



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF

SAINT MATTHEW

Welcoming all, Growing in God

Serving our Neighbor

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday
After
Christmas
January 2, 2022

8:00 am 10:30 am

Welcome to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

All are welcome here. Our liturgy is a celebration of God's love as revealed in Jesus Christ. All are welcome to share in Jesus' sacred meal of communion.

Greeting

Processional Hymn Angels from the realms of glory;
p. 93 1982 Blue Hymnal

The Liturgy of the Word

Presiding-Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

All 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.

Hymn of Praise

Gloria (spoken at 8:00 am and sung at 10:30)
Blue Hymnal S-277

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

Shepherd of Israel and Light of all Nations made known in the gifts of those who call to other names and walk on different ways: may unjust powers and the hatred within us be dismayed by your friendship and dethroned by your love; through Jesus Christ, the open arms of grace.

People Amen.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-14

(Lector A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah)

For thus says the LORD:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy,

I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84 (The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 84. We will read the psalm responsively by whole verse. The congregation's part is printed in bold)

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the
Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow
a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of
your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will
always be praising you.

**4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a
place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with
pools of water.

**6 They will climb from height to height, and the God
of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of
Jacob.

**8 Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the
face of your Anointed.**

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1-3-6,15-19a

(*Lector* A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in
Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and
blameless before him in love. He destined us for
adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according
to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his
glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the
Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your
love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not
cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my
prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and
revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the
eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is
the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches
of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is
the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who
believe, according to the working of his great power.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to
Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and
his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I
tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to
destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his
mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there
until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been
spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I
have called my son.'

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly
appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get
up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of
Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are
dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother,
and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that
Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father
Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned
in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There
he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that
what had been spoken through the prophets might be
fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Very Rev. Rick Wilson, Rector and Dean

Deacon and people **The Nicene Creed** (BCP 358)

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Intercessor Eternal light, scatter the darkness from our hearts and minds; enlighten our lives with your glory, and give us the power and wisdom to live as sons and daughters of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** To each petition, we respond: **Lord of Light and Love, save your people.**

Intercessor Mighty God, empower all who seek you to find you; may your church proclaim your saving power, reveal your eternal love, and abide in your peace. We pray for all who seek to live out their faith in their daily lives, all who stand for justice, freedom and unity. **Lord of Light and Love, save your people.**

Intercessor We rejoice that we are created in your image, that we are called to be your sons and daughters. Free us from racism and any other prejudice that defiles us. May the church at all times reveal your glory and lead many to the glorious liberty that is for the children of God. **Lord of Light and Love, save your people.**

Intercessor We give thanks for all scientists and inventors. We pray for all who influence our lives by their experiments and discoveries, that they make work with wisdom and sensitivity. We especially give thanks for those who are making possible the various COVID-19 vaccines.

Lord of Light and Love, save your people.

Intercessor For all who are in positions of power and authority, all leaders of nations, governments and decision-makers. We pray for all who work in dangerous places, whose lives are at risk as they care for others. We pray for the emergency services.

Lord of Light and Love, save your people.

Intercessor Lord of might and love, we remember all who are facing poverty or homelessness at this time. We remember all who have been ill for a long time, are ill, are disabled, and who have sickness with no cure. We pray for all who will go into the hospital this week, all who undergo operations.

Lord of Light and Love, save your people.

We pray for our loved ones who are departed as they experience your eternal kingdom where sorrow and pain are no more. **Lord of Light and Love, save your people.**

Presiding-Celebrant: Praise to you, abundant God, for when we ask, you give; when we seek, you show the way. When we knock, you answer. Praise to you for your unfailing presence. Make us now your faithful people.

People **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

(BCP p. 360)

Clergy Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

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.

Presiding-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

(BCP p. 360)

Presiding-Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Presiding-Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Offertory Hymn

Instrumental

Presentation Hymn

All **Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Eucharistic Prayer II

(Scottish BCP)

Presiding-Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presiding-Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presiding-Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presiding-Celebrant

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 (spoken)
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Presiding-Celebrant

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father.
In Jesus you showed us yourself. Our hope is built on
him, the first, the last, the living one. Obedient, even to
accepting death, he opened the gate of glory and calls
us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, alight with
the vision of a feast that heralded a kingdom yet to come,
at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered
you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them,
saying:

“Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.”

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks and
gave it to them, saying:

“Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new
covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins
may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son’s command. We recall his
blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and
ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with
them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit
upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that,
overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the
Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with
the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your
Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ’s
Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we
grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new
creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the
Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, and of all our
brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to
you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray
Jesus’ prayer in whatever language we are most
comfortable:

**All Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us
our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save
us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For
the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now
and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

(BCP p. 364)

Presiding-Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed
for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Presiding-Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of
God.

Communion A Feast For All the People
Lindquist chant

Post-Communion Prayer

(BCP p. 365)

Presiding-Celebrant Let us pray:

**All: You have 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 Blessing

Presiding-Celebrant

May we who have been touched by the Word made flesh,
be his body in the world; his hands, to bring blessing; his
senses to glory; in the promise of creation restored; and
the blessing of Almighty God: Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Recessional How bright appears the morning star;
p. 497 1982 Blue Hymnal

Dismissal

(BCP p. 366)

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in
the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

