



St. Matthias

Episcopal Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM

March 19, 2023



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. You are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: *“The King of Love my Shepherd is”*

Arr. Dale Wood

Opening Hymn: **“The Glory of these Forty Days”**

Hymnal #143

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People ***His mercy endures forever.***

Celebrant Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” (*Mark 12:29-31*)

Kyrie **“Lord, have mercy upon us”**

Hymnal #S91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

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The Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Word of God

The First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

BCP #612



1 The Lord is my **shepherd**; *
I shall not be in **want**.

2 He makes me lie down in green **pastures** *
and leads me beside still **waters**.

3 He revives my **soul** *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's **sake**.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no **evil**; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they **comfort** me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who **trouble** me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running **over**.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my **life**, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for **ever**.

The Second Lesson**Ephesians 5:8-14**

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation “Surely it is God who saves me”

Hymnal #679 vs.1



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

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

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Rev. Richard Bruesehoff

The Apostles' Creed

✠ *Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymnal #S106

Reader: Let us pray to the Lord

The responses may be sung in harmony, a

Lord, have mer - cy.

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

✠ *Offer one another a sign of peace.*

Announcements**Offertory Sentence****The Holy Communion****Offertory Hymn: “The King of Love”****Hymnal #645****The Great Thanksgiving***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 our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. He is your living Word through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

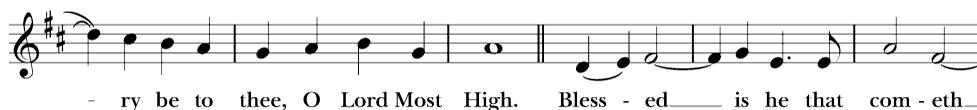
In fulfillment of your will, he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Hymnal #S114



Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, “Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worth to stand in your presence and serve you.

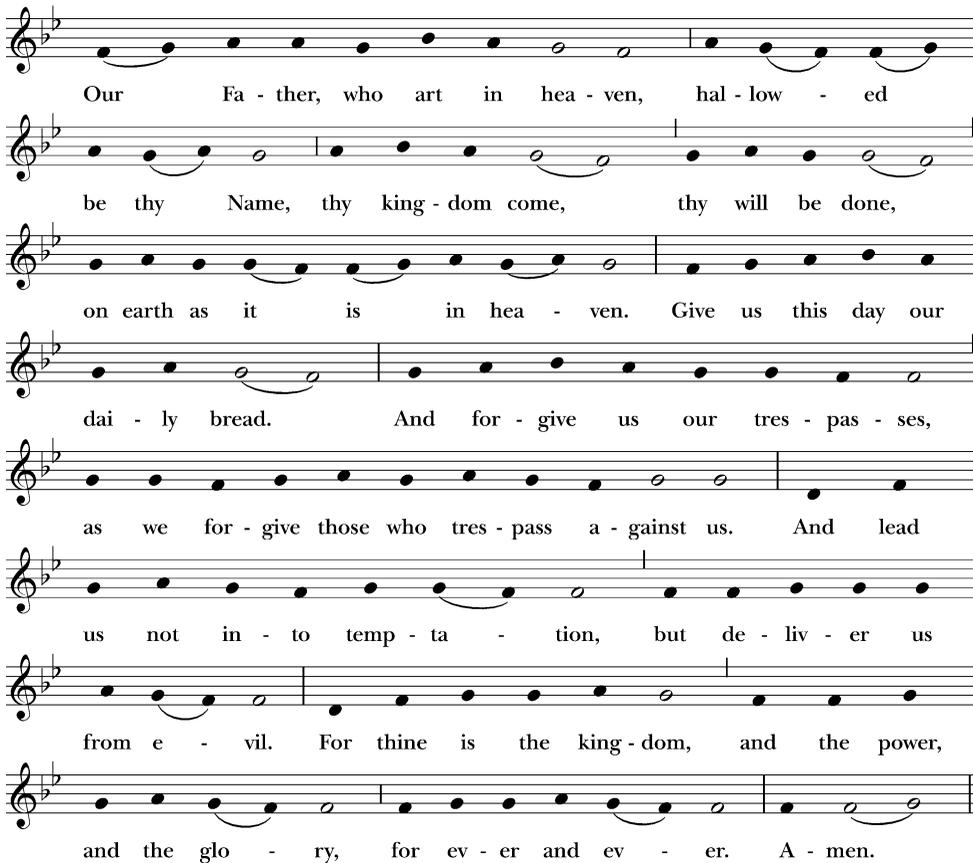
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honor are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal #S119



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread,

People ***Communion in Christ's body once broken.***

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

People ***If we have died with him, we shall live in him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.***

Agnus Dei

Hymnal #S158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

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Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

Hymn: "Bless the Lord my Soul"**WLP #825**

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Words: Psalm 103. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

Communion Hymn: "I want to walk as a child of the light"**Hymnal #490****Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Benediction**Closing Hymn: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"****Hymnal #493****Dismissal**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Paul Manz

March 19, 2023 - Weekly Messenger

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Precious Blood, Gardner; Moses the Prophet Mission District, Masvingo

Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays:

20-Bill Dickens

21-Roger Ganschow

23-Francis Stoner

Weddings:

25-Gene & Jan Degner

Departed:

19-Jane Tait

19-Sue Jensen

20-John Tibbals

21-Mary Robertson

23-John Hayhurst

25-Theodore S. Daniels

St. Matthias transition prayer:

Almighty God, one who sees who we are and where we are going; allow your Holy Spirit to guide us throughout our time of transition. Equip us with readiness, respect, humility, patience, trust, and joy when exploring where you are leading us and engaging with each other. You have placed our congregation within a unique and wonderful surrounding community. Guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may lovingly receive a faithful pastor you have called for this place and time. With gratitude for where we have been and doors you are opening, we pray; Amen

Calendar & Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 19, 2023

10:00am – Holy Eucharist
6:00pm – NA (Parish Hall)

Thursday, March 23, 2023

9:00am – Men of Matthias
10:00am – Caritas Outreach

Friday, March 24, 2023

9:30am – Gentle Yoga

Sunday, March 26, 2023

10:00am – Holy Eucharist
6:00pm – NA (Parish Hall)

Lay Ministry Schedule

March 19, 2023

Usher- Mike & Deb
Acolyte – Marcia
Lector – Barb
Prayers – Chris
Zoom – Dennis

March 26, 2023

Usher- Robin & Nancy
Acolyte – Bob
Lector – Nancy
Prayers – Laurie
Zoom – Dick

Holy Week

April 2, 2023, Palm Sunday 10:00am

Please sign up to read a part for The Passion. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

April 6, 2023, Maundy Thursday 5:00pm

April 7, 2023, Good Friday 5:00pm

April 9, 2023, Easter Sunday 10:00am

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 their elders, past, present, and future.

Vestry

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