



St. Matthias

Episcopal Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM

March 26, 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: "Grace and Thanks"

Gilbert M. Martin

Opening Hymn: "All my Hope on God is Founded"

Hymnal #665

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 -

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

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

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130

BCP #784



1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
 Lord, hear my **voice**; *
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done **amiss**, *
 O Lord, who could **stand**?

3 For there is forgiveness with **you**; *
 therefore you shall be **feared**.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for **him**; *
 in his word is my **hope**.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,
 more than watchmen for the **morning**, *
 more than watchmen for the **morning**.

6 O Israel, wait for the **Lord**, *
 for with the Lord there is **mercy**;

7 With him there is plenteous **redemption**, *
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their **sins**.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in 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 11:1-45

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to

sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Rev. Steve Reshan

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: “Thou Art the Way”****Hymnal #457****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.

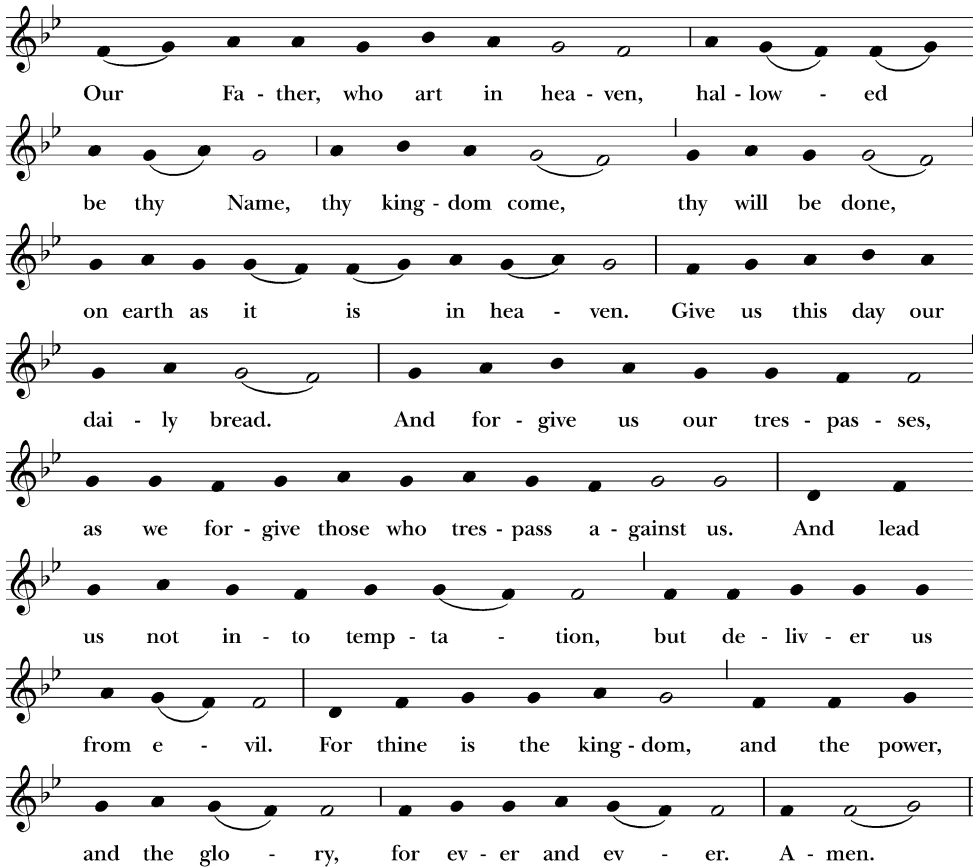
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

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: "O Spirit of Life"**Hymnal #505****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: "Holy Spirit Ever Living"****Hymnal #511****Dismissal***Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.****Postlude: "Offertorio"***Domenico Zipoli*

March 26, 2023 - Weekly Messenger

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Thomas, Menasha; Mufudzi Wakanaka Mission District, Masvingo

Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays:

29-Kent Coleman
 29-Susan Kalmerton
 29-Ron Kroeger
 1-Dick Brueschoff

Weddings:

Departed:

26-Mary Louise Stern
 28-Phyllis C. Drogue

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 26, 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, April 2, 2023, Palm Sunday

10:00am – Holy Eucharist

6:00pm – NA (Parish Hall)

Lay Ministry Schedule

March 26, 2023

Usher- Robin & Nancy

Acolyte – Bob

Lector – Nancy

Prayers – Laurie

Zoom – Dick

April 2, 2023

Usher-

Acolyte –

Lector –

Prayers –

Zoom –

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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