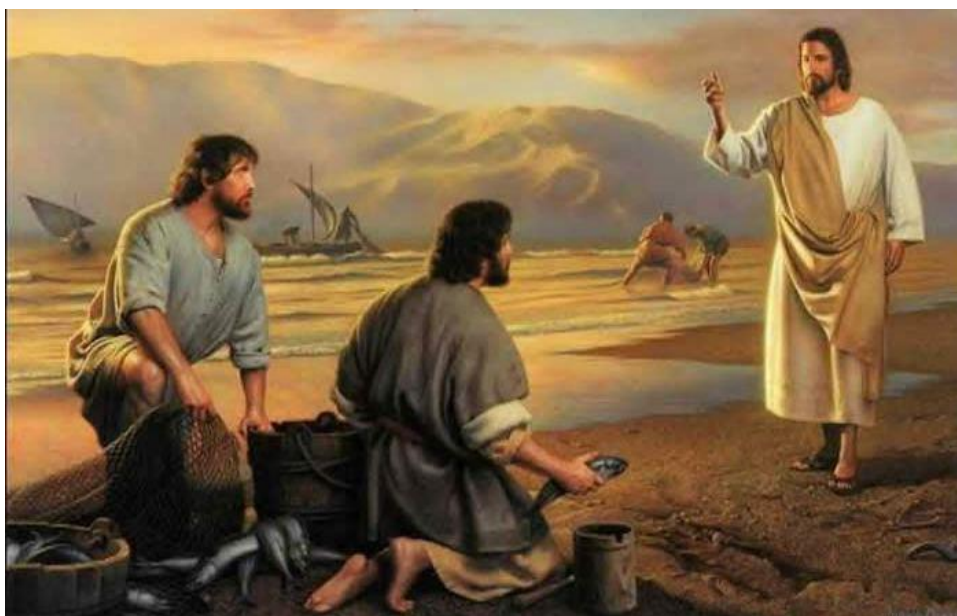


# St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

## The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 21, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist – Contemporary Service



919 Tennis Ave  
Maple Glen, PA 19002  
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Rev. Rodney Roehner

## Prelude

*Lord Reign in Me*

by **Brenton Brown**

## Gather

*As for Me*

by **Michael Neale**

## Chorus

As for me and my house  
We will serve You Lord  
Bowing down our hearts in worship  
For Your grace and love outpoured

As for me and my house  
We will serve You Lord  
Lifting holy hands in worship  
For Your grace and love outpoured

## Verse

Our Firm Foundation our only Hope  
We fix our eyes on You on You alone  
Complete surrender to You our King  
This is our one desire our offering  
You deserve all honor and all praise

## Bridge

You deserve all honor  
You deserve all praise  
Lord we come to glorify Your Name

*Celebrant* ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues with the Collect of Purity*

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.**

## Praise

*Praise the Lord (to God Be the Glory)*

by **Matthew West**

O Praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
O Praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice

O come to the Father  
through Jesus His Son  
And give Him the glory  
great things He has done

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **First Reading**

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Meditation**

*Lord Reign in Me*

**by Brenton Brown**

### **Verse 1**

Over all the earth  
You reign on high  
Every mountain stream  
every sunset sky  
But my one request  
Lord my only aim  
Is that You'd reign in me again

### **Verse 2**

Over every thought  
over every word  
May my life reflect the  
beauty of my Lord  
'Cause You mean more to me  
Than any earthly thing  
So won't You reign in me again

### **Chorus**

Lord reign in me  
reign in Your power  
Over all my dreams  
in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am  
So won't You reign in me again

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** (*seated*)

Rev. Rodney Roehner

**Faith Song**

*I Believe in Jesus*

**by Kathryn Scott**

**Verse 1**

I believe in Jesus  
I believe He is the Son of God  
I believe He died and rose again  
I believe He paid for us all

**Verse 2**

I believe in You Lord  
I believe You are the Son of God  
I believe You died and rose again  
I believe You paid for us all

**Chorus**

I believe He is here now  
Standing in our midst  
Here with the power to heal now  
And the grace to forgive

## The Prayers of the People – Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Bp. Daniel, Fr. Rodney, Fr. Dave, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Joseph our President, Josh our Governor, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Dick, Margaret, Ava, Greg, Laura, Betty, Carol, Millie, Jane, Kathleen, Anthony, Steve, Avery, Fred, Christy, Kassandra, Tyler, Paul, Steve, Josephine, Caleb, Patti, Samantha, Virginia, Polly, Eileen, Henry, Bernadette, Daniel, Roger, Erin, Mary, Giuliano, Claudia, Jeryl, Joan, and Yuka. **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed, especially Rev. Emily Richards, who died this past week, eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Matthew, our patron, and all your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for our church family and preschool; for all those celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries. We pray for all first responders and law enforcement, especially Jamie and Justin; for those who serve our nation in the armed forces, especially Steven, Jonathan, Kyle, Justin, Zack, William, and their families. We also pray for the protection of persecuted Christians throughout the world, and that all may come to the knowledge and love of Christ.

*Celebrant* Let us also pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

*All*      **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

## **The Peace** (*all stand*)

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

**Offertory**                      *My Lighthouse*                      **by Chris Llewellyn & Gareth Gilkeson**

### **Verse 1**

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

### **Verse 2**

In the silence You won't let go  
In the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

### **Chorus**

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness  
I will follow You oh

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

### Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

### Bridge

Fire before us  
You're the brightest  
You will lead us  
Through the storms

### Eucharistic Prayer B

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**

*Holy Holy Holy*

**by Larry Hampton**

Holy holy holy  
Is the Lamb of God  
Honor praise and glory  
Are Yours oh Lord forever

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Matthew, our patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.



By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **Anthem**

*Hosanna*

**by Carl Tuttle**

Hosanna, Hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna, Hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest

Lord we lift up Your Name  
With hearts full of praise  
Be exalted on Lord our God  
Hosanna in the highest

*The Celebrant then faces the People while elevating the Sacrament and says*

✠ The Gifts of God for the people of God.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says the following blessing*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Service Hymn***I Will Walk***by Robin Mark****Chorus**

And I, will walk with You  
And I will find a way to show  
Your Word is truth  
And none shall fear, but all will know  
The measure of our Father's endless love

**Verse 1**

Consider all the works  
Your hands have made  
The great and small from  
sea to mountain range  
The passion of our great Creator King  
Whose glory shines  
in all created things

**Verse 2**

Give me the faith  
that makes a mountain move  
And to believe the Gospel's power to  
save  
To run the race  
To run and not grow faint  
And some to save in Jesus' mighty name

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS EVENTS

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** | All are invited to join our parish family on **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall for a festive Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! Suggested offerings are \$6 for children under ten years old, and \$10 for adults and children over ten. Families with many individuals are invited to cap their offering at \$30 per family. Offering proceeds will benefit Youth Ministry activities at the parish. RSVP today by going to [2024-ShroveTuesday-RSVP](#) A sign-up sheet is also available in the narthex.

**Chili Bingo** | Chili Bingo is back! Join us on **February 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30 p.m.** for fellowship over a wonderful meal, and Bingo with prizes! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please let us know if you will attend, and if you can bring a crockpot of your favorite chili to share! The Fellowship team is always looking for extra bodies to help with planning, cooking, set-up and clean-up for all of St. Matt's events. Contact Trent Coombs ([ntcoombs@gmail.com](mailto:ntcoombs@gmail.com)) to volunteer.

**Heaven – Forever, for real, for sure** | These six studies look at what the Bible teaches about heaven—that it is God's throne room *today*—as well as the future new creation. This study will meet on Tuesday evenings, January 16 through February 20, from 7:30-8:45 p.m. No advance reading needed! Have to miss a session? No problem, each session stands on its own! We gather on Zoom at [bit.ly/SMEC-Zoom-Gathering](https://bit.ly/SMEC-Zoom-Gathering)

**Knit Wits** | If you like to knit, please join us in fellowship while we make items to be donated to those in need. **Meetings will be now be on the first AND third Wednesday of each month @ 10:30 a.m.** If you would like more information, please contact Pam Lang @ 215.872.9686 or [Booknotes1227@gmail.com](mailto:Booknotes1227@gmail.com).

## OUTREACH

**Feed the Hungry** | Today we are collecting donations for Cecil and Grace Bean's Soup Kitchen in Norristown. Make a direct impact on the kitchen's operations by donating using the envelope found in your pew, or by making an online contribution at [tinyurl.com/SMEC-FeedTheHungry](https://tinyurl.com/SMEC-FeedTheHungry)

**Mattie Dixon Food Cupboard** | Our support of this amazing organization continues into 2024, and we thank you for all your past support! Their current wish list includes: coffee, hot cocoa, juice (48 oz.), tea, brownie mix, cookies, graham crackers, condiments, sauces (BBQ, soy, teriyaki), olive oil, vinegar, flushable wipes, toilet paper, dog & cat food, and Poise pads. Offerings can be placed in the bins located outside the kitchen or narthex doors.

**Little Pantry** | As I am sure you notice whenever you are on our campus, the Little Pantry is highly used by the community. It requires a lot of resources to keep it filled daily. **Currently, we are in great need of toilet paper and paper towels.** However, that doesn't mean we don't need all the other items noted on the Shopping Lists in the narthex. As you are able, consider adding an extra item or two to your shopping carts, and dropping it off in one of our bins. Thank you!

### Parish Calendar *for the week of* January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

<b>Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	7:00 PM	<b>Bible Study</b> <i>on Zoom*</i>
<b>Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	7:30 PM	<b>Heaven – Forever, for real, for sure</b> <i>on Zoom*</i>
<b>Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup></b>	12:00 PM	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> <i>in the Sanctuary</i>
	4:15 PM	<b>Handchime Rehearsal</b> <i>in the Sanctuary</i>
<b>Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>on Zoom*</i>
<b>Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30 AM	<b>Project Roadmap</b> <i>inn the Parish Hall</i>
<b>Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup></b>  <i>All services are held in the Sanctuary. 9AM service is also accessible via Livestream.</i>	7:45 AM	<b>Rite I Holy Eucharist</b>
	9:00 AM	<b>Rite II Holy Eucharist with Contemporary Music</b>
	9:00 AM	<b>CGS Sunday School</b> <i>in the Atria</i>
	9:00 AM	<b>Middle School</b> <i>in the Conf. Room</i>
	10:00 AM	<b>Coffee Hour</b> <i>in the Parish Hall</i>
	10:30 AM	<b>Rite II Choral Eucharist</b>

\*Access Zoom meeting links by going to [bit.ly/SMEC-Zoom-Gathering](https://bit.ly/SMEC-Zoom-Gathering)