



ST. MATTHEW’S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist10a

Third Sunday in the Season of Creation Sunday September 14, 2025

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.

Storm Sunday

We worship with the vast waters of Earth

The Word of God

Prelude: Andante religioso Felix Mendelssohn

Opening Hymn: Let us, with a gladsome mind Hymnal 389  
Monkland

People stand as able.

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.

Children in kindergarten through the fifth grade may choose to follow the cross to Godly Play during the Song of Praise.

Song of Praise S-278  
William Mathias

Collect of the Day

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

God, our Creator, as we face the storms of this world, we celebrate the wonders of the wind and the weather. Help us to see your presence in the forces of nature, your presence with those who suffer from natural disasters, and your presence among those who come to their aid. Teach us to recognize that your Wisdom is embedded in all natural forces, a Wisdom that suffers, guides, and heals. In the name of Christ, who is the Wisdom of God renewing all things in creation. Amen.

First Reading Job 28: 20-27

The People are seated

“Where then does wisdom come from?  
And where is the place of understanding?  
It is hidden from the eyes of all living  
and concealed from the birds of the air.  
Abaddon and Death say,  
‘We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.’

“God understands the way to it,  
and he knows its place.  
For he looks to the ends of the earth

and sees everything under the heavens.  
When he gave to the wind its weight  
and apportioned out the waters by measure,  
when he made a decree for the rain,  
and a way for the thunderbolt,  
then he saw it and declared it;  
he established it and searched it out.

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

Psalm29



- 1 Ascribe to God, you heavenly beings; \*  
ascribe to God glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; \*  
worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of God is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
God is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of God is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of God is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of God breaks the cedar trees; \*  
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 God makes Lebanon skip like a calf \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of God splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of God shakes the wilderness; \*  
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Holy One, \*  
all are crying, “Glory!”
- 10 God sits enthroned above the flood, \*  
enthroned as Sovereign for evermore.
- 11 God shall give strength to the people; \*  
God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

The Saint Helena Psalter Translation

Second Reading1 Corinthians 1: 21-31

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. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and

sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

Gospel Hymn: It is well with my soul Insert  
Phillip Bliss

The People stand as able

Holy Gospel Luke 8:22-25

Remain standing

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

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And waking up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. Then he said to them, “Where is your faith?” They were terrified and amazed and said to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water and they obey him?”

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

SermonThe Rev. Suzanne Barrow

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.

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: My Lord is Near Me All the Time Barbara F. Gaultney

Presentation Verse Hymnal 124 stanza, 5  
Puer nobis

To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night, to God the Holy Ghost we raise equal and unceasing praise.

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

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe. Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; 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 the capacity for memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of your creation. Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. Again and again you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Savior. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace. Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with 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  
William 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

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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.”

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all 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 his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming. Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and 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. Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Creator of all. Glory to you for ever and ever. 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: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus Jack W. Burnam

Antiphon  
Sung first by the Cantor, then by All

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus

in the break - ing of the bread.

All

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu - ia,  
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu - ia,

All repeat Antiphon

is for the com - mun - ion of the Bo - dy of Christ. bread.

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: Sheep May Safely Graze J. S. Bach

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: God movies in a mysterious way Hymnal 677  
St. Anne

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Fugue in B-flat J. S. Bach