

Sundays after Pentecost

June 26th, 2022



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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

Third 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

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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

1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21

The LORD said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 16

Conserva me, Domine

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

THE EPISTLE

Galatians 5:1,13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

SUNDAYS after PENTECOST

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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

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volunteer. Donations of canned fruits & vegetables are welcome. The next Food Pantry will be held Saturday, July 30, 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 \(diocesecpa.org\)](https://www.diocesecpa.org/children) 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.

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.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC: July 10th, 2022 at Zartman's Chermeside Pavilion, Kratzerville (print-out directions are available or if using GPS: use 1107 Scrubby Hill Lane, Selinsgrove, this will get you close to the place). Service will start at 11:00 am, the meal to follow afterward. Meat will be provided, please bring a dish to share.

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, 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