### welcome to St Matthew!

If you have any prayer requests and wish them to be included in today's prayers, **please write them on a pink prayer request slip** found in the pew racks and hand them to the usher as he collects the offering plates. Please join us after the worship service in the fellowship hall for coffee, juice, and snacks. We hope you worship with us again soon!

Our Mission is to be the living evidence of the mercies of Christ John 13:34-35



## **Participation in Holy Communion**

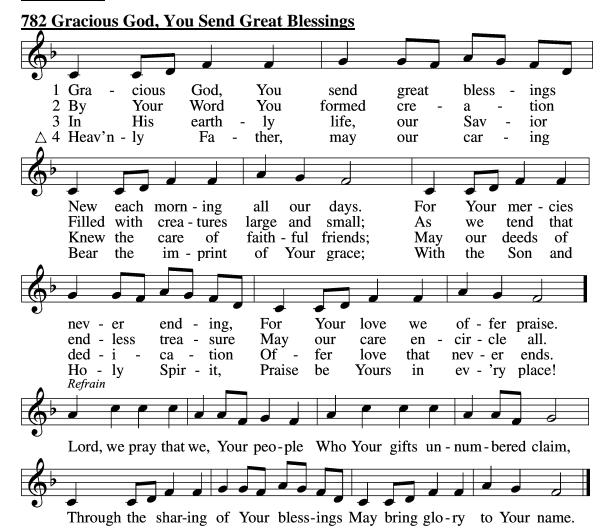
With respect to the gravity of the benefits received with the bread and wine, and to your spiritual health (1 Cor 11:27-29) we invite to the Lord's Table those who make this confession:

- ❖ I acknowledge that I am a sinner, and desire Christ's forgiveness.
- believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death.
- ❖ I believe that the Risen Christ is truly present in the Sacrament in, with, and under the bread and wine that I receive for the forgiveness of my sins. (Matthew 26:26-28)
- ❖ *I do intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins.*
- ❖ I resolve to dedicate myself to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular worship, sacrificial giving and thankful living.

Visitors who wish to commune at St Matthew are asked to speak with the pastor before doing so. Non-alcoholic wine is the light colored wine offered in the center portion of the individual cup trays.

If you do not wish to participate in Communion, we invite you to spend the time in silent meditation or prayer. You may be interested in meditating on Psalm 6, 23, 32, 46, 51, or 90 which can be found in the either the Bibles or the Hymnals in the pew racks in front of you.

### Welcoming

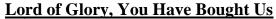


## **Invocation & Opening Sentences** *Psalm 27:9*

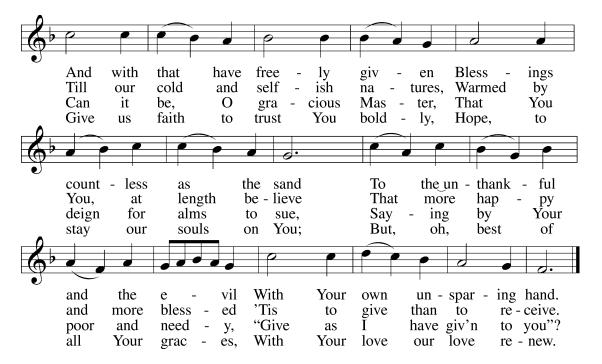
- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Hide not Your face from me.
- **C** Turn not Your servant away in anger,
- **P** O You who have been my help.
- Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

- P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.
- **P** Is this your sincere confession?
- I am sorry for all my sins, and I ask for grace that I may do better. Amen.
- As you believe, so let it be. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.







## **Salutation & Prayer of the Day**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 55:6–9

6"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 7let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. 9For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 27:1–9; antiphon: v. 4a

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
<sup>8</sup>You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek." <sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

**Epistle** *Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30* 

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet

which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

## 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Holy Gospel Matthew 20:1–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

## Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay

them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Nicene Creed**

I believe (Rom 10:8-10; 1 John 4:15; Heb 11:6)

in one God, (Deut 6:4, I Cor 8:4-6; John 10:30; Eph 4:4-6; Matt. 28:19)

the Father Almighty, (Mt 6:9; Ex 6:2-3; Rev 1:8, 4:8)

Maker of heaven and earth, (Gen 1:1; Ex 20:11; Ps 33:6-7)

and of all things visible and invisible (Col 1:15-16).

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, (John 10:30; Rom 10:9; Col 2:6; Acts 10:36; Rev 22:20; Matt. 28:19)

the only-begotten Son of God, (Mt 14:33; 16:16; John 3:16; 1 John 4:15)

begotten of His Father before all worlds, (John 1:2; 1:18; 3:16; 1 John 4:9)

God of God, Light of Light, (Ps 27:1; John 8:12, 12:35-36; 1 John 1:5-7; Mt 17:2, 5)

Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, (John 5:18, 8:58, 17:1-5)

being of one substance with the Father, (John 10:30)

by Whom all things were made; (John 1:3 [Gen 1:3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24, 26; Ps 33:6]; Heb 1:1-2; Col 1:16)

Who for us men and for our salvation (Mt 1:21; 1 Tim 2:3-6; 1 John 1:8-10, 4:9; Is 53:11)

came down from heaven (John 3:31; 6:33-35; Is 12:2)

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, (Luke 1:35, Mt 1:16; Is 7:14) and was made man; (John 1:14)

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate (Mt 27:22-26; I Cor 15:3-5; Gal 6:14; Is 53:4-6).

**He suffered and was buried** (Mt 27:50-60 [Is 53:9]; Mk 8:31; Luke 23:53).

And the third day

He rose again according to the Scriptures; (Mt 28:5; Luke 24:1-12; Rom 10:9; 1 Cor 15:3-5) and ascended into heaven, (Acts 1:9-11; Luke 24:51)

and sits at the right hand of the Father. (Mk 16:19; Acts 7:55-56)

And He shall come again with glory (Mt 24:27, 25:31; Acts 1:11; Rev 22:20)

to judge both the living and the dead; (Acts 10:42 [4:12]; 2 Tim 4:1 [Rom 1:16-17, 3:21-26, Gal 2:21] whose kingdom shall have no end (Luke 1:33 [I Cor 15:57]).

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,** (Gen 1:2; John 14:26; 1 Tim 1:14; Eph 1:13-14; Matt. 28:19)

the Lord and Giver of Life, (Rom 8:2-4; 2 Cor 2:6)

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, (John 15:26; Rom 8:9-11)

Who with the Father and the Son

together is worshiped and glorified, (Mt 3:16-17; Eph 4:4-6)

Who spoke by the Prophets. (2 Pet 1:21; 2 Tim 3:16; Ezek 11:5)

And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. (Eph 2:19-22, 5:26-27; I Pet 2:9)

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, Mk 16:16;1 Pet 3:21; Acts 2:38; Titus 3:4-7 and I look for the resurrection of the dead (John 11:23-27; Rom 6:5; I Cor 15:12-58)

and the life of the world to come (Mt 25:34; Mk 10:29-30; John 11:25-26; Rev 21:1-7).

**Amen** (Ps 106:48; Rev 22:20).

### 720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

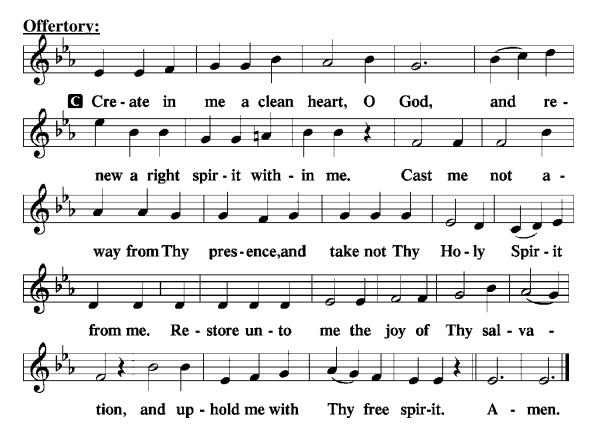


### **Sermon**

## **Prayer of the Church**

- Lord God, You have promised to hear the prayers of Your people, and so we come to You this day offering You petitions and supplications for all manner and needs of people. You have invited us to seek Your face and to call upon You while You are near. Lord, grant to us such confidence in Your grace and favor that we seek Your wisdom, walk in Your ways, and delight in Your gift of salvation with thanksgiving in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We delight in dwelling in Your house, O Lord. Bless Your Church and those who minister to us in Your name. Guide them to preach faithfully the whole counsel of Your Word so that we be steadfast in faith in the face of temptation, threat, and trial. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- You have placed in our ears Your Word and in our hearts Your Spirit, O Lord. Grant that we learn to follow Your Word and live holy, upright, and honorable lives that reflect Your goodness and show forth the fruit of the Spirit in all we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- You are our light and our salvation and in You we rest our fears. Lord, grant Your aid, comfort, and strength to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Be especially with the sick for whom we pray this day, [especially . . .]. Heal them in accordance with Your will and sustain them through their afflictions until the perfect healing comes in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Your power is greater than all and Your mercy is without limit. Lord, look with compassion upon our world of violence and terror. Bless those who govern here and everywhere that they protect the weak, promote the cause of virtue, administer justice to the criminal, and act with mercy toward those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

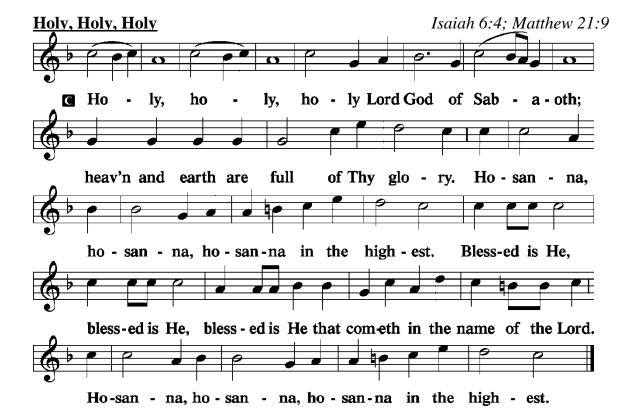
- You have given us a place at Your Son's Table and grace to receive His very body and blood. Lord, grant that we come with repentance and faith to receive all that Christ has accomplished for our salvation in this blessed communion with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P All these and whatsoever other things we need, we ask You to grant us in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Into Your hands, O gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.



### **Preface & Proper Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



### The Words of Our Lord

### **Proclamation of Christ**

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

<u>Lord's Prayer</u> <u>Matthew 6:9-13</u>

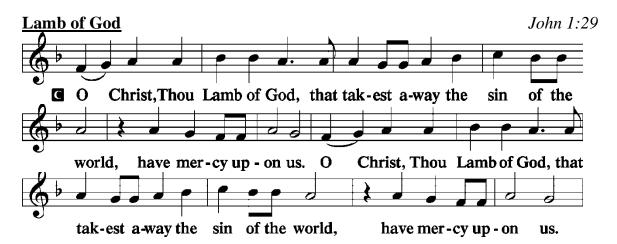
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;

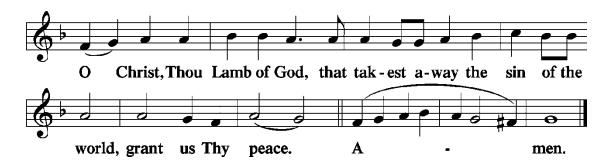
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Peace of the Lord

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





#### **In Christ Alone**

#### Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

#### Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

#### Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

#### Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

#### Just As I Am

Verse 1

Just as I am without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me And that Thou bidst me come to Thee O Lamb of God I come I come

#### Verse 2

Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot O Lamb of God I come I come (Chorus)

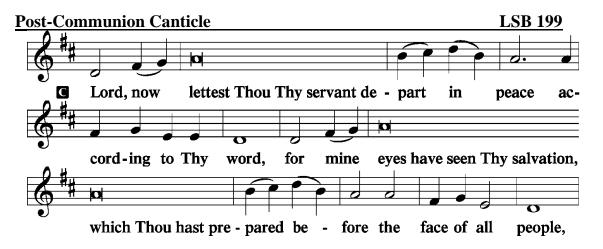
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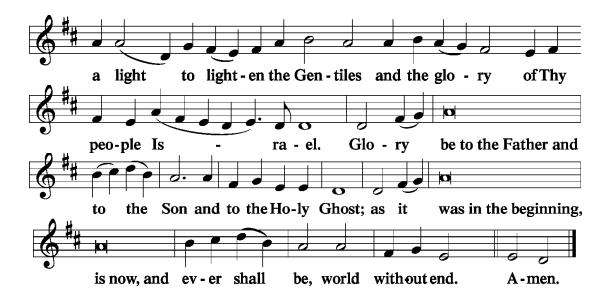
I come broken to be mended
I come wounded to be healed
I come desperate to be rescued
I come empty to be filled
I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the Lamb
And I'm welcomed with open arms praise God
Just as I am

#### Verse 3

Just as I am I would be lost But mercy and grace my freedom bought And now to glory in Your cross O Lamb of God I come I come (Chorus)

## **Post-Communion Blessing**





## **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

- **P** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
- for His steadfast love endures forever!
- P Heavenly Father, it is Your gracious will that Your children on earth live together in harmony and peace. Defeat the plans of all those who would stir up envy and strife, and teach us to examine our own hearts that we be free from malice and ill will. Help us by Your grace so that we live lives worthy of the Gospel and live at peace with all people. Fill us with zeal for the work of Your Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which alone can bring that peace which is beyond all understanding; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

### **Benediction**

- C Amen.

### 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

1

Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

2

Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

3

Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

4

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

5

Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally Then the holy holy Celebration jubilee

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