

# St. Matthias Episcopal Church

Sunday, June 16, 2024  
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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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

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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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#### Blessing of the Fathers

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#### Dismissal

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

## **The Collect**

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Old Testament**

### **1 Samuel 15:34--16:13**

Reader            A Reading from the First book of Samuel.

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 20**

**May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble,  
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;  
Send you help from his holy place  
and strengthen you out of Zion;  
Remember all your offerings  
and accept your burnt sacrifice;  
Grant you your heart's desire  
and prosper all your plans.  
We will shout for joy at your victory  
and triumph in the Name of our God;  
may the LORD grant all your requests.  
Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed;  
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,  
with the victorious strength of his right hand.  
Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.  
They collapse and fall down,  
but we will arise and stand upright.  
O LORD, give victory to the king  
and answer us when we call.**

## **The Epistle**

**2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17**

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

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader           The Word of the Lord.

**People           Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel**

#### **Mark 4:26-34**

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

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

[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Priest           The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Blessing of the Fathers**

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**