



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
**The Thirteenth Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**  
**August 27, 2023**  
**8:00 and 10:30 am**

Welcome to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

**Greeting**

**Processional** # 518 Christ is made the Sure Foundation  
*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

**Glory 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.

Living God, you accept our stumbling faith, our misplaced answers, our false horizons, and through them build a way of peace: empower us to bind the wounds of the world and loose the debts of oppression, that all may confess the grace that is your work alone; through Jesus Christ, anointed for the world.

**People:** Amen.

**First Lesson**

**Isaiah 51:1-6**

*Lector* (A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.)

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 138** *The Psalm appointed today is Psalm 138.*  
*We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.*  
*The congregations part is printed in bold.*

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

**2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because of your love and faithfulness;**

3 For you have glorified your Name and your word above all things.

**4 When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.**

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.**

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.

**8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.**

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

**Second Lesson**

**Romans 12:1-8**

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

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*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 16:13-20**

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

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered

him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Homily** Rev. Rick Wilson, Rector

**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: Let us lift our voices in prayer, joining with the faithful throughout the world who offer their intercessions this day, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."*

*Intercessor: Give your grace to those who care for children in foster homes, sustain them with patience, and encourage them to provide a family of love and respect; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Intercessor:* Open our eyes to behold your hand in the work of creation, that we may marvel at your intricate craftsmanship and tend the beauty that we behold; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* Pour your knowledge into the minds of those who are returning to school in the next few weeks, and for those attending for the first time, still their hearts by your loving presence; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* Grant us the grace to honor the many gifts that you have given, not coveting what our neighbor has received, but grateful for what you have entrusted to our care; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* Reveal yourself to every nation and people, that we may know you to be the Christ, the Messiah, the one who saves our souls from the pit of darkness, and who comes carrying the lamp of charity that leads us to the divine life; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* Give life to those in the tomb, opening the gates of heaven to all who desire eternal life; 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:* Let us continue our prayers to God, who cares for the lowly and guards us in the midst of trouble.

*Presiding-Celebrant:* Blessed are you. God of growth and discovery; yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives; yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and opportunities. Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world, watching and learning, loving and trusting, until your kingdom comes.

**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 *Instrumental*

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-124, 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.)

**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** #711 Seek Ye first the kingdom of God *Blue Hymnal (10:30am only)*

### Post-Communion Prayer

*Presiding-celebrant:* Let us pray.

**All: Father of all, may we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

**The Blessing:** (EOW1, p.26)

*Presiding-Celebrant:*

God's Blessing be with you.  
Christ's Peace be with you.  
The Spirit's outpouring be with you,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Now and always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn** #525 The Church's One Foundation  
(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!