



# ST. MATTHEW'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### Holy Eucharist

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 21, 2026

*It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship. Remember to turn off or silence all phones. Thank you.*

### The Word of God

**Prelude:** Prelude from *Te Deum*

Charpentier  
Handbell Quartet

*People stand as able*

**Opening Hymn:** *I Love thy kingdom, Lord*

**Hymnal 524**  
*St. Thomas*

### Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Song of Praise

S 236  
John Rutter

### Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

**Genesis 21:8-21**

*The People are seated*

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

86:1-10, 16-17



- 1 Bow down your ear, O God, and answer me, \*  
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \*  
save your servant, for I put my trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O God, for you are my God; \*  
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, \*  
for to you, O God, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O God, are good and forgiving, \*  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O God, to my prayer, \*  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O God, \*  
nor anything like your works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O God, \*  
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great; you do wondrous things; \*  
and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, \*  
because you, O God, have helped me and comforted me.

*The Saint Helena Psalter Translation*

**Second Reading** *People stand as able.*

**Romans 6:1b-11**

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord*

**Hymnal 178**  
*Alleluia No. 1*

### Holy Gospel

**Matthew 10:24-39**

*Remain Standing*

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!"

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the rooftops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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

### Sermon

**The Rev. Jan Scholtz**

### Nicene Creed

**BCP p. 358**

*The People stand as able*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

*After each petition, the People respond*   **Hear our prayer.**

### Confession of Sin

*The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Stand or kneel. Silence may be kept.*

*Presider and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word,  
and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not  
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We  
are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have  
mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your  
ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of  
Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### Peace

*Presider*                   The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*                   **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### Announcements and Celebrations

### Birthday Collect

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as  
they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and  
strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through, Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

*During the offertory, please consider the gifts God has given you, and give generously. Your gift  
will help us continue vital ministries. Our online giving works well, as does our text to give option.  
Please use this link for online giving. <https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/5QFR9K>*

### Offertory: *Si*

*mple Gifts*

### Presentation Verse

### Hymnal 380, stanza 3

*Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing.*

*Presider*                   God be with you.  
*People*                   **And also with you.**

*Presider*                   Lift up your hearts.  
*People*                   **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider*                   Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*                   **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Presider says a proper preface*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the  
company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus

S 129

Robert Powell

*The People stand or kneel as the prayer continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had  
fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus  
Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of  
us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon  
the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole  
world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took  
bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and  
said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of  
me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to  
them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is  
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for  
the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Presider then continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise  
and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you  
these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of  
your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that  
we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and  
peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal  
kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

And now, as 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 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.**

### Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem

S 155

Gerald Near

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All who seek God and are drawn to God through Christ are welcome to receive communion. If for  
any reason you do not desire to receive communion, you may come to the altar rail and cross your  
arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you need gluten-free bread, please ask the priest  
giving out bread. You are welcome to receive both bread and wine, or just bread. Christ is fully  
present in both or either the bread and wine.*

*Eucharistic Visitors may be commissioned.*

### Music during Communion: *Here I Am, Lord*

### Postcommunion Prayers

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior  
Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body  
and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and  
courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through  
Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### Blessing

### Closing Hymn: *Go forth for God*

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### Dismissal

*The deacon says the dismissal, and then the people say:*

*Deacon*   *Let us go forth in the name of Christ.*

**People**   **Thanks be to God**

### Postlude: *Psalms XX*

Benedetto Marcello