

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

Sunday, February 4, 2024
The Fifth 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 Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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Confession of Sin

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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

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament

Isaiah 40:21-31

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,

or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,

calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,

mighty in power,

not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,

and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the Lord,

and my right is disregarded by my God”?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

Hallelujah!

**How good it is to sing praises to our God!
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!**

**The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

**He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.**

**He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.**

**Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
there is no limit to his wisdom.**

**The Lord lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

**Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the harp.**

**He covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth;**

**He makes grass to grow upon the mountains
and green plants to serve mankind.**

**He provides food for flocks and herds
and for the young ravens when they cry.**

**He is not impressed by the might of a horse;
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who await his gracious favor. Hallelujah!**

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Reader A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[When Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.