

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist – Contemporary Service



Saints Peter and John Healing the Lame Man by Nicolas Poussin, 1655

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Rev. Rodney Roehner

Prelude *Be Still and Know* (instrumental) **arr. by Lee Harrington**

Gather *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship* **by Brian Doerksen**

Verse 1

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

Chorus

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

Celebrant ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 *King of Kings* **by Brooke and Scott Ligertwood & Jason Ingram**

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in One
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Be Still and Know

arr. by Lee Harrington

Verse 1

Be Still and Know that I am God
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Verse 2

The God of Jacob is our rock
The God of Jacob is our rock
The God of Jacob is our rock

Verse 3

In You O Lord I put my trust
In You O Lord I put my trust
In You O Lord I put my trust

Gospel (*standing*)

John 10:11-18

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the

wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon (*seated*)

Rev. Rodney Roehner

Faith Song

We Believe

by Hooper, Fike, & Ryan

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again
We believe

The Prayers of the People - Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We ask your guidance for Bp. Daniel, Fr. Rodney, and Fr. Dave. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation; especially Dick, Margaret, Ava, Greg, Laura, Betty, Carol, Millie, Jane, Kathleen, Anthony, Steve, Avery, Fred, Christy, Kassandra, Tyler, Paul, Steve, Josephine, Caleb, Patti, Virginia, Polly, Eileen, Henry, Bernadette, Daniel, Roger, Erin, Mary, Giuliano, Claudia, Joan, Joanne, Brody, Joan, Mary Lou, Lorenzo, Treva, Dave, Diana and Sean. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Give your grace to this holy gathering and for all the people of God; for all first responders, health care workers, 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; and for those celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; especially Patricia Thomson, and Dick and Denise Sawyer, in whose memory the altar flowers are given by Karen Sawyer, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

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

You Will Never Run

by **Rend Collective**

Chorus

You will never run away
You're forever mine
You will never run away
You're by my side

Verse 1

Love wide as galaxies
Love deeper than the sea
Countless as all infinity
Love like a shooting star
Tearing apart the dark
Shining for all eternity
Shining for all eternity

Verse 2

Love stronger than the grave
Love rolled the stone away
Rising with endless majesty
Love takes us by the hand
Love is the wildest dance
You are the joy and fight in me
You are the joy and fight in me

Bridge

Hearts open wide hands lifted high
Over the clouds up into the blue sky
Hearts open wide hands lifted high
Over the clouds up into the blue sky

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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.

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

He Is Exalted

by Twila Paris

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

Chorus

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

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

✠ The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion

Sweet Jesus

by West, Smith, & Wood

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says the following blessing

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Service Hymn

All the People Said Amen

by Maher, Moak, & Morgan

Verse 1

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid
you're not the only
We are all the same, in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

Chorus

And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord
for His love never ends
And all the people said amen

Dismissal

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

Verse 2

If you're rich or poor
well it don't matter
Weak or strong you know
love is what we're after
We're all broken but
we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all

Bridge

Blessed are the poor in spirit
who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted
and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry
for another start
For this is the kingdom
the kingdom of God

THE PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

College Settlement Camp Clean-Up Day | College Settlement's annual spring clean-up day is Saturday, May 4th. St. Matthew's will be joining in their efforts to prepare the camp for summer. We will meet at the camp (593 Witmer Rd, Horsham, PA) at 8:45 a.m. Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or contact the office @ 215.646.4092, if you plan on attending. We will take care of registration.



Blood Drive | St. Matthew's will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, May 20th, from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please go here: tinyurl.com/SMEC-BloodDrive to register online. More information can be found on the table in the narthex.

Spring Fest | Please join us on May 19th from 12:00 to 2:00 in celebration of warmer weather and for an opportunity to have our Church and Preschool communities gather together. The event will include great food, a giant inflatable, face painting and other games and activities, as well as ice cream! There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer and help make the day a success. Please contact Trent Coombs ntcoombs@gmail.com.

OUTREACH

Little Pantry | Thank you to all who donate regularly to help keep our pantry stocked. As the pantry is emptied daily, it requires a lot of resources to maintain! **Currently, we are in need of dried pasta, tuna fish, jelly, 8-10 oz laundry detergent (Dollar Tree), and crackers.** Thank you!

Parish Calendar *for the week of April 21st, 2024*

Tuesday, April 23rd	7:30 PM	Jonah & Jesus: The Depths of Grace <i>on Zoom*</i>
Wednesday, April 24th	12:00 PM	Holy Eucharist <i>in the Sanctuary</i>
Thursday, April 25th	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer <i>on Zoom*</i>
Saturday, April 27th	8:30 AM	Project Roadmap <i>in the Parish Hall</i>
Sunday, April 28th <i>All services are held in the Sanctuary. 9AM service is also accessible via Livestream.</i>	7:45 AM	Rite I Holy Eucharist
	9:00 AM	Rite II Holy Eucharist with Contemporary Music
	9:00 AM	CGS Sunday School <i>in the Conference Room</i>
	9:00 AM	Middle School <i>in the Rector's Office</i>
	10:00 AM	Coffee Hour <i>in the Parish Hall</i>
	10:30 AM	Rite II Choral Eucharist

*Access Zoom meeting links by going to bit.ly/SMEC-Zoom-Gathering