

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist – Contemporary Service



Saint Jean Baptiste dans le désert by Philippe de Champaigne, 17th c.

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Rev. Rodney Roehner

Prelude

By Our Love

by Peter Scholtes, arr. by Lee Marcum

Gather

We Worship and Adore You

by Andy Piercy

Verse 1

We worship and adore you,
Lord hear us when we call
For there is no God above You,
You are the Lord of all

So that we may glorify Your name
through heaven's eternal days

Verse 2

But how can we begin to,
express what's on our hearts
There are no words enough Lord,
for us to even start

Bridge

There was no other good enough to
pay the price of sin
You only could unlock the gate of
heaven and let us in

Verse 3

The tongues of men and angels,
we need to sing your praise

Verse 4

We worship and adore you,
Lord hear us when we call
For there is no God above You,
You are the Lord of all

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

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

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.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Song of Jabez

by Paul Baloche

Chorus

Lord that You would
bless me indeed
And enlarge my territory
That Your hand would be with me
And You would keep
my heart from evil
Amen

Bridge

Bless me Lord
Bless me Lord
So that I might be
A blessing to this world

Gospel *(standing)*

Mark 6:14-29

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

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did

not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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 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 Betsy, Ava, Greg, Laura, Betty, Carol, Millie, Jane, Kathleen, Anthony, Steve, Fred, Christy, Tyler, Paul, Steve, Caleb, Patti, Virginia, Polly, Henry, Bernadette, Daniel, Roger, Erin, Giuliano, Brody, Dave, Sean, Gerry, Tom, Mary, Constance, and Adam.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, especially Donna Forbes, who died last week, and Jack Fanizzi, in whose memory the altar flowers are given by the Phyllis Fanizzi, 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 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; for those celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries. 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

No Longer Slaves

by Johnson, Case & Helser

Verse 1

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

Verse 2

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

Bridge

You split the sea so I could
walk right through it
My fears were drowned
in perfect love
You rescued me so I could
stand and sing
I am a child of God

Eucharistic Prayer A

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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.

Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lamb of God
Honor, praise and glory
Are Yours, oh Lord, Forever

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. ✠ 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 your Son Jesus Christ: 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

Sanctuary

by John W. Thompson & Randy Scruggs

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

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 **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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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

Rise Up and Praise Him

by Gary Sadler & Paul Baloche

Verse

Let the heavens rejoice
let the earth be glad
Let the people of God sing His praise
All over the land
Everyone in the valley
come and lift your voice
All those on the mountaintop
Be glad and shout for joy

Chorus

Rise up and praise Him
He deserves our love
Rise up and praise Him
Worship the Holy One
With all your heart
With all your soul
With all your might
Rise up and praise Him

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sermon on the Mount | The steadfastness of the Father as revealed in the person of Christ and the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit bring peace. But from the changing tides of global culture and politics to the chaotic storms that affect families and loved ones, peace can be elusive. *So how do we get more peace?* Explore the Sermon on the Mount with us this summer on **the following Tuesday evenings from 7:30-8:45 p.m. on Zoom at bit.ly/SMEC-Zoom-Gathering**

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

OUTREACH

Mattie Dixon Food Cupboard | St. Matthew's parishioners are longtime supporters of this Ambler based organization, and we thank you for all your past support! Unfortunately, food insecurity remains a critical issue. The Cupboard's greatest needs right now are for: **coffee, cookies, granola bars, juice & juice boxes, jelly, cooking**

oils, salad dressing, mayonnaise, taco kits, canned pineapple, bleach, cat food (wet & dry), dog food (wet only), laundry detergent, and kitchen trash bags. Offerings can be placed in bins located outside the kitchen or narthex doors. They do NOT need the following: cereal, canned veggies, tuna, peanut butter, soup.

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 toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, dollar store items, such as shampoo, toothpaste, Q-tips, deodorant, dishwashing soap, small laundry detergents.** Thank you!

Parish Calendar *for the week of July 14th, 2024*

Wednesday, July 17th	10:00 AM	Knit Wits <i>in the Conference Room</i>
	12:00 PM	Holy Eucharist <i>in the Sanctuary</i>
	7:00 PM	Bible Study <i>on Zoom*</i>
Thursday, July 18th	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer <i>on Zoom*</i>
Sunday, July 21st <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
	10:00 AM	Coffee Hour <i>in the Parish Hall</i>
	10:30 AM	Rite II Holy Eucharist with Organ

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



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