

# St. Matthias Episcopal Church

Sunday, April 14, 2024  
The Third Sunday of Easter

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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**

The Rev. Dr. Jane A. Clark

**A Moment of Silence**

**The Nicene Creed**

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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**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Old Testament**

### **Acts 3:12-19**

Reader            A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 4**

**Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**

**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?”**

**Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.**

**Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

**Offer the appointed sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the Lord.**

**Many are saying,**

**“Oh, that we might see better times!”**

**Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

**You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.**

**I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

## **The Epistle**

### **1 John 3:1-7**

Reader            A Reading from the First letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

## **The Gospel**

### **Luke 24:36b-48**

Priest            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**People            Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Priest            The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People            Praise to you, Lord Christ.**