



# ST. MATTHEW'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### Holy Eucharist

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 10, 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:** *Blessed Jesus, We Are Here*

J. S. Bach

*People stand as able*

**Opening Hymn:** *Creating God, your fingers trace*

**Hymnal 395**  
*King*

### Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

*Children in kindergarten through the fifth grade may choose to follow the cross to Godly Play during the Gloria.*

### Gloria

**S 278**  
William Mathias

### Collect of the Day

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

**Acts 17:22-31**

*The People are seated*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

### Psalm

66:7-18



- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
let the sound of praise be heard;
- 8 God holds our souls in life \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare \*  
and laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water, \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
- 15 I called out to God with my mouth, \*  
and high praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
God would not have heard me,
- 17 But in truth God has heard me \*  
and has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld steadfast love from me.

*The Saint Helena Psalter Translation*

### Second Reading

**1 Peter 3:13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,

in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

*The People stand as able.*

**Gospel Hymn:** *O love of God, how strong and true*

**Hymnal 455**  
*Dunedin*

### Holy Gospel

**John 14:15-21**

*Remain Standing*

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

### Sermon

**The Rev. Suzanne Barrow**

### Apostles' Creed

**BCP p. 96**

*The People stand as able*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. 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:** *I Know that My Redeemer Lives* The Sacred Harp, 1850

*I know that my Redeemer lives, Glory hallelujah! What comfort this sweet sentence Glory, hallelujah! Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, Glory, hallelujah! The dead's alive and the lost is found, Glory, hallelujah! He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to plead for me above. He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need, Glory, hallelujah! He lives, all glory to his Name; He lives, my Savior still the same. What joy the blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives, Glory, hallelujah!*

**Presentation Verse** **H 400 stanza, 7**  
*Lasst uns Erfreuen*

Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia! Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Great Thanksgiving

**Eucharistic Prayer D** **BCP p. 372**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

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

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

*The Presider continues the Eucharistic prayer*

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

**Sanctus:** **S 128**  
William Mathias

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People stand or kneel as the prayer continues*

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Presider and People*

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Presider continues the prayer*

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember Bishop Terry and all who minister in your Church.]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]

[Remember especially those in whose honor the flowers were given.]

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with Matthew) and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN.**

*The Presider then says*

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 154**  
David Hurd

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Presider* *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.*

**Music during Communion:** *Will You Come and Follow Me?* John L. Hooker

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me? Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me? Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoner free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen? And admit to what I mean in you and you in me? Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show; thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

*Eucharistic Visitors may be commissioned.*

## Postcommunion Prayers

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

**Closing Hymn:** *O Jesus, crowned with all renown* **Hymnal 292**  
*Kingsfold*

## Dismissal

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

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *Alleluia, alleluia.*  
**People** Thanks be to God. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude:** *Prelude and Fugue in G* J. S. Bach