



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
SAINT MATTHEW

*Welcoming all, Growing in God
Serving Our Neighbor*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**The Epiphany of our
Lord Jesus Christ**

January 9, 2022

8:30 am and 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.

(Out of courtesy, please silence all cell phones.) Before the liturgy, in silence, talk to God. During the liturgy, let God speak to you.

Greeting

Processional Hymn We Three Kings of Orient Are;
p. 128, 1982 Blue Hymnal

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Presiding-Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever.**

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.**

The Prayer of the Day

Presiding-Celebrant Shepherd of Israel and Light of
all Nations, made known in the gifts of those who call
to others 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. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

NRSV

Lector (A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the
LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the
earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will
arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the
brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather
together, they come to you; your sons shall come from
far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their
nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your
heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of
the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations
shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall
cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all
those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and
frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

*(The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 72. We will
read the psalm responsively by whole verse. The
congregation's part is printed in bold)*

1 Give the King your justice, O God, and your
righteousness to the King's Son;

**2 That he may rule your people righteously and the
poor with justice.**

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.

**4 He shall defend the needy among the people; he
shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from
one generation to another.

**6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be
abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay
tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

11 All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 3:1-12

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

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the

Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily Canon Clyde Kunz, Licensed Lay Homilist

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 Lord of light and love, let the radiance of your presence be a light to our path and a guide on our journey. We ask this through him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** Our response: **Lord, come into the world. Lighten our darkness.**

Intercessor O God, give guidance to all who are seekers. We pray for all who are seeking to deepen their faith. We pray especially for all who teach and preach about you and your love. We pray for those who do not know or love you, and for the mission of our church. **Lord, come into the world. Lighten our darkness.**

Intercessor We pray for nations emerging into a new freedom or awareness, for countries where people are oppressed or suffer tyranny and especially for those recovering from war or from disasters. We remember all who are travelers, all who are homeless, all who are refugees. **Lord, come into the world. Lighten our darkness.**

Intercessor We give thanks you are present in our homes and in our lives. We pray for friends and loved ones, especially any in trouble or need. Bless all who through their talents and generosity have enriched our lives. **Lord, come into the world. Lighten our darkness.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have lost their way, been sidetracked, who are living below their potential or abilities, all whose lives are unfulfilled, all restricted by oppression or illness; we remember the chronically ill, those in constant pain, the depressed and the despairing. **Lord, come into the world. Lighten our darkness.**

Intercessor We rejoice that we are created in your image. 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, come into the world. Lighten our darkness.**

Intercessor We pray for those who are coming to the end of their journey here on earth. We pray for all who have come before your face and rejoice in the fullness of life eternal. **Lord, come into the world. Lighten our darkness.**

(The people may add their prayers silently or aloud.)

Presiding-Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Confession of Sin

(BCP p. 360)

Clergy Love casts out fear. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

silence may be kept.

All Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Presiding-Celebrant Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

In the Bleak Midwinter p. 112

Presentation Hymn (Spoken 8:00; Zoom 10:30)

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.

Enriching Our Worship

(EOW 3)

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 our thanks and praise.**

Presiding-Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning

stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Presiding-Celebrant and People
(8:00am spoken, 10:30 sung)

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

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

“Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presiding-Celebrant and People
Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Matthew and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presiding-Celebrant and People
Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray Jesus’ prayer

in whatever language we are most comfortable:

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

Presiding-Celebrant

The living bread is broken for the life of the world;

People Lord, unite us in this sign.

Communion Round and Round the Table of God
Lindquist chant

Presiding-Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Bread and Cup are given with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **[Amen.]**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **[Amen.]**

Post-Communion Prayer

Presiding-celebrant Let us pray.

All: Father, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Presiding-Celebrant

The light of the Creator shine upon you. The light of the Savior scatter the darkness from before you. The light of the Spirit guide you into the fullness of glory. And the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever! **Amen.**

Recessional Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
p. 135 verses 12 and 4, 1982 Blue Hymnal

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!