

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

Sunday, November 23, 2025

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King & Thankful Sunday

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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

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Dismissal

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

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies,

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear,

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Epistle

Colossians 1:11-20

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

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Please respond with, we thank you, Lord.

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

Silence.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

People may say their own petitions aloud or in silence.

And for all those things known only to you,

We thank you, Lord.

For those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, _____.

We thank you, Lord.

For all those celebrating their birthday, (especially, _____), and for all those celebrating their wedding anniversary, (especially, _____),

We thank you, Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, (especially, _____) and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal,

We thank you, Lord.

For _____ (here the reader reads what people have submitted they are thankful for)

Family & Health.

God's blessings and love.

The peace that God gives me and the blessings of family and health.

Being alive, a roof over my head, and food on my table.

Family & friends, health & strength, and the love of God.

My expanding extended family.

My church family at SMC especially after the passing away of my sweet husband Mike Hollywood.

My great relationship with my young adult daughters.

The blessing of my wife.

God's grace and mercy.

The gift of life as I celebrate my 40th trip around the sun. It is a blessing to be here to celebrate.

For each new day, my family, my friends, and all that I have been blessed with. Grateful for protection, provision, and most of all grace and mercy.

Sparing my life with a sound mind. Thank you God for make me live without my loving husband it's hard but I can live.

God's abundant blessings.

My mom, dad, grandma, and life but also thank you for getting me to be a dancer.

Time spent with our son and his family in Virginia.

For Rick, Sarah, Hannah, my mom, my family, friends, church family, Fr. Jim, and all of our amazing St. Matthias volunteers!

My wonderful family and my beautiful wife.

My beautiful family, my wonderful husband, and my precious pets. I am also so thankful for this amazing church!

For the many blessings from God.

Thanks be to God and the church parishioners praying for my wife and helping me through the pain and grief. I now know she is with God and that someday I will see her again.

My mother who has really put up with me and all that I have going on.

All the family, friends, and clergy that helped me grow in grace and stature.

For my wife Maria, my daughter, Sofia. Thank you God for making my dreams come true.

The many blessings bestowed upon me and my family and for the grace of God, which sustains me.

Sofia is thankful for Mommy, thank you God for giving me the best mom ever.

My faith, my family, and my wife, among many blessings.

Family & friends, for the family at St. Matthias. Being able to still work.

Our family and friends, the sounds of children in church, our home and country, our health.

My family, friends, job, and church family.

The love of God and our family and friends.

Help for the hurricane victims in Jamaica.

What I have, what I suffered, what I will be gifted to do by God, the help from my best friend Olivia from Poland.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**