

Sundays after Pentecost

July 24th, 2022



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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We are delighted to have you with us!

Please follow all COVID-19 restrictions.

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

Seventh 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

Commissioning of Vestry Members

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 God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

Genesis 18:20-32

The LORD said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it

upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 138

Confitebor tibi

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

THE EPISTLE

Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

THE GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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PARISH NOTES

COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY: The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, August 6, 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, 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 & 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. 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.

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, Mike E., Mike B., Laticia H., Sheldon V., Joan R., Christian, Noelle, and Kaye. 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 Kathy Keiper.

(* 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