

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15th, 2023



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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Welcome Father Fred Stevenson

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We are delighted to have you with us!

Please follow all COVID-19 restrictions.

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

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Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 am

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| Prelude | |
| Processional Hymn | 135 |
| THE WORD OF GOD | |
| Opening Acclamation | BCP 355 |
| Collect for Purity | BCP 355 |
| Gloria (S-280) | Hymnal |
| <i>See Insert</i> | The Collect of the Day |
| | Old Testament Reading |
| | The Psalm |
| | New Testament Reading |
| | Gospel Hymn |
| The Holy Gospel | |
| The Sermon | Deacon Dina |
| Nicene Creed | BCP 358 |
| The Prayers of the People, Form II | BCP 385 |
| The Confession and Absolution of Sin | BCP 360 |
| The Peace | BCP 360 |
| THE HOLY COMMUNION | |
| Offering Hymn | 549 |
| Eucharistic Prayer A | BCP 361 |
| The Sanctus (S-129) | Hymnal |
| The Lord's Prayer | BCP 364 |
| The Breaking of the Bread | BCP 364 |
| Agnus Dei (S-164) | Hymnal |
| <i>The Celebrant says</i> | The Gifts of God for the People of God. |
| Communion Hymn | 324 |
| Post Communion Prayer | BCP 365 |
| Recessional Hymn | 535 |
| The Blessing | |
| The Dismissal | |

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
 in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
 and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength-
he says,

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 40:1-12

Expectans, expectavi

- 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and
clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing
sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my
God!

- how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O LORD, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;*
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the
great congregation.
- 12 You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever,

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are
sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all
those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind~ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you~ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the

two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

SUNDAYS after Epiphany
January 15th, 2023

PARISH NOTES

COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY: The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, February 4, 2023 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We're in need of volunteers to distribute diapers. Please contact Connie Kistler at kistinpa@ptd.net. Monetary donations are very much welcomed. Please give to the Treasurer, Tom Culver, in an envelope labeled Diaper Pantry. **Donations of diaper wipes and pull-ups are appreciated.** We covered 30 baby bottoms in January.

HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY: Is the last Saturday of each month. Please contact Nancy Shipman at 570-286-0430 to volunteer. Donations of canned fruits & vegetables are welcome. The next Food Pantry will be held Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Any donations are greatly appreciated.**

CHURCH SERVICE TIME: Church service time is **10:00 AM**. Masks are now optional.

OFFICE HOURS: Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10AM to 2PM, and Thursday, 10AM to Noon.

CHILDREN MINISTRY: Please consider your participation & role in this vital ministry. If interested in working to teach our children and guide them in faith, please contact Anissa, 570-898-2275

ALTAR SERVERS: St. Matthew's is looking for altar servers of all ages for lay ministries of: **Eucharistic Minister** (someone who helps with communion from the altar and distributes the chalice), **Crucifer** (someone who carries the cross in procession) or **Lector** (someone who reads the lessons and the "prayers of the people"), and for the ministry of **Thurifer** (someone who dispenses incense with the thurible.) Please contact Anissa DeCaprio-Sanduta if interested.

PARISH NOTES *(cont.)*

LAY MINISTRIES: Anyone interested in participating with any of the Lay Ministries, please contact any Vestry member or speak with Mary Ann Loftus.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Interested in singing with the Choir? Choir rehearsals are held every Sunday after the Service. All are welcomed!

ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON: A Luncheon for the Annual Meeting this year is scheduled for Jan. 22nd, 2023 after the service. New Vestry members will be elected along with representatives for the Annual Convention. Anyone interested in running for Vestry, please notify Mary Ann Loftus or Pam Schlegel.

CHICKEN 'N WAFFLE DINNER: We will be having a Chicken 'N Waffle Dinner "All You Can Eat" on Jan. 24th, 4:00pm - 6:30pm. Take-outs available. Meal includes: homemade waffles, chicken 'n gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, and applesauce. Dessert included. **\$10.00 a meal/adults; \$6.00 a meal/12yrs & under; under 3yrs/FREE.**

YOGA CLASSES: Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall every Thursday starting at 7:00PM..

UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS: Details to follow closer to the time of the events

Sun., Jan. 22nd: Annual Meeting & Brunch, After the Service

Tues., Jan. 24th: Chicken 'N Waffle Dinner, 4:00PM-6:30PM

Sun., Feb. 5th: Monthly Breakfast Hour, 9:00AM

Sun., Feb. 5th: Children's Activity Sunday, 9:30AM

Tues., Feb. 14th: Pancake Dinner, 4:00PM-6:30PM ???

Wed., Feb. 15th: Vestry Meeting, 6:00PM

Sun., Feb. 19th: Adult Bible Study, 9:00AM

VESTRY MEMBERS

Fran Zartman (2020-2022, 2022-2024)*

Roy Casey (2021-2023)

Cyn Reid (2020-2022, 2022-2024)*

Pam Schlegel (2021-2023)

Nathan Blanchard (2021-2023)

Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta (2021-2023)

Carol Lamparter (2022-2024)
Martha Bohner (2022-2024)
Lynda Schlegel-Culver (2022-2024)

Senior Warden: Mary Ann Loftus
Junior Warden: Roy Casey
Clerk of the Vestry: Cynthia Reid
Senior Warden Emeritus: Charlie Schlegel

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION IN 2022

Cyn Reid
Barb Sauter

(* indicates that the person must wait one year before running for vestry again in the final year of election)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Stephen, Frances (Fran), Angela, Stan, Alexis, Tanya, Steve K., Weston, Church of the Redeemer, Mike B., Noelle, Christian, Dennis, Sandy, Rich, Linda, and Nathan K. Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan D., Kara, Melissa, Janice and their co-workers. Also, please pray for all the departed, especially Bryan and Alverna.

(* Please notify Elaine Schlegel, or the Secretary, Carla Treon, of anyone who needs prayers so they can be added for the next upcoming Sunday.)

DONATIONS:

**You can now donate to Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church "on line" at the link listed: <https://diocesecpa.org/stewardship>

Or you may continue to mail your contributions to:

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All tithes and offerings are greatly appreciated