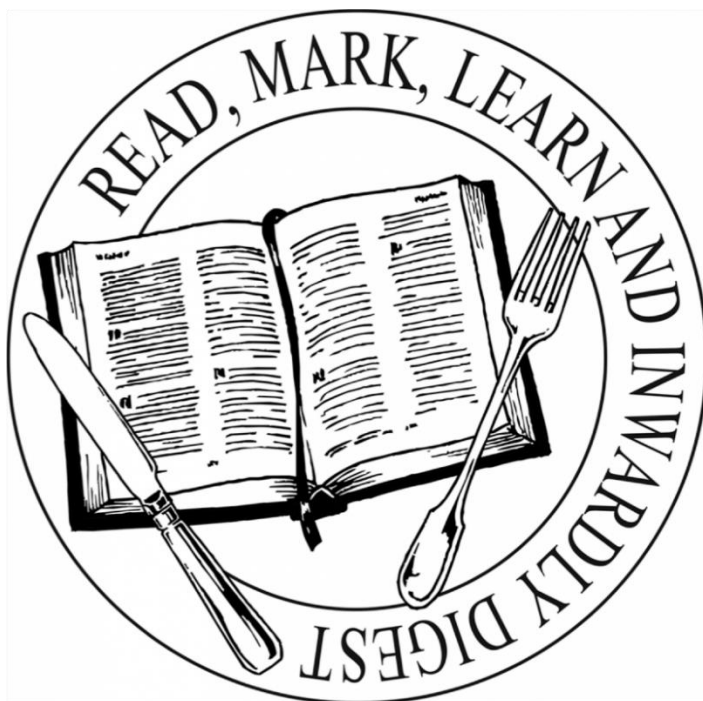


# St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist – Contemporary Service



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**Gather**

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

**by Paul Baloche**

**Chorus**

Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

You are You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

**Verse**

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

**Bridge**

Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
I want to see You

*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 Brooke and Scott Ligertwood & Jason Ingram**

Praise the Father, praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, Three in One  
God of Glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **First Reading**

**Daniel 12:1-3**

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel** (*standing*)

**Mark 13:1-8**

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

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

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

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

**The Sermon** (*seated*)

Rev. Rodney Roehner

**Faith Song**

*We Believe and Trust*

**by Marc Nelson**

We believe and trust in  
God the Father Almighty  
We believe and trust in  
Jesus Christ His Son

We believe and trust  
In the Holy Spirit  
We believe and trust in  
The Three in One

### **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,  
Laura, Carol, Millie, Jane, Kathleen, Anthony, Steve, Fred, Christy, Tyler, Steve, Caleb,  
Patti, Virginia, Polly, Henry, Bernadette, Daniel, Roger, Erin, Giuliano, Brody, Dave,  
Sean, Tom, Mary, Constance, Lilly, Ethan, Sue, Colleen, Carolyn, Clarence, and Lou.  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed, especially Linda Overholt who died this past week, eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Matthew, 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; and 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

*People Get Ready*

by Curtis Mayfield

### Verse 1

People get ready,  
there's a train a comin'  
You don't need no baggage  
you just get on board

All you need is faith  
to hear the diesels hummin'  
Don't need no ticket  
you just thank the Lord

### Verse 2

People get ready  
for the train to Jordan  
Picking up passengers coast to coast

Faith is the key,  
Open the doors and board them  
There's hope for all, among those  
Who loved the most

### Verse 3

There ain't no room  
for the hopeless sinner  
Who would hurt all mankind  
just to save his own

Have pity on those  
whose chances grow thinner  
For there's no hiding place  
against the kingdom's throne  
I believe.....

## 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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Holy, Holy, Holy  
My heart, my heart adores You  
My heart knows how to say to You  
You are holy Lord

*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**

*You Are My All in All*

**by Dennis Jernigan**

Jesus, Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your Name  
Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your Name

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

✠ The Gifts of God for the people of God.

**Communion**

*Rend the Heavens*

**by Robin Mark**

**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.**

**Verse**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts  
Praise Father Son, and Holy Ghost

Chorus

Amen Amen  
Amen Amen

**Dismissal**

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

**THE PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2025 Pledges** | Thank you to all who have submitted their 2025 pledges! We are off to a good start with 73 pledges for a total of \$271,000. Pledge cards can be dropped in the plate on Sunday, or mailed to the office.

**EVENTS**

**Family Promise (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network)** | St. Matthew's has a long history of supporting Family Promise and their mission to partner with the community to address homelessness and hunger. Although we are no longer a host congregation, we will hold a meeting on **November 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.** with a representative from Family Promise to discuss ways that we can support the December host congregation, Supplee Presbyterian. Some of the specific needs will be for transportation and providing dinners. Please join us to learn more, and to volunteer!

## OUTREACH

**MWAMBA Foundation Scholarships** | St. Matthew's has long partnered with Mwamba (over 20 years!) in their aim of funding quality education for students living in and around Kitale, Kenya. **Your donations last year funded scholarships for 19 students!** The power to change a young person and their family's future is in these scholarships. Please consider supporting this incredible organization. More information is available on the table in the narthex. A full year scholarship for a student is \$400, but **any amount may be donated** by either going here, [tinyurl.com/Mwamba-SMEC-22](https://tinyurl.com/Mwamba-SMEC-22), or by check to **St. Matthew's** with "Mwamba" on the memo line. The final day for donations this year is **December 8, 2024**.

**Feed the Hungry** | Today we are collecting donations for Cecil and Grace Bean's Soup Kitchen in Norristown. Make a direct impact on the kitchen's operations by donating using the envelope found in your pew, or by making an online contribution at [tinyurl.com/SMEC-FeedTheHungry](https://tinyurl.com/SMEC-FeedTheHungry)

**Little Pantry** | Thank you for answering our call for toilet paper and peanut butter! We are now in need of the following: **crackers, jelly, cereal, spaghetti sauce, breakfast bars, paper towels, toothpaste, dish soap, and laundry detergent.** Thank you so much for your generosity!

**Mattie Dixon Thanksgiving Food Drive** | Every year Saint Matthews is especially generous in contributing to the Mattie Dixon Community Food Drive for Thanksgiving meals for those in need. Donations can be dropped off in the bin outside the kitchen, or the bins outside the narthex entry doors. Below is this year's wish list. **Please drop off your donations by next Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.**

*Roasting pan w/handles*

*Cans/jars of gravy*

*Stuffing (box or bag)*

*Cornbread mix*

*Instant mashed potatoes (boxed)*

*Fresh or frozen dinner rolls*

*Macaroni & cheese (box)*

*French's fried onions*

*Apple or Pumpkin pie*

*Sweet potatoes or yams (canned)*

*Cream of Mushroom soup*

*Vegan soup*

**United Thank Offering (UTO)** | November 24<sup>th</sup> is UTO Sunday! UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings, and make an offering for each blessing. **UTO distributes 100% of what is collected to support mission and ministry.** We invite you to use the envelopes in the pews as you contemplate those blessings in your life.

**Parish Calendar** *for the week of* **November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

<b>Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30 PM	<b>Tuesday Bible Study</b> <i>on Zoom*</i>
<b>Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM	<b>Knit Wits</b> <i>in the Parish Hall</i>
	12:00 PM	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> <i>in the Sanctuary</i>
	4:00 PM	<b>Handchime Rehearsal</b> <i>in the Sanctuary</i>
	7:00 PM	<b>Bible Study</b> <i>on Zoom*</i>
<b>Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup></b>	9:00 AM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>on Zoom*</i>
<b>Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup></b>  <i>All services are held in the Sanctuary. 9 AM service is also accessible via Livestream.</i>	7:45 AM	<b>Rite I Holy Eucharist</b>
	9:00 AM	<b>Rite II Holy Eucharist with Contemporary Music</b>
	9:00 AM	<b>CGS Sunday School</b>
	9:00 AM	<b>Weaving God's Promises</b> <i>in the Rector's office</i>
	10:00 AM	<b>Coffee Hour</b> <i>in the Parish Hall</i>
	10:30 AM	<b>Rite II Choral Eucharist</b>

\*Access Zoom meeting links by going to [bit.ly/SMEC-Zoom-Gathering](https://bit.ly/SMEC-Zoom-Gathering)