

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist – Contemporary Service



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Rev. Rodney Roehner

Prelude *Lord I Lift Your Name on High* (instrumental) **by Rick Founds**

Gather *Lord I Lift Your Name on High* **by Rick Founds**

Verse 1

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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 *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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

You Live Forever

by David Robinson

Verse 1

You live forever and ever
Your praises we now bring
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God and King

Verse 2

You always were and will be
You who create all things
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God and King

Verse 3

We are Your living creatures
And never cease to sing
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God and King

Gospel *(standing)*

Mark 10:46-52

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

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon *(seated)*

Rev. Rodney Roehner

Faith Song

This I Believe

by Ben Fielding & Matt Crocker

Chorus

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Verse 1

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One, God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

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, Laura, Carol, Millie, Jane, Kathleen, Anthony, Steve, Fred, Christy, Tyler, Steve, Caleb, Patti, Virginia, Polly, Henry, Bernadette, Daniel, Roger, Erin, Giuliano, Brody, Dave, Sean, Tom, Mary, Constance, Lilly, Ethan, Sue, Colleen, Carolyn, and Clarence.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, especially Dolly and Frank Robinson, in whose memory the altar flowers are given by Betsy Landis, eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Matthew, 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; and 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

Our God

by Tomlin, Reeves, Myrin & Redman

Verse 1

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

Verse 2

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You, none like You

Bridge

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
What could stand against

Chorus

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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

arr. by Geoff Weaver

Holy, Holy, Holy
My heart, my heart adores You
My heart knows how to say to You
You are holy Lord

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

You Are My All in All

by Dennis Jernigan

Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your Name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your Name

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

✠ The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion

Lord Have Mercy

by Stephen Merkel

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

I Heard the Sound of Voices

by Robin Mark

Verse 1

I heard the sound of voices
From every tribe and nation
As they were walking singing
Songs of deliverance
For going on before them
A little Lamb was leading
And I could hear Him singing
Songs of deliverance

Verse 2

Where are the chains that bound me
The cords of my oppression
Jesus the Lamb had loosed them
He's my deliverance
My heart cries Abba Father
For He has led me to You
And I can hear You singing
Songs of deliverance

Chorus

For out of Egypt, You have
called Your sons, Your daughters
That they might be a witness
to Your saving name

So Father I am walking
Lord can You see me walking
O my Deliverer
I am following the Lamb

Ending

As for me and my house
We will serve the Lord
As for me and my house
We will serve the Lord
As for me and my house
We will serve the Lord
Always

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Souls' Day, Wine & Cheese Reception | St. Matthew's will remember the faithful departed by holding a solemn Holy Eucharist next **Saturday, November 2nd at 4:00 PM**, followed by a wine and cheese reception. All named departed loved ones from 2023 will be included. If you have additions to that list, please email their first and last names to Fr. Rodney, rector@saintmattsec.org. Remembrances are requested by Wednesday, October 30th.

Annual Parish Meeting & Potluck | Services on Sunday, November 17th will be at 7:45, 9:00, and **11:00** a.m. The annual parish meeting will be held *after* the 9:00 a.m. service. During this time we will also enjoy a special potluck coffee hour. Please consider bringing a dish to share. The ovens are available to keep things warm. See you there!

EVENTS

St. James School Visit | Representatives from St. James will join us for worship on **Sunday, November 3rd**. Over the past couple of years, we have partnered with St. James in a variety of ways. We look forward to updates on the current school year and new programs.

OUTREACH

Seamen’s Church Institute Holiday Ditty Bags | This is the final week to bring in items! Please join our knitting ministry, the Knit Wits, in supporting through this ministry the people who work so hard to bring goods into our ports by donating some of the other items that are needed. Please see the bulletin board for the full wish list. A bin will be available by the kitchen for donations. Thank you!

Church for Kenya | During his recent visit, Bp. Chemengich mentioned that his diocese of Kitale in Kenya wants to plant 140+ new churches. Most of these buildings are semi-permanent structures similar to a pavilion with walls, and they cost \$2,000 to construct. St. Matthew's outreach funds will provide money for one church, and we would like to offer parishioners an opportunity to contribute toward a second one. If you would like to donate toward this unique fundraiser, please make checks payable to St. Matthew’s, noting “Church for Kenya” on the memo line.

Little Pantry | Thank you for answering our call for toilet paper and peanut butter! We are now in need of the following: **crackers, jelly, cereal, spaghetti sauce, breakfast bars, paper towels, toothpaste, dish soap, and laundry detergent.** Thank you so much for your generosity!

Parish Calendar *for the week of* **October 27th, 2024**

Wednesday, October 30th	12:00 PM	Holy Eucharist <i>in the Sanctuary</i>
Thursday, October 31st	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer <i>on Zoom*</i>
Saturday, November 2nd	4:00 PM	All Souls’ Day Service <i>in the Sanctuary</i>
	5:00 PM	Wine & Cheese Reception <i>in the Parish Hall</i>
Sunday, November 3rd St. James visit <i>All services are held in the Sanctuary. 9 AM 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
	9:00 AM	Weaving God’s Promises <i>in the Rector’s office</i>
	10:00 AM	Festive 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