

**ST. MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT - FEBRUARY 21, 2021**  
**10:30AM**

*Because the weather required us to cancel our observance of Ash Wednesday, we will begin our worship with that portion of the service which would have been observed on that first day of Lent, including the Litany, A Communion, and the Penitential Office. We will not, however, impose ashes this morning.*

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**THE LITANY**

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*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Minister:* Let us pray. *(All Kneel)*

**KNEELING HYMN #604**  
**“Lord, when we bend before thy throne”**

*Minister:* O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;

*People:* **Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.**

*Minister:* O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

*People:* **Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.**

*Minister:* O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful;

*People:* **Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.**

*Minister:* O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God;

*People:* **Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.**

Remember not against us, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

*People:* **Spare us, good Lord.**

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

*People:* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

*People:* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

*People:* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

*People:*     **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

*People:*     **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

*People:*     **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

*People:*     **Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgement,

*People:*     **Good Lord, deliver us.**

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way;

*People:*     **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee so to rule the heart of thy servant, the President of the United States, that he may above all things seek thine honour and glory;

*People:*     **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bless and preserve all Christian Rulers and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;

*People:*     **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Presbyters, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;

*People:*     **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to send forth labourers into thy harvest;

*People:*     **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people;

*People:*     **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

*People:*     **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments;

*People:*     **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

*People:*     **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

*People:*     **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

*People:*     **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

*People:*     **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve all who travel by land, by water, or by air, all women in child-birth, all sick persons, and young children; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

*People:*     **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed;

*People:*     **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;

*People:*     **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

*People:*     **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them;

*People:*     **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word;

*People:*     **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*Minister:* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.  
*People:* **Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.**  
*Minister:* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;  
*People:* **Grant us thy peace.**  
*Minister:* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;  
*People:* **Have mercy upon us.**  
*Minister:* O Christ, hear us.  
*People:* **O Christ, hear us.**  
*Minister:* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*People:* **Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
*Minister:* Christ, have mercy upon us.  
*People:* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
*Minister:* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*People:* **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**W**E humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thine honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**A COMMINATION**

**STANDING**

**B**RETHREN, in the primitive Church there was a godly discipline, that, at the beginning of Lent, such persons as stood convicted of notorious sin were put to open penance, and punished in this world, that their souls might be saved in the day of the Lord; and that others, admonished by their example, might be the more afraid to offend. Instead whereof, until the said discipline may be restored again, (which is much to be wished,) it is thought good that at this time (in the presence of you all) should be read the general sentences of God's cursing against impenitent sinners, gathered out of the seven and twentieth chapter of Deuteronomy, and other places of Scripture; and that ye should answer to every Sentence, *Amen*: To the intent that, being admonished of the great indignation of God against sinners, ye may the rather be moved to earnest and true repentance; and may walk more warily in these dangerous days; fleeing from such vices, for which ye affirm with your own mouths the curse of God to be due.

*Minister:* Cursed is the man that maketh any carved or molten image, to worship it.  
*People:* **Amen.**  
*Minister:* Cursed is he that curseth his father or mother.  
*People:* **Amen.**

*Minister:* Cursed is he that removeth his neighbour's landmark.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Minister:* Cursed is he that maketh the blind to go out of his way.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Minister:* Cursed is he that perverteth the judgement of the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Minister:* Cursed is he that smiteth his neighbour secretly.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Minister:* Cursed is he that lieth with his neighbour's wife.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Minister:* Cursed is he that taketh reward to slay the innocent.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Minister:* Cursed is he that putteth his trust in man, and taketh man for his defence, and in his heart goeth from the Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Minister:* Cursed are the unmerciful, fornicators, and adulterers, covetous persons, idolaters, slanderers, drunkards, and extortioners.

*People:* **Amen.**

¶ *The following serves as the sermon for the day - **SITTING***

**N**OW seeing that all they are accursed (as the prophet David beareth witness) who do err and go astray from the commandments of God; let us (remembering the dreadful judgement hanging over our heads, and always ready to fall upon us) return unto our Lord God, with all contrition and meekness of heart; bewailing and lamenting our sinful life, acknowledging and confessing our offences, and seeking to bring forth worthy fruits of repentance.

For now is the axe put unto the root of the trees, so that every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God: he shall pour down rain upon the sinners— snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest; this shall be their portion to drink. For lo, the Lord is come out of his place to visit the wickedness of such as dwell upon the earth. But who may abide the day of his coming? Who shall be able to endure when he appeareth? His fan is in his hand, and he will purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the barn; but he will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire. The day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night: and when men shall say, Peace, and all things are safe, then shall sudden destruction come upon them, as sorrow cometh upon a woman travailing with child, and they shall not escape. Then shall appear the wrath of God in the day of vengeance, which obstinate sinners, through the stubbornness of their heart, have heaped unto themselves; which despised the goodness, patience, and long-sufferance of God, when he called them continually to repentance.

Then shall they call upon me (saith the Lord) but I will not hear; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me; and that, because they hated knowledge, and received not the fear of the Lord, but abhorred my counsel, and despised my correction. Then shall it be too late to knock when the door shall be shut; and too late to cry for mercy when it is the time of justice. O terrible voice of most just judgement, which shall be pronounced upon them, when it shall be said unto them, Go, ye cursed, into the fire everlasting, which is prepared for the devil and his angels.

Therefore, brethren, take we heed betime, while the day of salvation lasteth; for the night cometh, when none can work. But let us, while we have the light, believe in the light, and walk as children of the light; that we be not cast into utter darkness, where is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us not abuse the goodness of God, who calleth us mercifully to amendment, and of his endless pity promiseth us forgiveness of that which is past, if with a perfect and true heart we return unto him. For though our sins be as red as scarlet, they shall be made white as snow; and though they be like purple, yet they shall be made white as wool. Turn ye (saith the Lord) from all your wickedness, and your sin shall not be your destruction: Cast away from you all your ungodliness that ye have done: Make you new hearts, and a new spirit: Wherefore will ye die, O ye house of Israel, seeing that I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God?

Turn ye then, and ye shall live. Although we have sinned, yet have we an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. For he was wounded for our offences, and smitten for our wickedness. Let us therefore return unto him, who is the merciful receiver of all true penitent sinners; assuring ourselves that he is ready to receive us, and most willing to pardon us, if we come unto him with faithful repentance; if we submit ourselves unto him, and from henceforth walk in his ways; if we will take his easy yoke and light burden upon us, to follow him in lowliness, patience, and charity, and be ordered by the governance of his Holy Spirit; seeking always his glory, and serving him duly in our vocation with thanksgiving. This if we do, Christ will deliver us from the curse of the law, and from the extreme malediction which shall light upon those who shall be set on the left hand; and he will set us on his right hand, and give us the gracious benediction of his Father, commanding us to take possession of his glorious kingdom: Unto which he vouchsafe to bring us all, for his infinite mercy. **Amen.**

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**PENITENTIAL OFFICE**

**KNEELING**

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¶ *The Minister and the People saying responsively – the people responding with the bolded portion*

*Miserere mei, Deus (from Psalm 51)*

**H**AVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; \* **according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.**

✘ Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, \* **and cleanse me from my sin.**

✘ For I acknowledge my faults, \* **and my sin is ever before me.**

- ✘ Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight; \* **that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou shalt judge.**
- ✘ Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, \* **and in sin hath my mother conceived me.**
- ✘ But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, \* **and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.**
- ✘ Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; \* **thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- ✘ Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, \* **that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.**
- ✘ Turn thy face from my sins, \* **and put out all my misdeeds.**
- ✘ Make me a clean heart, O God, \* **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- ✘ Cast me not away from thy presence, \* **and take not thy holy Spirit from me.**
- ✘ O give me the comfort of thy help again, \* **and stablish me with thy free Spirit.**
- ✘ Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, \* **and sinners shall be converted unto thee.**
- ✘ Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; \* **and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.**
- ✘ Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, \* **and my mouth shall show thy praise.**
- ✘ For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; \* **but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.**
- ✘ The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: \* **a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.**

*The minister and the people saying together in unison,*

- ✘ **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Minister:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Minister:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

**O UR 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. Amen.**

*Minister:* O Lord, save thy servants;

*People:* **That put their trust in thee.**

*Minister:* Send unto them help from above.

*People:* **And evermore mightily defend them.**

*Minister:* Help us, O God our Saviour.

*People:* **And for the glory of thy Name deliver us; be merciful to us sinners, for thy Name's sake.**

*Minister:* O Lord, hear our prayer.

*People:* **And let our cry come unto thee.**

*Minister:* Let us pray.

**O** LORD, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**O** MOST mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; and who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgement with thy servants; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our transgressions, and truly repent us of our faults; and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The people saying together in unison,*

**T**URN thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to thy people, Who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, And in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, And let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, And after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us; Through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**O** GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive; Receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

**T**HE LORD bless us, and keep us. The LORD make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The LORD lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. **Amen.**



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**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**


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**HYMN #96**  
**“Kind Maker of the world”**


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**THE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION**


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*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with thy spirit.**

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

¶ *Minister:*

**A**LMIGHTY 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,

**T**HOU 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 the Kyrie eleison (right)*

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.

*Minister:* Let us pray.

*The Collect for First Sunday in Lent*

**O** LORD who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The Collect for Lent*

**A**LMIGHTY 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 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

**W**E then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain; (for he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation;) giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: but in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things. *Lector:* Here endeth the Epistle lesson.

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**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**(STANDING)**

**HYMN #99 - "Forty days and forty nights"**

*(Verses 1, 2, & 3 before the Gospel reading)*

*Minister:* The Holy Gospel is written in the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

*Congregation SINGS:*



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

**T**HEN was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

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Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation SINGS: 

**HYMN #99** - Verses 4 & 5 only

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### THE NICENE CREED

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**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.

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### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(SITTING)

¶ *A Communion, read previously, serves as the sermon for today.*

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### OFFERING & PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

(SITTING)

¶ *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](http://www.stmkaty.org) and look for the donate button.*

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

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### 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.**

**PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE STATE OF CHRIST'S CHURCH**

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*Priest:* 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.**

¶ *On the first Sunday in Lent, the minister shall read the Exhortation (not printed), **the people standing.** Following the Exhortation, the Priest shall say to those who come to receive the Holy Communion,*

**Y**E 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.

**A**LMIGHTY 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,*

**A**LMIGHTY 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.

**C**OME 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**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

*Priest:*

**I**T 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 the Sanctus/Benedictus*

HO - LY, HO - LY, HO - LY, Lord God of hosts,  
O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee,  
in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

¶ *The Priest then prays,*

**A**LL 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. ✠

**W**HEREFORE, 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.

**A**ND 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.

**A**ND 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,

**O UR 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:*

**W**E 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 (right)*

### **The Distribution of Communion**

*(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive)*

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## **COMMUNION HYMN**

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### **HYMN #98**

***“Lord, who throughout these forty days”***

*Priest:* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY 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.**

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

*During the seasons of Advent and 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.*

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**A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

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**A** LMIGHTY 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 Ontiveros family (Joe & Dawn, Hannah, Sophia). Continue to bless them and make thy face to shine upon them; through Him who prayed that we be one, Thy Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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**THE BLESSING**

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**T** HE 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.**

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**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**STANDING**

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**Hymn #95**

**“The glory of these forty days”**

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**DISMISSAL**

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God**