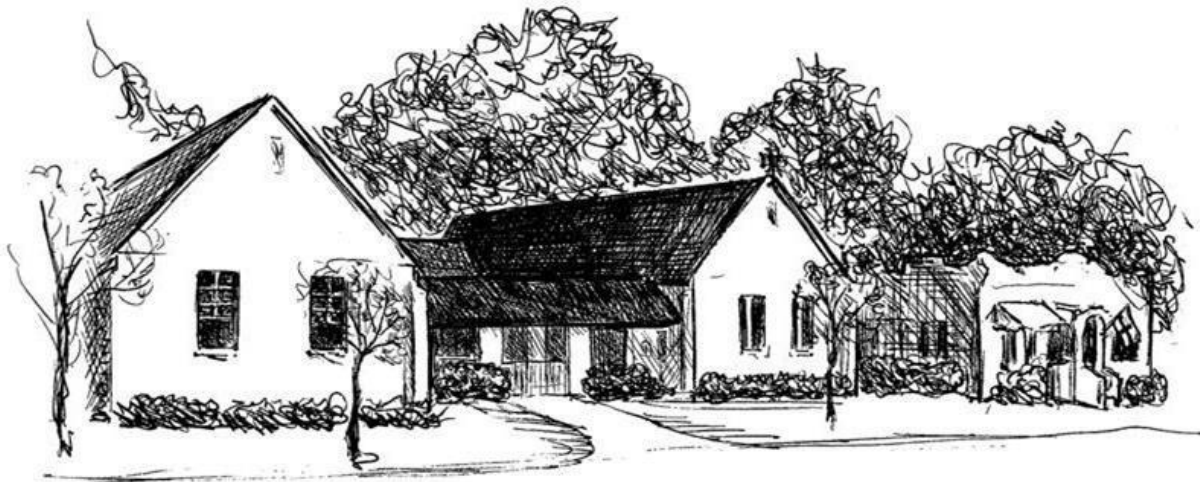


# St. Matthias Episcopal Church

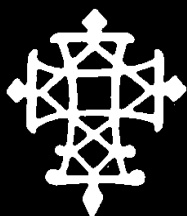


*St. Matthias Church strives to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength; and strives to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. (Mark 12:29-30)*

**Sunday  
March 24, 2024**

**The Sunday of the Passion**

**Palm Sunday  
9:30 AM**



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*Talk to God before Church. Listen to God during Church. Talk to each other after Church.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS**

### **GATHER INSIDE**

As the service begins, please face the back of the Church.

### **OPENING ANTHEM** (BCP p. 270)

*The following or some other suitable anthem is sung or said, the people standing*

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL READING:** Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

## **BLESSING OF THE PALMS (BCP p. 271)**

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*

Celebrant        The Lord be with you.

**People            And also with you.**

Celebrant        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People            It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **SECOND ANTHEM (BCP p. 271)**

*The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said*

Celebrant    Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People        Hosanna in the highest.**

## **THE PROCESSION (BCP p. 271)**

Celebrant        Let us go forth in peace.

**People        In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*During the procession, all hold branches in their hands.*

## PROCESSION HYMN 154 *All glory, laud, and honor (Valet will ich dir geben)*

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

- 1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
- 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
- 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
- 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

## PROCESSION COLLECT (BCP p. 272)

*At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following or some other appropriate Collect is said*

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# The Word of God

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 272)

Celebrant        The Lord be with you.

**People        And also with you.**

Celebrant        Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

People        Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM (SAID IN UNISON):** Psalm 31:9-16

*Remain seated.*

**Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.  
For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.  
I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance;  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.  
I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;  
I am as useless as a broken pot.  
For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around;  
they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.  
But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.  
I have said, "You are my God.  
My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.  
Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and in your loving-kindness save me."**

**SECOND READING:** Philippians 2:5-11

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

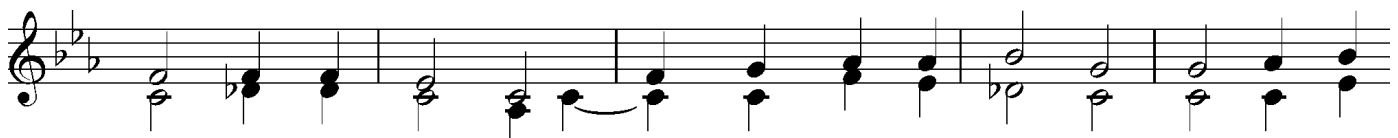
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.  
People        **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 158** *Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended (Herzliebster Jesu)*

*All stand.*



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to  
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty



1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.  
3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

## THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

*The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying:*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

**Narrator:** One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

**Judas:** “What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?”

**Narrator:** They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

**Disciples:** “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

**Narrator:** He said,

**Jesus:** “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”

**Narrator:** So, the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

**Jesus:** “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

**Narrator:** And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

**Disciples:** “Surely not I, Lord?”

**Narrator:** He answered,

**Jesus:** “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

**Narrator:** Judas, who betrayed him, said,

**Judas:** “Surely not I, Rabbi?”

**Narrator:** He replied,

**Jesus:** “You have said so.”



**Narrator:** While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

**Jesus:** “Take, eat; this is my body.”

**Narrator:** Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

**Jesus:** “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you; I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

**Narrator:** When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

**Jesus:** “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

**Narrator:** Peter said to him,

**Peter:** “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.”

**Narrator:** Jesus said to him,

**Jesus:** “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

**Narrator:** Peter said to him,

**Peter:** “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

**Narrator:** And so, said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

**Jesus:** “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

**Narrator:** He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

**Jesus:** “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.”

**Narrator:** And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

**Jesus:** “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.”

**Narrator:** Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

**Jesus:** “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

**Narrator:** Again, he went away for the second time and prayed,

**Jesus:** “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”

**Narrator:** Again, he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

**Jesus:** “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

**Narrator:** While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

**Judas:** “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.”

**Narrator:** At once he came up to Jesus and said,

**Judas:** “Greetings, Rabbi!”

**Narrator:** and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

**Jesus:** “Friend, do what you are here to do.”

**Narrator:** Then they came and laid hands-on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

**Jesus:** “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?”

**Narrator:** At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

**Jesus:** “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.”

**Narrator:** Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last, two came forward and said,

**Accusers:** “This fellow said, `I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’”

**Narrator:** The high priest stood up and said,

**High Priest:** “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

**Narrator:** But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

**High Priest:** “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

**Narrator:** Jesus said to him,

**Jesus:** “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

**Narrator:** Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

**High Priest:** “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?”

**Narrator:** They answered,

**Chief Priests:** “He deserves death.”

**Narrator:** Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

**Chief Priests:** “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

**Narrator:** Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

**Servant Girl:** “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”

**Narrator:** But he denied it before all of them, saying,

**Peter:** “I do not know what you are talking about.”

**Narrator:** When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

**Servant Girl:** “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

**Narrator:** Again, he denied it with an oath,

**Peter:** “I do not know the man.”

**Narrator:** After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

**Bystander:** “Certainly, you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.”

**Narrator:** Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

**Peter:** “I do not know the man!”

**Narrator:** At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

**Jesus:** “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

**Narrator:** And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

**Judas:** “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

**Narrator:** But they said,

**Chief Priests:** “What is that to us? See to it yourself.”

**Narrator:** Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

**Chief Priests:** “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.”

**Narrator:** After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason, that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

**Pilate:** “Are you the King of the Jews?”

**Narrator:** Jesus said,

**Jesus:** “You say so.”

**Narrator:** But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

**Pilate:** “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?”

**Narrator:** But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time, they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So, after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

**Pilate:** “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

**Narrator:** For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

**Pilate’s Wife:** “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.”

**Narrator:** Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

**Pilate:** “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”

**Narrator:** And they said,

**Congregation:** “**Barabbas.**”

**Narrator:** Pilate said to them,

**Pilate:** “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

**Narrator:** All of them said,

**Congregation:** “**Let him be crucified!**”

**Narrator:** Then he asked,

**Pilate:** “Why, what evil has he done?”

**Narrator:** But they shouted all the more,

**Congregation:** “**Let him be crucified!**”

**Narrator:** So, when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

**Pilate:** “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”

**Narrator:** Then the people as a whole answered,

**Congregation:** “**His blood be on us and on our children!**”

**Narrator:** So, he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

**Soldiers:** "Hail, King of the Jews!"

**Narrator:** They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

***At the mention of Golgotha, the congregation should stand and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.***

**Narrator:** As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called **Golgotha** (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

**Bystanders:** "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

**Narrator:** In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

**Chief Priests:** "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"

**Narrator:** The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

**Jesus:** "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

**Narrator:** that is,

**Jesus:** "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

**Narrator:** When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**Bystanders:** “This man is calling for Elijah.”

**Narrator:** At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

**Bystanders:** “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

**Narrator:** Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

**Centurion:** “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

**Narrator:** Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

**Chief Priests:** “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.”

**Narrator:** Pilate said to them,

**Pilate:** “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.”

**Narrator:** So, they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

***Extended period of silence to reflect upon the passion.***

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM I (BCP p. 359)

*All stand or kneel as you are able.*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those on our prayer list;(\_\_\_\_\_) and for our family and friends on our prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week; especially, (\_\_\_\_\_) and for those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially, (\_\_\_\_\_) let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all the men and women of our armed forces and those who keep us safe at home; especially (\_\_\_\_\_), Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**



For peace in the world and in our lives. Heal, love, and bless the poorest, the refugees, and the victims of every war, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, (especially \_\_\_\_\_) let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] and of all the] saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE** (BCP p. 360)

*All stand.*

Celebrant        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People        And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

*The Celebrant says*

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

*Options for Giving:*

1. Checks can be made payable to St. Matthias Church. All offerings can be placed in the offertory plate or wooden boxes at the back of the Church and the East Door.
2. Credit or Debit Card via the giving tab on our website [stmatthiasfl.com/online-giving/](http://stmatthiasfl.com/online-giving/)
3. Text-to-Give via your smart phone to 73256 with matthias & amount in body of text  
*Example: matthias \$25*

## OFFERTORY HYMN *Calvary (Arr. Clayton White)*

The Singing Saints

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray together.

*Celebrant and People*

**God of grace, your limitless love gave us everything in Jesus, and through belief in him, you offer us life in your kingdom. Accept our gifts, and as we give, warm and soften our hearts to lead us into lives reflecting your generosity. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 361)

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **SANCTUS** (BCP p. 362)

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION** (BCP p. 362)

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## **EPICLESIS** (BCP p. 363)

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (BCP p. 363)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

#### **FRACTION ANTHEM** (BCP p. 364)

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**therefore let us keep the feast.**

#### **INVITATION** (BCP p. 364)

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### **DISTRIBUTION** (BCP p. 365)

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion. When it is your turn, please extend your hands upward, palms crossed to receive the bread (also called a wafer or host). When the cup of wine comes to you, either dip (also called intinction) the bread into the cup of wine and consume the bread or leave the bread in the palm of your hands, and the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread into the cup of wine for you and place on your tongue. You may also choose to consume the bread without dipping it into the cup of wine.*

*Anyone may come forward for a prayer for God's blessings in lieu of receiving Communion. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.*

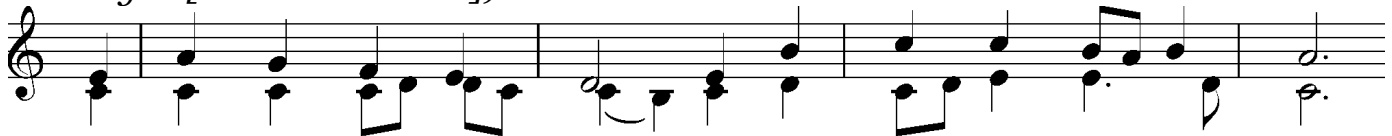
The Priest will gladly bring communion or provide a blessing to anyone unable to come forward for Communion, please, let one of the Ushers know if this is desired.

**Ushers will direct the congregation to receive Communion.**

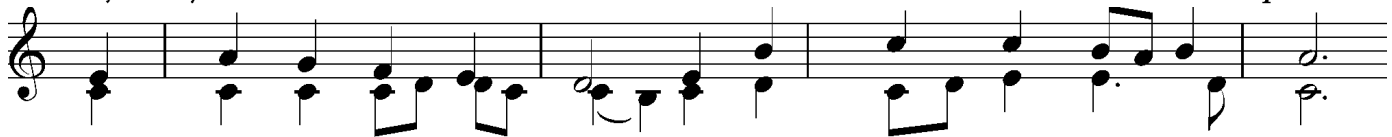
*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

**COMMUNION HYMN 168** *O sacred head, sore wounded (Herzlich tut mich verlangen [Passion Chorale])*



1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;  
3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,  
\*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
\*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,



1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.  
3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.  
4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?  
5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;



1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:  
3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,  
4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,  
5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife



1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.  
3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.  
4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.  
5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

## **BIRTHDAY BLESSING (BCP p. 830)**

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## **ANNIVERSARY BLESSING (BCP p. 431)**

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## **SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**DISMISSAL** (BCP p. 366)

Let us bless the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**