



# ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Holy Eucharist

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The First Sunday in Lent

Sunday February 22, 2026

*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.*

**Prelude:** *O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sins*

J.S. Bach

### The Word of God

### The Great Litany

*Please stand. The petitions will be chanted. The congregation chants the bold responses in reply.*

*People*



I. Have mer - cy up - on us.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, **Have mercy upon us.**

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world, **Have mercy upon us.**

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful, **Have mercy upon us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God, **Have mercy upon us.**

*People*



II. Sav - ior de - liv - er us.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent, **Savior deliver us.**

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws, **Savior deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil, **Savior deliver us.**

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared, **Savior deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment, **Savior deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation, **Savior deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign, **Savior deliver us.**

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial, **Savior deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit, **Savior deliver us.**

*People*



III. Hear us, O Christ

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit. **Hear us, O Christ.**



with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

## Psalm

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- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom God imputes no guilt \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you  
in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have  
no understanding, \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked, \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Most High.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

## *The Saint Helena Psalter Translation*

## Second Reading

## Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

*The People stand as able*

## **Gospel Hymn: *Forty days and forty nights***

## Hymnal 150

## Holy Gospel

## **Matthew 4:1-11**

*Remain Standing*

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**The Rev. Kelly Kirby**

## Nicene Creed

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*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.

## Peace

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

## Announcements and Celebrations

## 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: *The Road Home*

Stephen Paulus

Tell me where is the road I can call my own, that I left, that I lost, so long ago? All these years I have wandered, oh when will I know there's a way, there's a road that will lead me home? After wind, after rain, when the dark is done, as I wake from a dream in the gold of day, through the air there's a calling from far away; there's a voice I can hear that will lead me home. Rise up, follow me, come away is the call, with love in your heart as the only song. There is no such beauty as where you belong; rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

## **Presentation Verse:**

## Hymn 143, stanza 5

**O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed, who art in threefold Name adored,  
from age to age, the only Lord.**

## Great Thanksgiving

## **Eucharistic Prayer A**

*The people remain standing*

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Presider says a proper preface*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

**S-130**

Franz Schubert

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

*The People stand or kneel as the prayer continues*

*The Presider continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider then continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem: The Disciples knew the Lord Jesus**

Jack Burnam

*Presider*

*The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

*All who seek God and are drawn to God through Christ are welcome to receive communion. 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. Christ is fully present in both or either the bread and wine.*

**Music during Communion Jesus Walked That Lonesome Valley**

American folk hymn  
Corey Logsdon, tenor

1. Jesus walked that lonesome valley; he had to walk it by himself. Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; he had to walk it by himself.
2. You must go and stand your trial, etc.
3. We must walk this lonesome valley, etc.

*Eucharistic Visitors may be commissioned.*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**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.**

**The Solemn Prayer over the People**

**Closing Hymn: Glory be to Jesus**

**Hymnal 479**  
*Wem in Liedenstagen*

**Dismissal**

*Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ  
People Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude: Prelude in G minor**

J. S. Bach