

# St. Matthias Episcopal Church

Sunday, September 21, 2025  
The Fifteenth 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**

**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**

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

**The Offertory**

**The Offertory Prayer** (*said by all*)

Heavenly Father, thank you for all the good things you continue to provide for us. Don't let us take your gifts for granted or abuse them. Instead, help us always to rely on you in faith. Use us and what you have given us for your good purposes. 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 when needed*)

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  
Dismissal**

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

**The Collect**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Old Testament**

**Jeremiah 8:18--9:1**

Reader            A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 79:1-9**

**God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  
they have profaned your holy temple;  
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.  
They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air,  
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.  
They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem,  
and there was no one to bury them.  
We have become a reproach to our neighbors,  
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.  
How long will you be angry, O LORD?  
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?  
Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you  
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.  
For they have devoured Jacob  
and made his dwelling a ruin.  
Remember not our past sins;  
let your compassion be swift to meet us;  
for we have been brought very low.  
Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name;  
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.**

## **The Epistle**

### **1 Timothy 2:1-7**

Reader            A Reading from Paul's First letter to Timothy.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel**  
**Luke 16:1-13**

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

Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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