



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF  
**SAINT MATTHEW**  
*Welcoming All Growing in God*  
*Serving Our Neighbor*

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
**The Twelfth Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**  
**August 20, 2023**  
**8:00 and 10:30 am**

Welcome to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

**Greeting**

**Processional** #371 Thou Whose Almighty Word  
*The Blue Hymnal (10:30am only)*

**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.

**Gloria** "Glory to God" (8:00 spoken; 10:30 sung)  
 Hymn # S-280, The Blue Hymnal 1982

**Gloria to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Presiding-celebrant:* Let us pray.

Unclean God, braving defilement, inviting offence; you share your bread with vermin and outsiders; you let the Gentile woman subvert your plans: give us the faith that comes from the heart and walks beyond our boundary posts that we might be surprised by outrageous grace; through Jesus Christ, son of David and light of the world.

**People:** Amen.

**First Lesson**

**Genesis 45:1-15**

*Lector:* (A reading from the Book of Genesis)

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there since there are five more years of famine to come so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 133** *The Psalm appointed today is Psalm 133. We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse. The congregations part is printed in bold.*

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!

**2 It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,**

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**4 It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

**Second Lesson**

**Romans 11:1-2a,29-32**

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

**Gradual** #848 WLP Alleluia (sung twice before the Gospel) (10:30am only)

**The Gospel**

**Matthew 15:(10-20),21-28**

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

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

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into

the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

*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:* The gift of forgiveness surpasses our understanding; it heals relationships, and mends our wounds. In thanksgiving for God's unfailing love, we offer our prayer, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

*Intercessor:* That the leaders of the nations may maintain justice that leads to peace, and harmony that leads to abundant life for all people; let us pray.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For the humility to receive God's blessings and the willingness to be a blessing to others, especially those who are lost and afraid, ill and without hope for recovery, mentally fragile and without friends; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For teachers preparing for the school year that is ahead, that they may be inspired to patiently nurture the minds of those in their charge; let us pray.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* That we may be a people of gratitude, giving thanks to God with our whole heart, and soul, and mind; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* That we may not succumb to the harmful temptations of our culture, the desire to possess things beyond our need, our misuse of intimacy, our reliance on drugs and alcohol to improve our lives, and all things that keep us from trusting the power of the Spirit; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* That we may set our sight on the new life that awaits all who live in hope; let us pray.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* That the dead who have died in the faith of Christ may inherit the kingdom prepared for them, and that those whose faith was known to God alone may receive divine mercy; let us pray.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor and People together:* **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 time reveal your glory and lead many to the glorious liberty that is for the children of God.**

*Intercessor:* In the company of all the saints, let us continue our prayers.

*Presiding-Celebrant:* Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our

hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*Deacon:* Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrongdoings. Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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 hearts; 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.

*People:* **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Presiding-celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## Offertory Sentence

*Presiding-celebrant:* Walk in love as Christ loves us and gives himself for us.

## HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn Open my Eyes Lindquist (*see Insert*)

Presentation Hymn (*Spoken 8:00; Sung 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**

## The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*Presiding-celebrant:* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People:* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Presiding-celebrant:* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People: By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Presiding-celebrant:* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Presiding-celebrant:* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Presiding-celebrant:* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus** "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"  
Hymn # S-129, The Hymnal 1982

**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.**

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

**People: Amen.**

*Presiding-celebrant:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray Jesus' prayer in whatever language or words 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

*Presiding-celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### Fraction Anthem

#874 WLP "Principal Canon Only" (8:00am spoken, 10:30am sung, see below)

**All: Whoever eats this bread will live forever. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

*Presiding-celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymn** #761 WLP All Who Hunger,  
Gather Gladly *Blue Hymnal* (10:30am only)

*Presiding-Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**All: Lord, may we be wakeful at sunrise to begin a new day for you; cheerful at sunset for having done our work for you; thankful at moonrise and under star shine for the beauty of your universe; and may we give what is in us to add to your great world. Amen.**

### Blessing

*Presiding-celebrant:* Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's Blessing be with you - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn** #542 Christ is the World's True Light (10:30am only) *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!**