

ST. MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH
4TH SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY COMMUNION
MARCH 30, 2025 - 10:30AM

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymns are found in the blue hymnal in your pew rack titled "The Book of Common Praise 2017"

HYMN #602
"Dear Lord and Father of mankind"

THE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray. (*all kneel*)

¶ *Minister:*

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¶ *Turning to the people, the minister continues:*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith,

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

¶ *Congregation SINGS Kyrie (right):*

Minister: Let us pray.

The Collect for 4th Sunday in Lent

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

752 unison Kyrie eleison, threefold

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect for Lent (to be prayed every day until Palm Sunday)

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EPISTLE LESSON

(SITTING)

Lector: The Epistle is written in the 4th chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians beginning at the 21st verse.

TELL me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not: break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

Lector: Here endeth the Epistle lesson.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

(STANDING)

HYMN #551 - "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

(Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel reading)

Minister: The Holy Gospel is written in the 6th chapter of the Gospel according to St. John beginning at the 1st verse.

Congregation SINGS: 
Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

JESUS went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh. When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to

prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation SINGS: The musical notation is a single line of music on a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Below the notes, the lyrics are: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

HYMN #551 – *Verse 3 only*

THE NICENE CREED

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

(STANDING)

HYMN #630

“Jerusalem, my happy home”

SERMON

(SITTING)

OFFERING & PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

¶ Offerings should be placed in the alms basin located on the table in the Narthex or electronically through Givelify. You may also visit our website www.stmkaty.org and look for the donate button. You can also scan this QR code to go directly to the donate page.



¶ When the table has been prepared and all things are ready, the people will stand and sing the doxology.

THE DOXOLOGY

(STANDING)

Praise God, from who all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light; Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.

Minister: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church. *(All kneel)*

A LMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [**alms and*] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [*a silent moment is observed during which you may offer up names*]. ✠ And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to

grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

¶ *Then shall the Priest say to those who come to receive the Holy Communion,*

YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ *Then shall the Priest, or the Bishop if he be present, turn to the people, say,*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ *The shall the Priest say,*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matthew 11:28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. *1 St. John 2:1, 2*

Priest: Lift up your hearts.



People: (sung) **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

We lift . . . them up un - to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.



People: (sung) **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is meet and right so to do.

Priest:

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

¶ Congregation sings *Sanctus & Benedictus*

¶ *The Priest then prays,*

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. ✠ Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. ✠

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

AND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thine almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood ✠.

AND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Priest: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath 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.**

Priest (kneeling):

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

¶ *Congregation sings the Agnus Dei*

In unison



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Distribution of Communion

(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive)

COMMUNION HYMN

¶ *After the distribution is finished, the congregation will sing the Communion hymn*

HYMN #562

“Be still, my soul”

Minister: Let us pray. (kneeling)

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

¶ *During the seasons of Advent and Pre-Lent/Lent, it is the tradition of the Church to omit the Gloria in Excelsis from the liturgy. This song of the heavenly host will return again during our celebration of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.*

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THE BLESSING

ALMIGHTY Father, who binds us together in the one body of Christ, we thank you for the family that you have brought together at St. Matthias. We are blessed by the gifts, talents, support, and fellowship that we have with one another. Our faith is strengthened through the lives we share. We offer up our thanks and our praise, in particular, for *the Nwanekah Family (Alex & Charlene; Ariel, Asher, and AmandaJay)*. Continue to bless *them* and make thy face to shine upon *them*; through Him who prayed that we be one, Thy Son, Jesus Christ.

¶ *The Priest shall then pronounce the blessing.*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

HYMN #346

“O God, our help in ages past”

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

Minister: Beloved, Go forth into the world in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Organ Postludes

Donna L. Taylor



We have a compulsion to testify
and spread the Gospel

- Bishop Ray R. Sutton



At the 55th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Bishop Ray Sutton presented the vision that he and his predecessor, Bishop Royal Grote, had of recapturing the Gospel DNA of our Anglican Heritage within the Reformed Episcopal Church. The Vision is to plant 100 missions and churches in the REC. For us as Reformed Episcopalians, we want to reach out while continuing to be who we are as traditional and Biblical, historic prayer book Anglicans.

The financial support of this great vision will come from the annual REC100 Lenten Offering. If every adult contributes at least \$100 during Lent, REC100 can provide over \$200,000 each year towards fulfilling this mission!

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PARISHES



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Welcome to St. Matthias Anglican Church.

*A parish of the Reformed Episcopal Church
Anglican Church in North America*

We are so glad that you have joined us for worship this morning, and we pray that that you find St. Matthias to be a parish in which you can embrace **tradition**, experience a **family** and enjoy a **home**. It truly is a pleasure to have you with us, and we hope that you will sign our guest register and join us for some refreshment and conversation next door in Johnson Hall.

Thank you to our **HELPING HANDS**

<u>SERVING SCHEDULE</u>	Mar 30th <i>4th Sun in Lent</i> Holy Communion	Apr 6th <i>5th Sun in Lent</i> Holy Communion	Apr 13th <i>Palm Sunday</i> Holy Communion
<i>Celebrant: Preacher:</i>	Fr. Jason Fr. Jason	Fr. Jason Fr. Jason	Fr. Victor Fr. Victor
<i>Server(s)</i>	Aidan Wray Grace Newberry	Favor Odinye	Aidan Grote
<i>Epistoler</i>	Jacob Grote	Jacob Grote	Aidan Grote
<i>Usher</i>	Harry Johnson	Tim Wood	Harry Johnson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Fr. Jason Color: Purple	Ellen Adams Color: Purple <i>Crosses Veiled</i>	Ellen Grote Color: Purple <i>Crosses Veiled</i>
<i>Streaming</i>	Aidan Grote	Agozie Ezeudu	Jacob Grote
<i>Family Prayer</i>	Nwanekah Family	April Celebrations	N/A

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