

# St. Matthias Episcopal Church

Sunday, May 5, 2024  
The Sixth 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**

Father Jim Dorn

**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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Old Testament**

### **Acts 10:44-48**

Reader            A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 98**

**Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.  
With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory.  
The Lord has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.  
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.  
Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.  
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
the lands and those who dwell therein.  
Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.  
In righteousness shall he judge the world  
and the peoples with equity.**

## **The Epistle**

### **1 John 5:1-6**

Reader            A Reading from the First letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

## **The Gospel**

### **John 15:9-17**

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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