Where revelation is

beholding face to face.

Chorus

May my heart sing Your praise forever
May my voice lift Your name my God
May my soul know no other pleasure
Than Your love, than Your love

Gospel *(standing)*

John 6:1-21

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

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I;

do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon (*seated*)

Rev. David Robinson

Faith Song

This I Believe

by Fielding & Crocker

Verse 1

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One, God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

Chorus

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

The Prayers of the People – Form III

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 Bp. Daniel, Fr. Rodney, Fr. Dave, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joseph our President, Josh 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 Betsy, Ava, Greg, Laura, Betty, Carol, Millie, Jane, Kathleen, Anthony, Steve, Fred, Christy, Tyler, Paul, Steve, Caleb, Patti, Virginia, Polly, Henry, Bernadette, Daniel, Roger, Erin, Giuliano, Brody, Dave, Sean, Gerry, Tom, Mary, Adam, Lilly, and Judi.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, especially Gary Landis, in whose memory the altar flowers are given by the Landis 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 and law enforcement, especially Jamie and Justin; for those who serve our nation in the armed forces, especially Steven, Jonathan, Kyle, Justin, Zack, William, 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.

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

Testimony

by Lake, Brown, Furtick, Hudson

Verse 1

I saw satan fall like lightning
I saw darkness run for cover
But the miracle that I just can't get
over
My name is registered in heaven

Verse 2

I believe in signs and wonders
I have resurrection power
Still the miracle that I just can't get over
My name is registered in heaven
My praise belongs to you forever

Chorus

This is my testimony from death to life
Cause grace rewrote my story, I'll testify
By Jesus Christ the Righteous

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

I'm justified
This is my testimony
This is my testimony

Verse 3

Come together sons and daughters
Bought with blood
And washed in water
Sing the praises of the Spirit
Son and Father
Our God will finish what He started
Our God will finish what He started

Bridge

If I'm not dead, You're not done
Greater things are still to come
Oh I believe

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

Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lamb of God
Honor, praise and glory
Are Yours, oh Lord, Forever

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

Sanctuary

by John W. Thompson & Randy Scruggs

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

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

✠ The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion *Father Would You Hold My Hand* **by Doss, Mulligan & Gomez**

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 *Sing Sing Sing* by Tomlin, Carson, Reeves, Gilder & Nunn

Chorus

We will sing sing sing
And make music with the heavens
We will sing sing sing
Grateful that You hear us
When we shout Your praise
Lift high the name of Jesus

Verse 1

What's not to love about You
Heaven and earth adore You
Kings and kingdoms bow down
Son of God You are the One
You are the One we're living for

Verse 2

You are the love that frees us
You are the light that leads us
Like a fire burning
Son of God You are the One
You are the One we're living for

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Supply Drive | We will once again be partnering with St. John's Church to provide school supplies in support of the students at Davenport Elementary School (formerly Gotwals) in Norristown. Items needed are on flyers in the narthex, and on our website. **Please bring in your donations no later than Sunday, August 11th.** Donations can be placed in the marked bin outside the kitchen, and we will deliver them to St. John's.



The Sermon on the Mount | The steadfastness of the Father as revealed in the person of Christ and the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit bring peace. But from the

changing tides of global culture and politics to the chaotic storms that affect families and loved ones, peace can be elusive. *So how do we get more peace?* Explore the Sermon on the Mount with us this summer on **the following Tuesday evenings from 7:30-8:45 p.m. on Zoom at bit.ly/SMEC-Zoom-Gathering**

Tuesdays: July 30, August 13, and August 27

OUTREACH

Mattie Dixon Food Cupboard | St. Matthew’s parishioners are longtime supporters of this Ambler based organization, and we thank you for all your past support! Unfortunately, food insecurity remains a critical issue. The Cupboard’s greatest needs right now are for: **baby food, coffee, juice & juice boxes, cooking oils, salad dressing, mayonnaise, taco kits, canned pineapple, BBQ sauce, ketchup, ramen noodles, vinegar, strawberry jelly, bleach, cat food, dog food, hand soap, kitchen trash bags, tissues, laundry detergent, and Poise pads.** Offerings can be placed in bins located outside the kitchen or narthex doors. They do NOT need the following: cereal, canned veggies, tuna, peanut butter, soup.

Little Pantry | Thank you to all who donate regularly to help keep our pantry stocked. As the pantry is emptied daily, it requires a lot of resources to maintain! **Currently, we are in need of spaghetti sauce, crackers, paper towels, tissues, dollar store items, such as shampoo, toothpaste, Q-tips, deodorant, dishwashing soap, small laundry detergents.** Thank you!

Parish Calendar *for the week of July 28th, 2024*

Tuesday, July 30th	7:30 PM	The Sermon on the Mount Bible Study on Zoom*
Wednesday, July 31st	12:00 PM	Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary
Thursday, August 1st	9:00 AM	Funeral Jones Shannon in the Sanctuary & on Zoom*
	10:15 AM	Handchime Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
Sunday, August 4th <i>All services are held in the Sanctuary. 9AM service is also accessible via Livestream.</i>	7:45 AM	Rite I Holy Eucharist
	9:00 AM	Rite II Holy Eucharist with Contemporary Music
	10:00 AM	Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall
	10:30 AM	Rite II Holy Eucharist with Organ

*Access Zoom meeting links by going to bit.ly/SMEC-Zoom-Gathering