



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF  
**SAINT MATTHEW**

*Welcoming all, Growing in God  
Serving Our Neighbor*

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
**The Third Sunday  
after The Epiphany**

January 23, 2022  
8:00 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** Where Charity and Love Prevail;  
p. 581, 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.**

**Presiding-Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Presiding Celebrant** Let us pray.

**The Prayer of the Day**

**Presiding-Celebrant** God of freedom, you break the seals and let the Spirit flow: make us impatient to greet the time fulfilled, the poor lifted up, the oppressed set free and your love made manifest in Jesus Christ, the Anointed Servant. Amen.

**First Lesson**

**Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10**

NRSV

**Lector** (A reading from the Book of Nehemiah.)

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Psalms 19**

*(The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 19. We will read the psalm responsively by whole verse. The congregation's part is printed in bold)*

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**2 One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

3 Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

**4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.**



5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

## Second Lesson

## 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

*Lector*

*(A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.)*

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater

respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Gospel

## Luke 4:14-21 (NRSV)

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.'

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily The Very Rev. Richard Wilson, Rector & Dean

## 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, as you have called us to share in your  
outreach of love to the world, fill us with the power of  
your Spirit, that, in your strength and by your guidance,  
we may lead others to be aware of you, and live to your  
praise and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is  
alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Intercessor* We give thanks for all who are working for  
the care and renewal of our earth. Give guidance and  
courage to all who work in conservation and ecology, all  
who care for oppressed peoples and minority groups, all  
who look after the lost and rejected in our world. Give  
wisdom and love to all who are working for peace and  
justice. **Lord, renew your people and sustain us by your  
mighty power.**

*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, renew your people and sustain us  
by your mighty power.**

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

*Presiding-Celebrant:* Praise to you, abundant God,  
because 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)

*Deacon* 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.*

### Offertory Sentence

*Presiding-Celebrant*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make  
good your vows to the most high.

Offertory Hymn instrumental

## HOLY COMMUNION

Presentation (8:00 spoken, 10:30 sung)

*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***  
***(8:00 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** Be Known to Us, O Christ  
Lindquist Chant

*Presiding-Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**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*

God strengthen you by his mighty power.

Christ protect you from all evil.

The Holy Spirit renew and refresh you.

And the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

***People* Amen.**

**Recessional** How wondrous and great thy works,  
God of praise; p. 533, 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!**