



St. Matthias

Episcopal Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

May 5, 2024

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, we welcome you to St. Matthias' Church. This is God's house and so it is your house because you are God's child. We hope that you will be at home here and find peace here.

The Holy Eucharist

Opening Hymn: “We plow the fields, and scatter”

Hymnal #291

Celebrant 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.***

Glory to God

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Word of God

The First Lesson

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

BCP Pg. #727

1 Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.

3 The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Hymn: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

MHSO #18

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -



The Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Rev. Deborah Woolsey

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

✠ *Based on the Litany for Special Convention by the Wisconsin Tri-diocesan Task Force Prayer and Liturgy Committee*

Leader: Lord, we come to you asking you to open our hearts, minds, and souls; bring courage to our fears, hope for our despair, peace for our turmoil, joy for our sorrows, strength for our weakness, wisdom for our confusion, love for our hates, and forgiveness of our sins.

*Response: **Lord, we are here.***

Leader: For all who have come before us proclaiming the Gospel and establishing the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin; especially the Oneidas who built the first Episcopal house of worship in the territory that became the state of Wisconsin, the women of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity whose selfless generosity continues to support the mission of the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin, and the families whose dedication and resilience led to the establishment of this parish of St. Matthias,

*Response: **Lord, we give you thanks.***

Leader: Be with us as we reach out and let go, in the breath and in the death, in the changing and rearranging, in the prayer and in the song, in our surrender to you. We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael and the process for electing a new presiding bishop, for Matt our Bishop, for Mother Deborah our priest and rector, for all who serve Christ and the Church in every place.

*Response: **Lord, be with us.***

Leader: Let us look to the horizon with hope and prevent us from being frozen by the past or the present. We pray for those who are preparing to enter new chapters of life, especially those preparing to graduate from school and those preparing for marriage.

*Response: **O patient God, grant us Your sense of the future.***

Leader: Guide and direct us, in all our decisions, that despite our doubts and uncertainties we may always seek your grace and know what you would have us do. We pray for all leaders of the nations of the world, our country, our state, our town, and our parish,

*Response: **Holy Spirit, save us from false choices.***

Leader: Bless all people in the world, that in these times of conflict we may engage one another without hatred or bitterness, and hear your voice of peace, courage, and hope amid so much noise. Inspire us to work together with mutual forbearance and respect. Where there is harmful division, grant healing and illumination. Bless those on our parish prayer list (insert list here) and those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week especially (insert list here). We pray for those who died this week especially (insert list here) and for those who grieve the loss.

*Response: **Heavenly Father, give us new resolve to live deeper in You.***

Leader: Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death,

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open our hearts to your grace and truth,

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit,

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep us in the faith and communion of your Holy Church,

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit,

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send us into the world to witness to your love.

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant that all who are baptized and those who are preparing for baptism into the death of Jesus Christ may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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✠ *Offer one another a sign of peace.*

Announcements

Holy Communion

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn: “O Love of God, how strong and true”

Hymnal #455

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP #367

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.**

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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;

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 [_____ 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,

The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God

Communion Hymn: "One bread, one body"

LEVAS #151

One bread, — one bod - y, —

— one Lord of all, — one cup of

bless - ing which we bless. — And we, — though

man - y, — through-out the earth, — We are one

Last time ⊕

bod - y in this one _____ Lord. _____

Last time ⊕

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man, _____
2. works, one in the Lord _____
3. grown, gath - ered to one _____

D.S.

1. — no more. _____ One
2. — of all. _____ One
3. — for all. _____ One

D.S.

⊕ CODA

Lord. _____

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Prayer After Communion

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Celebrant Let us pray.

People ***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.***

Blessing

Closing Hymn: “O Jesus, crowned with all renown”

Hymnal #292

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.***

May 5, 2024 -Weekly Messenger

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Ascension, Merrill; Mvuma Mission District, Masvingo

Anniversaries This Week

Departed:

5-Mildred Zoller

9-Ginny Sherman

10-Joe Minnis

Calendar & Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 5, 2024

10:00am – Holy Eucharist

6:00pm – NA (Parish Hall)

May 9, 2024

9:00am – Men of Matthias

9:00am – Women of Matthias

10:00am – Caritas Outreach

Sunday, May 12, 2024

10:00am – Holy Eucharist

6:00pm – NA (Parish Hall)

Lay Ministry Schedule

May 5, 2024

Usher – Nancy & Robin

Acolyte -Chris

Lector- Jane

Prayers -Nancy

Zoom - Dennis

May 12, 2024

Usher – Mendy

Acolyte – Dale

Lector- Carol

Prayers -Kathryn

Zoom - Michael

We acknowledge that we are standing on the ancestral lands of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, who have been stewards of this land for centuries and respect the interconnected relationships among everything on this land. We acknowledge the many legacies of violence, boarding schools, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together today. We pay respect to the elders, past, present, and future.

Vestry

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