



# ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Holy Eucharist

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Second Sunday in the Season of Creation

Sunday, September 11, 2022

*It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship. Remember to turn off or silence all phones. Thank you.*

## Animal Sunday

We worship with the entire living family of animals

## Liturgy of the Word

### Prelude

*Bless this earth*

**Juliet Calkins**

### Opening Hymn

*People stand as able.*

*All creatures of our God and King*

**Hymnal 400**  
*Lasst uns erfreuen*

### Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Gloria

**S-278**  
*Mathias*

*Children in kindergarten through the fifth grade may choose to follow the cross to Walking in the Word during the Gloria.*

### Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

God, our Creator, we celebrate with all living creatures today. Help us to see your presence, not only in human history but also in the stories of our kin in creation, the great animal family. Teach us to hear the good news of God's loving care ringing through the kingdoms of the wild. Rejoice with us as we behold the mysteries of your Wisdom implanted in all creatures. In the name of Christ who fills heaven and Earth. **Amen.**

### First Reading

**Job 39: 1-12, 26-30**

*The People are seated*

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?  
Do you observe the calving of the deer?  
Can you number the months that they fulfill,

and do you know the time when they give birth,  
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring  
and are delivered of their young?  
Their young ones become strong; they grow up in the open;  
they go forth and do not return to them.  
"Who has let the wild ass go free?  
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,  
to which I have given the steppe for its home,  
the salt land for its dwelling place?  
It scorns the tumult of the city;  
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.  
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,  
and it searches after every green thing.  
"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?  
Will it spend the night at your crib?  
Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,  
or will it harrow the valleys after you?  
Will you depend on it because its strength is great,  
and will you hand over your labor to it?  
Do you have faith in it that it will return  
and bring your grain to your threshing floor?  
"Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars  
and spreads its wings toward the south?  
Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up  
and makes its nest on high?  
It lives on the rock and makes its home  
in the fastness of the rocky crag.  
From there it spies the prey;  
its eyes see it from far away.  
Its young ones suck up blood,  
and where the slain are, there it is."

Lector                The Word of the Lord.  
People                **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

**104: 14-23, 31**



- 14 You make grass grow for flocks and herds \*  
and plants to serve all people;
- 15 That they may bring forth food from the earth, \*  
and wine to gladden our hearts,
- 16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, \*  
and bread to strengthen the heart.
- 17 The trees of the Holy One are full of sap, \*  
the cedars of Lebanon which God planted,
- 18 In which the birds build their nests, \*  
and in whose tops the storks make their dwellings.
- 19 The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, \*  
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.
- 20 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, \*  
and the sun knows the time of its setting.
- 21 You make darkness that it may be night, \*  
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.
- 22 The lions roar after their prey \*  
and seek their food from God.

- 23 The sun rises, and they slip away \*  
and lay themselves down in their dens.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

*The Saint Helena Psalter Translation*

## Second Reading

**1 Corinthians 1: 10-21**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn

*The People stand as able*

*All things bright and beautiful*

**Hymnal 405**  
*Royal Oak*

## Holy Gospel

**Luke 12: 22-31**

*Remain standing*

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

*Priest*            The Gospel of our Savior.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

**The Rev. Kelly Kirby**

## Nicene Creed

*The People stand as able*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
Who has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayers of the People

*After each petition, the People respond*      **Hear our prayer.**

*The presider says a concluding collect*

### Confession of Sin

*Stand or kneel. The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Presider and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### Peace

*All stand as able.*

*Presider*            The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### A Word of Welcome

*The People are seated*

### Birthday Collect

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our**

Lord, Amen.

## Holy Communion

*During the offertory, please consider the gifts God has given you, and give generously. Your gift will help us continue vital ministries. Our online giving works well, as does our text to give option. Please use this link for online giving. <https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/5QFR9K/>*

### Offertory

*O for the wings of a dove*

**Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)**  
*Sophie Kirby, soprano soloist*

### Doxology

**Hymnal 380 v. 3**  
*Old 100th*

*The People stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### Great Thanksgiving

#### Eucharistic Prayer C

*The People remain standing.*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The presider says*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By Christ's blood, we are reconciled. By Christ's wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Presider and People*

### Sanctus

**S-128**  
*Mathias*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Presider continues*

And so, Almighty God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, **We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our holy and righteous fore-bearers; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

*The Presider then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

**S-155**  
*Near*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*All who seek God and are drawn to God through Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please remain seated until guided by the ushers to communion. Return to your seat by the side aisles. If for any reason you do not desire to receive communion, you may come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you need gluten-free bread, please ask the priest giving out bread. You are welcome to receive both bread and wine, or just bread. Please use hand sanitizer if you will receive wine.*

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*Those praying from home are invited to say this prayer.*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

### **Communion Hymn**

*God of the sparrow, God of the whale*

**MHSO 129**  
*Roeder*

1 God of the spar - row  
 2 God of the earth - quake  
 3 God of the rain - bow  
 4 God of the hun - gry  
 5 God of the neigh - bor  
 6 God of the a - ges

God of the whale God of the swirl - ing  
 God of the storm God of the trum - pet  
 God of the cross God of the emp - ty  
 God of the sick God of the prod - i -  
 God of the foe God of the prun - ing  
 God near at hand God of the lov - ing

stars \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say  
 blast \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture cry  
 grave \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say  
 gal \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say  
 hook \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say  
 heart \_\_\_\_\_ How do your chil - dren say

Awe \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say Praise. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Woe \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture cry Save. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grace \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say Thanks. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Care \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say Life. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Love \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say Peace. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Joy \_\_\_\_\_ How do your chil - dren say Home. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Eucharistic Visitors may be commissioned.*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

*People and Presider*

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**Hymnal 390**  
*Lobe den Herren*

**Dismissal**

*People*                   **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee*

**Henry J. Markworth**