

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025 – 9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist – Contemporary Music



Sermon on the Mount by Carl Bloch – 1877

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Rev. Rodney Roehner

Prelude

Glory to God Forever

by Steve Fee & Vicky Beeching

Gather

Blessed Be Your Name

by Matt & Beth Redman

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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**

O Praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
O 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 strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Blessed Are They

by David Haas

Verse 1

Blest are they, the poor in spirit
Theirs is the kingdom of God
Blest are they, full of sorrow
They shall be consoled

Chorus

Rejoice and be glad
Blessed are you; holy are you
Rejoice and be glad
Yours is the Kingdom of God

Verse 2

Blest are they, the lowly ones
They shall inherit the earth
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst
They shall have their fill

Verse 3

Blest are they who show mercy
Mercy shall be theirs
Blest are they, the pure of heart
They shall see God

Gospel *(standing)*

Luke 6:17-26

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

The Sermon *(seated)*

Rev. David Robinson

Faith Song

This I Believe

by Ben Fielding & Matt Crocker

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

Verse 1

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

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 Donald 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 especially Betsy, Ava, Laura, Carol, Millie, Jane, Kathleen, Anthony, Steve, Fred, Christy, Tyler, Steve, Caleb, Patti, Virginia, Polly, Daniel, Roger, Erin, Giuliano, Brody, Dave, Sean, Constance, Ethan, Sue, Colleen, Carolyn, Lou, Elaine, Lauren, Lyla, Liam, Michael, Dee, Angelica, Mary Kate, Bob, Linda, Gordon, and Mark.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, especially Colwin Bocasan, in whose memory the altar flowers are given by the Little 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 those celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries. We pray 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. 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 Hymn

Your Banner

by Robin Mark

Verse 1

Your banner over me is Love
Your banner over me is Love
Love found me as
a wandering child
Love saved me out of death to life
Your banner over me is Love

Verse 2

Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your house
Each day you're gonna find me there
I wouldn't spend it anywhere
Than in your presence in Your house

Eucharistic Prayer B

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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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.

Bridge 1

O Lord God Almighty
Minister of Grace
Blessed are those on Zion's hill
Singing out Your Praise

Verse 3

You're my beginning and my end
You're my beginning and my end
This journey may be short or long
These words will always be my song
You're my beginning and my end
You're my beginning and my end
You're my beginning and my end

Holy holy holy
Is the Lamb of God
Honor praise and glory
Are Yours oh Lord forever

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Matthew, our patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

He Is Exalted

by Twila Paris

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His Name

He is the Lord,
forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth,
rejoice in His Holy Name
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high

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

✠ The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Hymn

Psalm 23

by Stuart Townend

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

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Chorus

I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

Vamp

Yes Lord, yes Lord. yes yes Lord
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord amen

Verse

I am pressed but not crushed
Persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse
For His promise will endure
that His joy's gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may
last for the night
His joy comes with the morning

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany House Blessings | There are only a couple of weeks left to request an Epiphany House Blessing from Fr. Rodney. This unique service asks for God's blessing upon all who live in the home and involves a different prayer for each room. It is a wonderful opportunity to further welcome God into your daily life and home. To sign up, please indicate your interest by contacting Fr. Rodney directly at rector@saintmattsec.org.

2025 Lenten Fridays Reading Material | This year, we will meet at **12:00 p.m.** on the Fridays during Lent. More information to follow, but if you would like to purchase the book that will be discussed during this time, it is *Final Words From the Cross* by Adam Hamilton, and can be found here: tinyurl.com/Lent25-Book If you would like us to purchase the book for you, please let us know by next Sunday, February 27.

EVENTS

Save the Date, Pancake Supper | The Lenten season is almost upon us, and it wouldn't be the same if it didn't start with pancakes! The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held **March 4th @ 6:00 p.m.** There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you there!

OUTREACH

Little Pantry | Thank you so much for your continued support through donations. Our current needs are: **laundry detergent, tissues, shampoo, soap, deodorant, dish detergent, spaghetti sauce (plastic container), cereal, peanut butter, jelly, paper towels and toilet paper.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Mattie Dixon Community 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 and the need for other daily living items remains a critical issue. The Cupboard's greatest needs right now are for: **apple sauce, BBQ sauce, breadcrumbs, broth, Hostess snacks, Ketchup, sugar, tea, aluminum foil, body wash & lotion, conditioner, dish soap, kitchen trash bags, napkins, paper plates, and sandwich baggies.** Offerings can be placed in the bins located outside the kitchen or narthex doors.

Parish Calendar *for the week of* February 16th, 2025

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| Tuesday, February 18th | 7:30 PM | Tuesday Bible Study <i>on Zoom*</i> |
| Wednesday, February 19th | 10:00 AM | Knit Wits <i>in the former Conference Room</i> |
| | 12:00 PM | Holy Eucharist <i>in the Sanctuary</i> |
| | 7:00 PM | Bible Study <i>on Zoom*</i> |
| Thursday, February 20th | 9:00 AM | Morning Prayer <i>on Zoom*</i> |
| Saturday, February 22nd | 8:00 AM | Project Roadmap <i>in the Parish Hall</i> |
| Sunday, February 23rd <i>All services are held in the Sanctuary. 9 AM service is also accessible via Livestream.</i> | 7:45 AM | Rite I Holy Eucharist |
| | 9:00 AM | Rite II Holy Eucharist with Contemporary Music |
| | 9:00 AM | CGS Sunday School |
| | 9:00 AM | Weaving God's Promises <i>in the Rector's office</i> |
| | 10:00 AM | Coffee Hour <i>in the Parish Hall</i> |
| | 10:30 AM | Rite II Choral Eucharist |

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