# ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



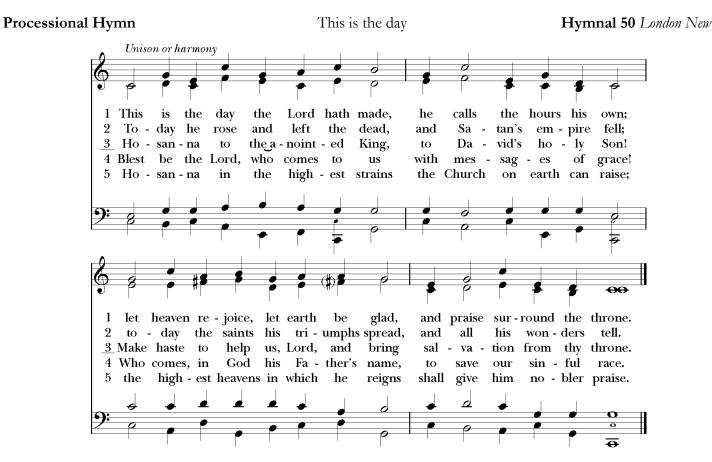
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
with Blessing of the Backpacks
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 20, 2017 10:30 am

St. Matthew's, visit our Welcome Table, call the office at 512-345-8314, or visit our website at www.stmattsaustin.org.

#### **Choral Prelude**

## Need from Jean

Our celebrant today is the Rev. Christian Hawley



## **Opening Acclamations**

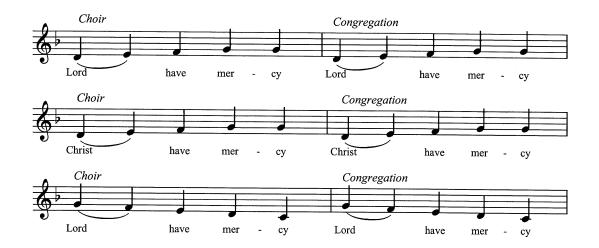
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant and People pray the Collect for Purity.

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*.

## **Kyrie**



The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

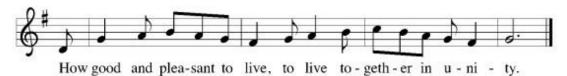
First Lesson Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133 Ecce, quam bonum!



Psalm 133:1

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<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleas- | ant it is, when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

<sup>2</sup>It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe.

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion. For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore.

#### Refrain

Second Lesson Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn I want to walk Hymnal 490 Houston

The Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

Deacon or Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Deacon or Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the children will be invited, with their backpacks, to be seated in the front.

Parents are welcome to accompany them.

## Blessing of Students and Educators

Eternal God, father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our great teacher and savior, bless these your servants as they begin the school-year. Your Son was once himself a child learning and teaching in the temple. Grant that all who enter into places of learning as students and educators this year be filled with your grace and heavenly wisdom—that all their efforts be directed by your Holy Spirit, and work to your praise and glory. **Amen.** 

#### Prayer for Instruments of Teaching and Learning

Almighty God, we bring before you these instruments of teaching and of learning. We pray that your Holy Spirit of wisdom go forth with all who carry them this year: that all bearers of briefcases and of backpacks will rest secure in the knowledge of your abiding strength, peace and love. May they, like the young Jesus, grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with society. **Amen.** 

The people stand. Children return to their families.

The people stand

#### The Nicene Creed

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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

Filled with the Holy Spirit, let us offer prayers to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of the whole human family saying,

## Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Dena, Jeff, and Hector, our bishops, that in the power of the Spirit we may join with God's people from all corners of the earth to give witness and praise to God with one voice, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, hear our prayer.

For this parish family, that we may drink deeply of the living water of God's Spirit and be signs of God's love, joy and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who seek peace, that God will heal the hatred in human hearts, end violence and establish a season of peace in areas of conflict, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are burdened by despair, that the Spirit will bring hope to their hearts and new vision to their minds, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, hear our prayer.

For those for who are sick, or suffering from any sort of hardship, remembering especially those on our St. Matthew's prayer list, that they may be comforted and strengthened by God's life-giving Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died and for those who mourn, that they may find rest and peace in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, hear our prayer.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Matthew, Mary, and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

#### To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.

#### Celebrant

Blessed are you, O God, who sends us the Spirit of truth. Hear the prayers we offer this day and let your Holy Spirit kindle in us the welcome fire of your love, that we who are many may be one body, serving the world in your name, through Jesus Christ the Risen One, in the power of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

## Prayer for the St. Matthew's Family Ministry

#### Celebrant

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Grant those who teach and lead them calm strength and patient wisdom, that they may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good. Support the teachers and children in their successes and in their failures, in their joys and in their sorrows. As they grow through this year, may they grow in grace, knowledge and wisdom. *Amen*.

#### Prayer for St. Matthew's Day School

Dear Father, bless each little child and keep us all, we pray, safe in your loving care until we meet another day. *Amen.* 

#### Confession and Absolution

The Deacon or Priest says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People then say

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 your Son 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.* 

The Priest stands and says

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

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Sharing our Life Together: Announcements, including remarks from Page Race, Day School Head; Susan Goodman, Children & Family Minister; and the Rev. Deacon Travis Helms, Curate, Youth & Family Minister

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Offertory

## The Lord Bless and Keep You

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The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you, to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his gracious countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

## The Doxology Old 100th

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

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

**BCP 361** 

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 Need from Jean

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the 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 Father of all. He 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 Lord 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 he 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:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

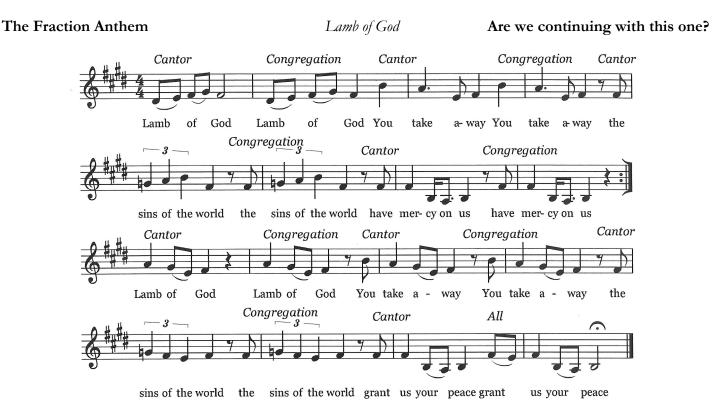
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, *People and Celebrant* 

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.

## The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

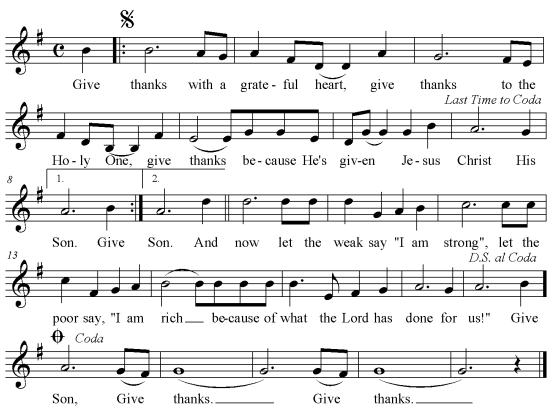


## The Distribution of Bread and Wine

All who follow Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. To assist at communion, please guide the cup to your lips or dip the host into the wine and place it in your mouth. If you wish to receive a blessing, simply fold your arms across your chest. Gluten-free bread is available at the altar rail nearest the east windows. Please come forward after communion and tell the ministers on that rail "gluten free."

# Communion Song

#### Give Thanks



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After all have taken Communion, the congregation stands and sings.



#### The Post Communion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

#### Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. *Amen*.

## The Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

In the name of God and this Congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. *Amen*.

## The Blessing



#### The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

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