The Gospel According to Matthew

This reading was assembled from uniquely Matthean material for the 2019 Preaching Matthew Event in the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA. Except for a couple of words and some punctuation changes made by Bishop Kusserow, the translation is NRSV.

1:1 The book of the genesis of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
1:17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.
1:18 Now the birth of Jesus took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.
1:23 “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.”
2:1-2 In the time of King Herod, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?”
2:16 When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under.
2:19-20 When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.”
3:1-2 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”
3:14 “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”
3:15 “Let it be so now, to fulfill all righteousness.”
3:17 “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”
4:13-14, 16 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light.
4:17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

5:1-3 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, he taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

13:24-25 He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat.”

13:30 “Let both of them grow together until the harvest.”

13:44 “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

16:18 “And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.”

18:15 “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone.”

20:8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.”

25:31-32 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”

25:34-35 Then the king will say, “I was hungry and you gave me food.”

26:31 It is written, “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.”

26:52-53 “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.”

27:3 When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

27:33-37 And when they came to a place called Golgotha, they crucified him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

27:50-53 Jesus breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.

27:59-60 So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean cloth and laid it in his own new tomb.

27:65 Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.”
After the sabbath, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

“And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”