

# Feast of St. Matthew:

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*The Calling of St. Matthew – Caravaggio*

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The Mission of St. Matthew's is:  
To share the love of Christ, putting faith into action through worship,  
prayer and outreach in the downtown community and beyond.

## Welcome to St. Matthew's

At St. Matthew's, we believe that all human beings are fully made in the image of God, that the spirit of God lives in each one of us, and that we are called to glorify that which unites us while at the same time celebrating the awesome diversity of God's creation. All of us at St. Matthew's share a commitment to our faith and to our community, and we welcome everyone. So, come as you are, you are most welcome here. We use the 1979 Book of Common Prayer as the basis for our worship together. It is the red book found in the pew. If you are new to worship in the Episcopal Church, don't worry, this service bulletin will gently guide through our worship at St. Matthew's. Please sign our guest book at the back of the church and let us know if you would like to receive our weekly email newsletter "The Mentor."

### **Holy Communion**

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion—even infants and small children.

The Episcopal Church believes the sacrament is complete even when only the bread or the wine is consumed. As we have done since the Covid-19 pandemic, we will be receiving the bread at the altar rail and we are offering consecrated wine in one of two forms: individual containers or from the common cup. You can receive the communion wine in either form from the Eucharistic Ministers. Gluten-free hosts are also available. Simply let the priest or server know of your preference when you come forward to receive. If you wish to receive God's blessing but not receive communion, simply come forward to the altar rail during communion, cross your hands over your chest as you are able, and softly tell the priest your first name.

### **Children**

Children of all ages are invited to participate fully in worship.

### **Masks and Social Distancing**

Masks are currently not required due to updated recommendations from the CDC for Kenosha County. One way that we practice our love of our neighbors is to be respectful of persons who wish to continue to wear masks and practice social distancing. We continue to act under the guidance of our Bishop about COVID-19 variants and may adjust our mask policy at any time.

*Please rise for the procession*

## The Word of God

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People      And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

## Gloria in Excelsis

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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*All sit for the lessons*

## The First Lesson Isaiah 8:11-20

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

For the Lord spoke thus to me while his hand was strong upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what it fears, or be in dread. But the Lord of hosts, him you shall regard as holy; let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. He will become a sanctuary, a stone one strikes against; for both houses of Israel he will become a rock one stumbles over—a trap and a snare for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble; they shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken.

Bind up the testimony, seal the teaching among my disciples. I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him. See, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion. Now if people say to you, ‘Consult the ghosts and the familiar spirits that chirp and mutter; should not a people consult their gods, the dead on behalf of the living, for teaching and for instruction?’ surely, those who speak like this will have no dawn!

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 119:33-40 (said in unison)

- <sup>33</sup> Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.
- <sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- <sup>35</sup> Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.
- <sup>36</sup> Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.
- <sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.
- <sup>38</sup> Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.
- <sup>39</sup> Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.
- <sup>40</sup> Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

## **The Second Lesson Romans 10:1-15**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Church in Rom.

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

‘The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      *Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand for the procession*

## The Gospel Procession

The Holy Gospel Matthew 9: 9-13

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I

desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily – Fr. Dave Manley

The Nicene Creed

*All stand*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. ✠ Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

*All face the altar*

*The Intercessor says:*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's church and for the world.

For the church and her holy shepherds, that they may never fail to reach out  
to those the world considers lost and hopeless, imitating the mercy of the  
Lord

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

That God, who shows His saving power to the upright, may raise up men  
and women in our day who will speak out for the oppressed, restoring the  
balance of justice in our world

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

That Jesus, who did not come to call the righteous but sinners, may cast His  
divine glance on our fallen away brothers and sisters, inviting them with  
power and tenderness to a change of heart

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

For the elderly, that like Abraham they may be strengthened by faith, giving glory to God whose promises never fail and whose love never falters

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

For those who are sick or suffering in any way, that this Holy Sacrifice may bring the light of God's coming into their lives and the spring rain of divine grace into their hearts. We pray especially for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

That Jesus, who was handed over for our transgressions and raised for our justification, may free our faithful departed ones from all sin and bring them rejoicing into heaven. We remember this day \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Book of Intercessions is read.*

*All continue to face the altar*

The Officiant says:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

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.

*The Celebrant says*

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.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Order for the Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Visitation & Holy Communion

*The Celebrant begins:*

Dear friends in Christ, Our brothers and sisters, are to be entrusted with administering Holy Communion, with taking Communion to the sick and with visiting the faithful who are unable to be present with us here.

*The celebrant pauses and then addresses the candidates:*

In this ministry, you must be examples of Christian living in faith and conduct; you must strive to grow in holiness through this sacrament of unity and love. Remember that, though many, we are one body because we share the one bread and one cup. As Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion be, therefore, especially observant of the Lord's command to love your neighbor. For when he said to them: "This is my commandment, that you should love one another as I have loved you."

*After the address the candidates stand before the celebrant, who asks them these questions:*

Are you resolved to undertake the office of giving the body and blood of the Lord to your brothers and sisters and so serve to build up the Church? (*I am.*)

Are you resolved to administer the Holy Eucharist with the utmost care and reverence? (*I am.*)

*All stand. The candidates bow their heads and the celebrant invites the faithful to pray:*

Dear friends in Christ,

Let us pray with confidence to the Father; let us ask him to bestow his blessings on our brothers and sisters, chosen to be ministers of Holy Communion, Healing Prayer, and Visitation.

*Pause for silent prayer.*

*The celebrant then continues:*

Gracious Lord, you nourish us with the body and blood of your Son, that we might have eternal life. Bless ✠ our brothers and sisters who have been chosen to give the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation to your faithful people. May the saving mysteries they distribute lead them to the joys of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. (*Amen.*)

## **Announcements and Birthday & Anniversary Blessings**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **Offertory Sentence**

*The celebrant says*

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:12*

#### **Prayer Over the Offering**

*The celebrant says*

From thine own gifts, we give to thee oh Lord...

*People*      and of thine own have we given thee

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*

*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 proceeds*

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, eternal Shepherd, do not desert your flock, but through the blessed Apostles watch over it and protect it always, so that it may be governed by those you have appointed shepherds to lead it in the name of your Son.

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 Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosannah in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people kneel as able.*

*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

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray,

*People and Celebrant*

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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here*

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,  
*have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,  
*have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,  
*grant us thy peace.*

### Invitation to Communion

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### Communion of the People

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion- even infants and small children. Gluten-free hosts are available. Simply let the priest or server know of your preference when you come forward to receive. If you wish to receive God's blessing but not receive communion, simply come forward to the altar rail during communion, cross your hands over your chest as you are able, and softly tell the priest your first name.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People kneel and join in saying this prayer.*

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 Blessing

*The celebrant blesses the people.*

Priest: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May God, who has granted you to stand firm on apostolic foundations, graciously bless you through the glorious merits of the holy Apostle Matthew. *Amen.*

And may he who endowed you with the teaching and example of the Apostles, make you, under their protection, witnesses to the truth before all. *Amen.*

So that through the intercession of the Apostles, you may inherit the eternal homeland, for by their teaching you possess firmness of faith. *Amen.*

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* The Mass has ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia!