

# St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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Sunday, September 5, 2021

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Communion in the Absence of a Priest

Worship at 10:15am

In-person & Facebook Live

*Mask Required*

Prelude

Chris Teichler

Processional

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The Lessons

The First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7

A reading from Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 146

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! \* I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \* for there is no help in them  
When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \* and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \* whose hope is in the  
Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \* who keeps his promise forever;  
Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \* and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \* the Lord lifts up  
those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; \* he sustains the orphan  
and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign for ever, \* your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

## The Second Reading

James 2:1-17

A reading from the letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So, speak and so act as those who are to be judged by

the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers, and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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**Thanks be to God.**

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“When Christ was Lifted from the Earth”

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel**

**Mark 7:24-37**

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So, she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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.*

Say to those who are fearful of heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come and save you!":

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being!**

Save us from the sin of partiality and hardness of heart toward those who have less of this world's goods than we ourselves enjoy; for God has chosen the poor of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom:

**The Lord gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.**

As mercy always triumphs over judgment, so grant your Church to be merciful, open-hearted, and welcoming to those who receive no welcome elsewhere:

**God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.**

Give us faith and good works, that by our good works, faith may be seen at work within us:

**The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.**

As you changed the heart of Jesus when he spoke harshly to the Syrophoenician woman, softening him with the woman's wise words, so grant us pliable hearts, open to fresh insight and bent toward kindness:

**The Lord cares for the stranger, and sustains the orphan and widow.**

Open a path for our sick, even as Christ spoke the word "Ephphatha" to the deaf man with an impediment of speech in the Decapolis, remembering especially those whom we now name before you Anita, Beth, Brooks, Bertha, Danny, Dave, Delinda, Denny, Elaine, Gracie, Ian, Jaden, Jane, Jean, Jeanette, Jeff, Jerry, Jessica, Joan, Jonah, Kathleen, Kent, Kim, Klayton, Mildred, Penny, Shasta, Suzanne, Ralph, Robby, Robert; that your help might visit them also:

**The Lord loves the righteous but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

Help us to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to love you in so doing:

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being**

Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania

Pray for the people of the Czech Republic, Poland, and Slovakia

Pray for St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Pittsburg, the Reverend David Jenkins, 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

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill us With Your Love”

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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      "Tell Out, My Soul, The Greatness of the Lord!"      Pg. 438

## 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 Reverend Barbara Gibson, Deacon      Minister of Reserved Sacrament

Mary Anne McCloud,      Minister of the Word

Fred Schroeder, Lector      Chris Teichler, Pianist

Altar Guild: Chris Simmonds, Margie Knupp, Katie Reese, & Elizabeth Hill

*Altar Flowers given by  
Ron and Darlene Hall  
in memory of Charles and Dorothy Elliot*