

Sundays after Pentecost

June 19th, 2022



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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Welcome Fr. Bateman

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We are delighted to have you with us!

Please follow all COVID-19 restrictions.

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

Second Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 am

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Processional

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Gloria (S-280)

BCP 357

See Insert

The Collect

The Lessons

First Reading

The Psalm

Gospel Hymn

The Holy Gospel

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayer for Congregations in Transitions (*Listed Below*)

The Prayers of the People

BCP 385

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

Offering Hymn

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The Sanctus (S-129)

BCP 362

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 365

Recessional

Blessing

Dismissal from the Rear

THE COLLECT

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.

I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;

who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps
their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,

says the LORD;
because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.

Thus says the LORD:
As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.
I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 22:18-27

Deus, Deus meus

- 18 Be not far away, O LORD; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their
poverty;

neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live forever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

THE EPISTLE

Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had

worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" ~ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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PARISH NOTES

COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY: The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, July 2, 2022 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 23 baby bottoms in June.

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, June 25, 2022 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 and role in this vital ministry. Here is a link to the Diocese webpage for your review. [Children | The Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania \(diocesecpa.org\)](http://Children | The Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania (diocesecpa.org)) Please let Anissa know, 570-898-2275, if you are interested in working to teach our children & guide them in faith.

ALTAR SERVERS: St. Matthew's is looking for altar servers of all ages. Are you being called to the lay ministry 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.") We are also looking to train servers of all ages for the ministry of **Thurifer** (someone who dispenses incense with the thurible.) Please contact Anissa DeCaprio-Sanduta if interested.

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

PARISH NOTES *(cont.)*

SURVEYS: The deadline for the surveys has been moved to the end of June. If you have not turned in your survey, please fill it out and do so. This survey will help in acquiring the right Rector for our Church and the needs of our parishners and community.

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)

A Guide for Congregations in Transition

The Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

Merciful God, be with us and guide us; open our minds and teach us; open our hearts and surround us with your love that we may feel your presence in all our works. Imbue us with wisdom and awareness of your vision as we

seek a new rector and spiritual leader. Grant us an adventurous spirit, willing to attempt new tasks and face new ways, ever mindful of the need to listen more to your still, small voice than to our own fancies and desires. Grant continued grace and commitment to those who have been called to serve as members of the Profile and Search Committees, that they may become faithful companions to each other, to the Vestry, and to this Parish. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Stephen, Frances (Fran), Pamela, Kelsey, Alayah, Angela, Stan, Alexis, Tanya, Steve K., Weston, Church of the Redeemer, Bill B., Nick, Jack, Stephanie, Linda, Mother Becky, and Leilani. Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan D., Kara, Melissa, Janice and their co-workers. Also, please pray for all the departed, especially for Judy Sickle.

(* 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