

# St. Matthias Episcopal Church

Sunday, January 7, 2024  
The First Sunday After the Epiphany

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## 7:45 am Service • Holy Eucharist Rite I

*The Service is found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) which is the red book in the pew rack.*

### The Word of God

#### Greetings and Announcements

**The Opening Acclamation**

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**The Collect for Purity**

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**Lord Have Mercy Upon Us**

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**Glory Be to God on High**

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**The Collect of the Day**

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**The First Lesson**

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**The Psalm** (*said in unison*)

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**The Epistle**

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**The Gospel**

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**The Sermon**

Father Jim Dorn

**A Moment of Silence**

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

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**The Prayers of the People**

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**The Peace**

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### The Holy Communion

**The Offertory Sentence**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 5:2*)

**The Offertory**

**The Offertory Prayer** (*said by all*)

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer I

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The Sanctus

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Prayer of Humble Access

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**Administration of Communion**

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

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**Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors** (*said by all*)

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

**Birthday & Anniversary Blessings**

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**Blessing**

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**Dismissal**

## **The Collect**

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## **Old Testament**

### **Genesis 1:1-5**

Reader            A Reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 29**

**Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.  
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.  
The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the Lord  
all are crying, "Glory!"  
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as King forevermore.  
The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

## **The Epistle**

**Acts 19:1-7**

Reader            A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

**Mark 1:4-11**

Priest            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest            The Gospel of the Lord.

**People            Praise to you, Lord Christ.**