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St. Matthew

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Pastor

Easter
C E L E B R A T I O N

**I am
the Alpha
and the Omega,
the beginning
and the end.**

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter
The Resurrection of Our Lord

Welcome to a Divine Liturgy of Word and Sacrament. In our worship we gather in the Lord's presence at his invitation and in the company of the whole Church in heaven and on earth. We hear Him speak to us as he freely bestows the abundance of his grace. In response, we repent of our sins and offer up to Him our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and dedicate our lives to serving Him. To this we say, "Amen!"



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Stand

All may make the sign of the cross ✠ in remembrance of their baptism, as the minister begins.

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Hallelujah!

HYMN: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
 God of glory, Lord of love!
 Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
 Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
 Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
 Fill us with the light of day.

- 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
 Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
 Stars and angels sing around Thee,
 Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
 Call us to rejoice in Thee.

- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
 Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
 Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
 Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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The GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **C** **And also with you.**

Kyrie

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the
well-being of the Church of God, and for the
unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

This is the Feast

A This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength
and honor and blessing and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray... O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.
Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You
promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed
where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

Sit

THE READINGS - Hear the word of the LORD. (*Jeremiah 2:4*)

A reading from Acts of the Apostles

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³"You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Acts 11:1-18

A The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 (*chant responsively*)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the | heavens;*
praise him | in the heights!

²Praise him, all his | angels;*

praise him, | all his hosts!

³Praise him, | sun and moon,*

praise him, all you | shining stars!

⁴Praise him, you highest | heavens,*

and you waters above the | heavens!

⁵Let them praise the name | of the Lord!*

For he commanded and they were cre- | ated.

⁶And he established them forever and | ever;*

he gave a decree, and it shall not | pass away.

⁷Praise the Lord | from the earth,*

you great sea creatures and | all deeps,

⁸fire and hail, | snow and mist,*

stormy wind fulfill- | ing his word!

⁹Mountains and | all hills,*

fruit trees and all | cedars!

¹⁰Beasts and all | livestock,*

creeping things and | flying birds!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all | peoples,*

princes and all rulers | of the earth!

¹²Young men and maidens to- | gether,*

old men and | children!

¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is ex- | alted;*

his majesty is above earth and | heaven.

¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for | all his saints,*

for the people of Israel who are near to him. | Praise the Lord!

A reading from Revelation

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

Revelation 21:1-7

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*all stand and sing...*)

C Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

(Solo) Now Christ is raised from the dead, He will never die again
All who follow his way shall have life in him: Hallelujah, hallelujah

P **THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to St. John, the 16th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁶"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

John 16:12-22

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

- 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

- 3 Jesus the vine, We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain
- 4 Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain
- 5 City of God, Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED

- C** 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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
- And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, the following is said: Lord, in your mercy. **C** Hear our prayer



WE PRAY for all people according to their needs, including—

Edna & Bob Waller, Delomi & Sarjue Persaud, Johnny Ramroop, Ruth Zerner, Mary Callwood, Janet & Milton Rivera,, Sheila Baichulall, Mary Brish, Tolti family, Steven Growthowski, Brenda Carmichael, Resa Bucknor, Agnes D'Ornellas

The PEACE is shared at this time

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you

The OFFERING is received

The OFFERTORY is sung as the gifts are presented.

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

The GREAT THANKSGIVING.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and ...evermore praising You and saying:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed ✝ is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will even to giving his life.

JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION, then the following:

P As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again**

P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

C **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 forever and ever. Amen.**

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant...

P Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are they who are invited to the Supper of the Lamb.

C Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Distribution (Communicants gather at the altar to receive the holy gifts of the Lord's Supper)

Post Communion Canticle

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises. and leads his people forth in joy. With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P Let us pray...We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **G Amen.**

Sit

Announcements

Hymn: TFF 49 On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand



- 1 On Jordan's stormy bank I stand,
and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land,
where my possessions lie.

Refrain

- I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land;
oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.
- 2 All o'er those wide extended plains
shines one eternal day;
there God the Son forever reigns
and scatters night away. *Refrain*
- 3 No chilling winds or pois'nous breath
can reach that healthful shore;
sickness and sorrow, pain and death,
are felt and feared no more. *Refrain*
- 4 When shall I reach that happy place
and be forever blest?
When shall I see my Savior's face
and in God's bosom rest? *Refrain*

Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727-1795

All sit for a moment of silent reflection.

- P** Rejoice in the resurrection and live in hope, peace, and joy.
Go and share the Good News. **G Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Today's Servants

Presiding Minister: Rev. Peter Deebrah, Pastor

Organist: Roger Clinton



We are the **Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Matthew**, America's oldest Lutheran congregation (Chartered Dec 6, 1664) - a friendly household of faith. This congregation's mission is to share the Good News of God. In the name of Jesus, we bid you a warm welcome. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew. Please speak with the Pastor or one of our members concerning membership. First time visitors, please sign our guest book.

Announcements

- **Glad that you have worshipped** today in joining with the angels and archangels, and the whole company of heaven around the glorious throne of God.
- **Next Sunday, May 22:** Sixth Sunday of Easter
- **Thursday, May 26:** The Ascension of Our Lord. Worship at 7:30 PM on Zoom
- **Sunday, June 5:** Day of Pentecost
- **Daily Bible reading and devotions on the internet**, visit www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp
- **Visit out church website** www.stmatthewnyc.org
- **In thanksgiving to God, your tithes and offerings** are an integral part of worship.
We return to the Lord a portion of what He has first given us out of His Fatherly love.
- **You may give your Offering** using the DONATE menu tab on the St. Matthew church website.
- **LET'S READ THE BIBLE TOGETHER.** We are reading the New Testament (27 books) and the book of Psalms (150 chapters).
- **"Christians live not in themselves**, but in Christ and in their neighbor... They **live** in Christ through faith and in their neighbor through love. By faith they are caught up beyond themselves into God. By Love they descend beneath themselves into their neighbor." *Dr. Martin Luther.*

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