

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
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Sunday, October 3, 2021
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion in the Absence of a Priest
Worship at 10:15am

In-person & Facebook Live
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Mask Required

Minister of the Word

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from the coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Processional

“Joyful, Joyful, we Adore Thee”

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Opening Acclamation

Minister of the Word: Grace and peace. In the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Collect of the Day

Minister of the Word: God be with you

People: And also with you.

Minister of the Word: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The Lessons

The First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from Genesis

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them;

and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So, the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

O Lord our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You shall set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him? * the son of man that you seek him out?

You have made him but a little lower than angels; * you adorn him with glory and honor.

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beast of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

The Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

A reading from Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Hear what the Spirit is

saying to God's people. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

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"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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The Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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Proclamation

Deacon Barbara Gibson

We Pray for the World and the Church

Kneeling or standing as able

The prayers may be led either by the Minister of the Word, a lector or other appointed petitioner.

You have created us for relationship, O God, and have set the solitary within families. Empower us to care well for our loved ones that we might flourish as you intend, and may we sense your presence in love received and given:

O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Increase joy in the relationships and marriages of your people, and grant that those who have covenanted one with another may be as one flesh, joined in heart and mind and body:

O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Sustain those experiencing stress in their personal lives. Be with the separated and divorced and those suffering ambiguity or tension with those they most deeply love. Assist them with patience, right discernment, and wisdom in their commitments:

O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

As your Church is called Christ’s bride, so make us a strong partner with our Lord, that we may show forth His ways on earth, praying for St. Matthew’s and Trinity, and for all the people of this parish:

O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Hear our intercessions for our sick Anita, Beth, Brooks, Bertha, Danny, Dave, Delinda, Denny, Elaine, Gracie, Ian, Jaden, Jane, Jeanette, Jeff, Jerry, Jessica, Joan, Jonah, Julie, Kathleen, Kent, Kenneth, Kim, Klayton, Mildred, Penny, Suzanne, Susan, Therese, Ralph, Robby, Robert. and give them a sense of being set in community:

O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

As Jesus asked the little children to be brought to him that he might bless them, saying “For it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs,” make this parish, and the homes in which our children dwell, to be places of rich and abundant blessing that we, together with them, might receive your kingdom:

O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Give root and grounding to those of your people who are single, widowed or divorced, and strengthen the bonds of goodness found in friendships and among our companions in Christ:

O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

You, O God, for whom and through whom all things exist, have brought to yourself many children through Christ, the One who suffered and now sanctifies, that all might have one Father. For this reason Christ calls us his brothers and sisters, and we join with him in saying:

I will proclaim your Name, O God! In the midst of the congregation, I will praise you!

Pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa

Pray for the people of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia

Pray for Grace Cathedral, Topeka, The Reverend Torey Lightcap, Dean,

The Reverend John Bullock, The Venerable Reverend Anne Flynn, Archdeacon,

The Reverend Donald Chubb, Deacon, and their lay leadership.

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, for our Bishop Cathleen Bascom, for all bishops and ministers, and for all the holy people of God.

For Heartland Minster and their Shepherd, The Reverend Marc McDonald,

Rector of St Andrews Episcopal Church, Emporia Kansas.

We give thanks for St. Matthew’s and Trinity and pray for St. Matthew’s Payee Program, Northridge Elementary School their teachers, staff, students and families, Priscilla’s Pet Pantry, and all outreach of our churches.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son:

Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We Exchange the Peace

Minister of the Word: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Instrumental Music

Chris Teichler

We Prepare the Table and Share the Gifts of God

Minister of Reserved Sacrament: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister of Reserved Sacrament: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

And now our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us of our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

The Prayer of Humble Access

The Minister of the Reserved Sacrament and People

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *Amen*

Hymn

“My Song is Love Unknown”

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Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ Body. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen*

Recessional

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

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Grace and Dismissal

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Chris Teichler

Ministers this Service

The Rev. Barbara Gibson, *Deacon* - Minister of Reserved Sacrament

Mary Anne McCloud, *Minister of the Word*

Fred Schroeder, *Lector*

Chris Teichler, *Organist*

Twila Lockaby, Scott McCloud, Ruth Cooper, Maggie Snow, *Altar Guild*

Altar Flowers given by David and Chris Simmonds for blessings received.