

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
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Sunday, October 31, 2021
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Communion in the Absence of a Priest
Worship at 10:15am

In-person & Facebook Live
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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

“Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve”

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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 merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

A reading from Deuteronomy.

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with

milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:1-8

Happy are they whose way is blameless, * who walk in the law of the Lord!

Happy are they who observe his decrees * and seek him with all their hearts.

Who never do any wrong, * but always walk in his ways.

You laid down your commandments, * that we should fully keep them.

Oh, that my ways were made so direct * that I might keep your statutes!

Then I should not be put to shame, * when I regard all your commandments.

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, * when I have learned your righteous judgements,

I will keep your statutes; * do not utterly forsake me.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-14

A reading from Hebrews.

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

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

Thanks be to God.

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“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

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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.

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone, and we shall love the Lord our God with all our heart and soul, and with all our mind, keeping the commandments, and teaching all these statutes to our children:

Happy are they who seek God with all their hearts!

Bind your teachings as a sign upon our hands, fix them as emblems on our foreheads, write them on the doorposts of our homes and on our gates, that among those who call upon your Name, you may find honor:

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart.

Purify our conscience from all dead works through the sacrifice of Christ, our great High Priest, that we might worship the living God:

Happy are they who seek God with all their hearts!

You are One, and beside you there is no other, so teach us to worship you with all that we are, and to offer you the oblation of our lives and labors:

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart.

Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your promises, for it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer true service:

Happy are they who seek God with all their hearts!

We pray for all in authority, remembering especially our President, Congress and Supreme Court, asking that this nation may be governed in the right way:

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart.

Still the hearts of those among us who are sick and all those for whom we pray Amber, Anita, Beth, Danny, Dave, Delinda, Denny, Delores, Elaine, Ian, Jaden, Jane, Jeff, Jerry, Jessica, Joan, Jonah, Josh, Judy, Julie, Kathleen, Kenneth, Kent, Kim, Lauren, Penny, Suzanne, Susan, Therese, Robby, Robert, Rose, Taylor and Logan and their unborn baby, that they may bind their own sufferings to your suffering, and enter the eternal temple wherein you have made sacrifice and intercession:

Happy are they who seek God with all their hearts!

Grant us also, like the insightful scribe, to be not far from the reign of God, and make a way also for our entrance into your eternal presence, that we may stand before you in joy:

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart.

Pray for the Anglican Church in Bermuda.

Pray for the people of the Indian Ocean islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, and Maldives.

Pray for St. Jude's Episcopal Church, Wellington, The Reverend Kitty Shield, 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

Kelli Glann

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

"Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured"

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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

"Rise Up you Saints of God!"

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Grace and Dismissal

Led by the Minister of the Reserved Sacrament

Go, in strong and growing faith. Trust in the tenderness of Christ to heal a bruised and broken world.

Thanks be to God.

Go, in eager and refreshing hope. Work with Christ risen from the dead, to fulfill the promise of a new creation.

Thanks be to God.

Go, in costly and courageous love. Proclaim the power of Christ to cleanse a defiled and disfigured world.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Kelli Glann

Ministers this Service

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

Mary Anne McCloud - Minister of the Word

Fred Schroeder, *Lector*

Deb Harstine, *Organist*

Melissa Keenan, *Hospitality*

Ben Teichler, *Videographer*

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

*Altar Flowers given by Thea Ferguson
"In loving memory of Jay Ferguson"*