

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 15, 2026
10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church sits on the traditional homelands of the people of the Council of Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa nations. This land was also a place of travel and trade to many other tribes, including the Menominee, Ho-Chunk, and Miami tribes. These Native Peoples were forced off their lands with the Second Treaty of Prairie du Chien in 1829. After a series of land transfers, St. Matthew's acquired its current site within this territory in 1906. Today, Cook County is home to tens of thousands of Native Americans from many tribes. We acknowledge and respect our Indigenous neighbors, as we strive to be good stewards of this Native land.

ST. MATTHEW'S EVENTS

February 22 **St. Matt's Movie Discussion Group, 3pm in the Parlor**

Welcome to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Welcome! If you would like to become a registered parishioner or are just updating your information, please complete as much information as possible. Completed forms may be returned to the Parish Office, placed in the offering plate or mailed to the office. You may also fill out this form online by scanning the QR Code below.

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WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and wine made holy.

The Flagler Mass

Composer Chris Garven from St. Peter's Cathedral in Tallahassee, FL writes that this Mass setting was some of the fruit of a recent sabbatical. Since going out of state was challenging due to COVID, he was "forced" to go to the local beach (Flagler Beach) and focus on composing some new music for the church.

THE PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand, as able.

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982* #225 Hail thee, festival day! *Salve festa dies*

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal-lowed for ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the world with God's grace.

First time only

1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -
3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his ____

wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the ____

Repeat Refrain

Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:
ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with seven - fold ____
4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the ____

my - sti - cal of - fering, pou - ring on all hu - man fount of our be - ing, light that dost light - en ____

Repeat Refrain

souls in - fin - ite rich - es of God:
all, life that in all dost a - bide:

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Celebrant may say

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

THE SONG OF PRAISE

Gloria (Flagler Mass)

Chris Garven

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and
Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord
Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a -
alone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS (24:12-18)

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99 *Dominus regnavit*



¹ The Lord is King; | let the peoples¹ tremble; |
he sits between the cherubim; | let the earth¹ shake. ||

² The Lord is great in¹ Zion |
and high above all¹ peoples. ||

³ They shall give thanks unto his Name, which is great and¹ wonderful; |
holy is he and mighty, a King who loves¹ justice. ||

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PSALM 99 *Dominus regnavit*



⁴ You have established ¹ equity; |
you have executed judgment and righteousness in ¹ Jacob. ||

⁵ O magnify the Lord our ¹ God, |
and fall down before his footstool, for he is ¹ holy. ||

⁶ Moses and Aaron among his priests; '
and Samuel among those who call upon his ¹ Name, |
they called upon the Lord, and he ¹ heard them. ||

⁷ He spoke to them out of the cloudy ¹ pillar, |
for they kept his testimonies and the law that he ¹ gave them. ||

⁸ You heard them, O Lord our ¹ God; |
you forgave them, O God, yet punished their evil¹doings. ||

(repeat second half of chant)

⁹ O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy ¹ hill, |
for the Lord our God is ¹ holy. ||

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PETER (1:16-21).

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Terry Bucher

Repeat Response one time.

Verse (Cantor): This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (17:1-9).

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of Our Savior.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr

All stand as able.

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,

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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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Form III, adapted)

Leader Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that our wardens and vestry, other St. Matthew's leaders, and every member
of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially for Sean, our Presiding
Bishop; for Paula, our Bishop; Whayne, our Priest-in-Charge; and for Terri, our
Deacon;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for Donald, our President, for the leaders of the nations, for all in
authority, and for those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader God of mercy and justice, we lift before you the people of Minneapolis and all communities living under fear and uncertainty. Hold close those who are grieving, those who feel targeted or unsafe, and those whose lives have been disrupted by violence and intimidation. Receive the lives of those who have died into your eternal care, and comfort all who mourn.

We pray as well for ICE agents and all who serve in law enforcement. Grant them wisdom, restraint, and hearts grounded in dignity and compassion. Where fear, pressure, or dehumanization shape their work, soften what has grown hard, and guide them toward choices that honor life.

Strengthen all who labor for justice, accountability, and peace. Make us courageous enough to see the light you place before us, and faithful enough to be that light for one another.

Through Christ, who stands with the vulnerable and calls us into truth and love.

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, we pray especially for Jason, Maggie, David, Carol, Jim, Timmy, David, Juliette, Janice, Dorothy, Jeremy, Tobin, Larry, Beth, Brad, Ann, Bob, Becky, Ramona, Harriet, Paige, Kate, Benjamin, Bob, Jessica, Maeve, Donna, Carol, Will and for Maua and her 5 daughters and for those we name aloud or in our hearts.

People **That they may be delivered from any distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Members of the congregation are encouraged to offer their intercessions, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSiON OF SIN

Celebrant God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

The people kneel or stand in silence, contemplating how we have neglected to love God and our neighbors.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Deacon Most merciful God,
People 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.

Celebrant Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.

People **Amen.**

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The ministers and people greet each other in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people stand.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Ezekiel Saw de Wheel* Arr. Noble Cain

Ezekiel saw the wheel. Way up in the middle of the air. Ezekiel saw the wheel. Way up in the middle of the air. And the big wheel run by faith. And the little wheel run by the grace of God. A wheel in a wheel. Way up in the middle of the air. Some go to church to sing and shout. Way in the middle of the air. Before six months they've shouted out. Way in the middle of the air. Before six months they're back again, Way up in the middle of the air. What good church folks gonna do then. Ezekiel saw the wheel. Way up in the middle of the air. Ezekiel saw the wheel. Way up in the middle of the air. And the big wheel run by faith. And the little wheel run by the grace of God. A wheel in a wheel. Way up in the middle of the air.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN LEVAS 64

I love to tell the story

William G. Fisher

† THE HOLY COMMUNION †

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

<img alt="Musical notation for the Sanctus. The music is in common time (4/4) with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: 'Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est.' Measure 1: Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of pow-er and might, (measures 1-4). Measure 2: heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. (measures 5-8). Measure 3: Bless-ed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. (measures 9-12). Measure 4: Ho - san-na in the high-est. (measures 13-16). Measure 5: (measures 17-20). Measure 6: (measures 21-24). Measure 7: (measures 25-28). Measure 8: (measures 29-32). Measure 9: (measures 33-36). Measure 10: (measures 37-40). Measure 11: (measures 41-44). Measure 12: (measures 45-48). Measure 13: (measures 49-52). Measure 14: (measures 53-56). Measure 15: (measures 57-60). Measure 16: (measures 61-64). 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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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with] St. Matthew and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN.**

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

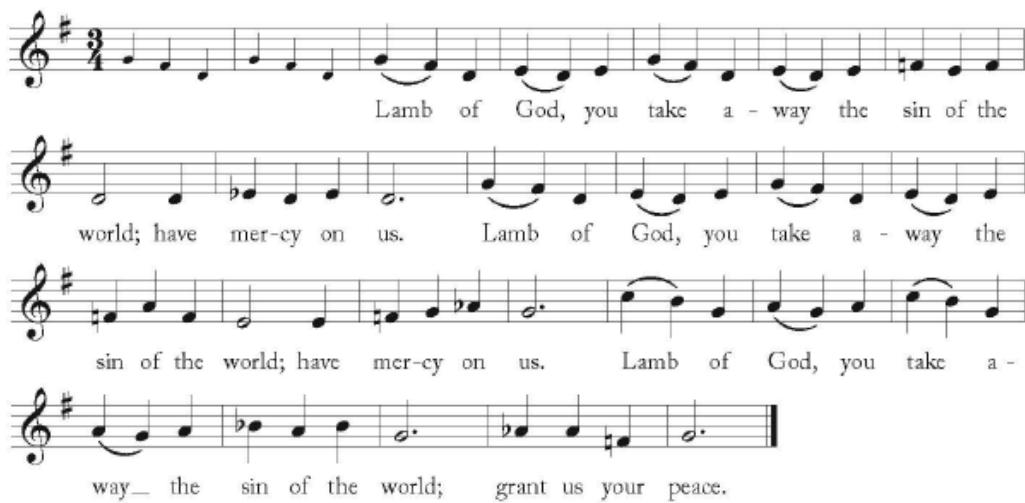
Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way - the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him on your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Let us break bread together

William Lawrence

Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy if you please.

Let us Pray

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 BLESSING

Celebrant May Christ, the son of God, be manifest in you that your lives may be a light to the world, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

People Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #129*

Christ upon the mountain peak

Mowsley

Verses 1, 3 & 4

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Music is used with permission from Chris Garven.

Leading Worship This Morning

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr
Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey
Choir Director: Mark Crayton
Greeter: Volunteer
Lectors: Steve Carr, Ginger Carr
Prayer Leader: Volunteer
Acolytes: Molly Purse, Bob Purse, Willow Meyers, Roxanne Meyers

Chalice Bearers: Mary Clark
Bread Baker: Volunteer
Altar Guild: Kate Lauderbaugh, Jennie Woodring
Green Team: Roberta Buchanan
Livestream: Volunteer

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director and Conductor
Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist

Soprano

Monique Austin
Charlotte Bishop
Ginger Carr
Alice Dolan
Chloe Beal**
Kaylie O'Dell**
Winifer Castaneda Verastegui***
Madison Holmes***

Alto

Bernadette Brockman*
Nancy Churchill
Allyn Rawling
Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*†

Tenor

Francis Lynch
Karlos Piñero-Mercado*
Zachary Schwartz*
Anthony Rohr***
Brian Pember***

Bass

Terry Bucher*
Steve Carr
Jack Ellis*

*Section Leader

***Substitute Singer

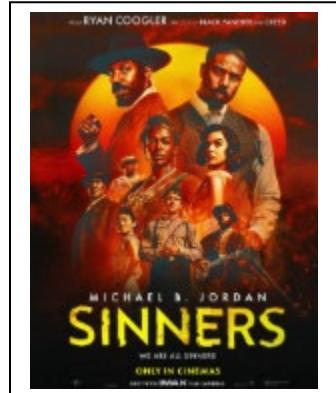
**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

The St. Matthew's Movie Discussion Group

February 22 | 3pm in the Parlor

Movie group discusses *Sinners*: In honor of Black History Month, mark your calendars for Sunday, Feb. 22 at 3 p.m. in the St. Matthew's Parlor for a joint Movie Group/Antiracism Team discussion of *Sinners*. The movie, which broke records with 16 Academy Award nominations, is about twin African-American brothers returning to their Mississippi hometown to start a juke joint, only to encounter vampires on opening night. Watch the movie ahead of time on HBO Max, Hulu, or other platforms. For more information, contact Ann Seasrles at searlesil@yahoo.com or Kristin Jacobsen at kejcat@gmail.com.



EVANSTON FOOD FRIDGES

Food insecurity is something many in our community deal with. Since Covid, Evanston Food Fridges, along with many in our community, have been doing their part. How does it work? Food pantries and refrigerators are located in 4 places in Evanston where you can drop off food for those in need. Fresh foods are most appreciated. Those in need can come, get food, no questions asked. Soul and Smoke, Northwestern, and Starbucks all donate regularly. Feel free to drop off food or you can donate money directly to them.

<https://www.evanstoncommunityfridges.com>

Food fridges are located at:
1601 Payne Street next to Soul and Smoke
1335 Dodge Street
619 West Howard Street
602 Madison Street

WHO WILL WIN THE GOLDEN HALO?

Lent Madness 2026

As our journey through Lent approaches, please take some time to consider participating in Lent Madness and taking on the joyful practice of learning from the saints. Lent Madness is modeled on bracket-style sports competition (e.g. March Madness), and begins with a slate of 32 saints culminating in The Golden Halo. Unlike past years, there will be no Saintly Scorecard published in advance. Bios of the saints will be posted in each day's matchup. Matchup posts will begin the first week of Lent, on Thursday, February 19. There are two ways to participate - you can play along each day and record your progress - or fill out your bracket in advance!

Questions?? Contact Deacon Terri at terri@stmatthewsevanston.org to find Lent Madness resources, which include a printable bracket, visit www.lentmadness.org and click on the Menu in the upper right corner. Additional information about the saints is available from the following resources: Lesser Feasts and Fasts - www.episcopalcommonprayer.org; Wikipedia - visit The Calendar of the Church Year (Episcopal); Saints and Commemorations of the Episcopal Church - www.satucket.com

Anti-Racism / Loving Our Neighbor

For Black History Month: Parallels between ICE and 19th century slave patrols Gen Z historian Kahlil Greene of “History Can’t Hide” (<https://historycanthide.substack.com/>) writes about the similarity between the actions of ICE now and slave catchers enforcing the Fugitive Slave Act after 1850. Read the article at <https://tinyurl.com/3bsbjrxv>. For events honoring Black History month, see information at:

- City of Evanston (<https://tinyurl.com/2ebyticwy>)
- Evanston Round Table (<https://tinyurl.com/2vew8x67>)
- The Daily Northwestern (<https://tinyurl.com/3ywwk3jy>)

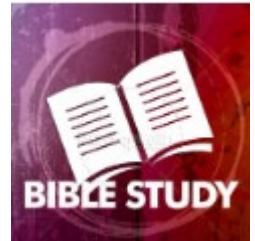
Follow Rev. Whayne on Substack

Sermon text can be found on Substack @theritualway or Whayne Hougland, Jr.



Bible Study with Rev. Whayne Every Tuesday | St. Matt's Library / Gallery 12 Noon

Join Rev. Whayne for Bible Study every Tuesday. We will meet at Noon in St. Matt's Library / Gallery. Bible Study will last around an hour. Bring your lunch - and a friend!



Wednesday Lunches

As part of our outreach, St. Matthew's partners with St. Mark's, through Interfaith Action of Evanston, to provide lunch every Wednesday to those in need and has been doing so since 2015. We prepare and serve a nutritious lunch meal at St. Mark's Cunningham Hall, 1519 Ridge, Evanston. Lunch is prepared by volunteers in the St. Mark's kitchen. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please click tinyurl.com/wedsack for the SignUpGenius which includes further information on what is involved and how it works. If you have any questions, please email klchivas@aol.com.

Volunteering at St Matt's / Lay Eucharistic Leaders

Want to volunteer to help during the Eucharist at St Matt's? Great! We always need more folks! Not sure how? Here's some help.

First, the ways you can volunteer are below:

Greeter (usher) | Lead: Curt Nilsson (curt48@comcast.net)

Lector (reader) | Lead: Deacon Terri (terri@stmatthewsevanston.org)

Intercessor (prayer leader) | Lead: Deacon Terri

Chalice Bearers | Lead: Deacon Terri

Bread Bakers | Lead: Deacon Terri

Livestream | Lead: Diane Senechal (dfairchild25@gmail.com)

Acolytes | Lead: Bob Purse (rasmaster@aol.com)

Once you've decided where you want to serve, connect with the lead for any necessary training so that you're confident in your ability. Next, you'll want to sign up using the digital rota, which you can here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdd7665m>.

Date	Season	Special?	Celebrating	Presiding	Readings	Chapel (8:45AM) Leader	Chapel (9:45AM) Prayer Leader	Bread Baker (8 AM)	Greeter (10:30AM)	Church (10:30AM) Reader #1	Church (10:30AM) Reader #2	Church (10:30AM) Prayer Leader	Church (10:30AM) Chalice Bearer	Bread Baker (10:30AM)	Livestream (10:30AM)	Acolytes (10:30AM)	
1/4/26	Christmas		The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rev. Terri J. Munssey	Christmas				Judy Royal	Tim Paternote	Alice Senechal						
1/11/26	Epiphany		The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Epiphany				Ginger Carr		John Senechal						
1/18/26	Epiphany		The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Epiphany				Steve Carr	Larkin Myers	John Senechal						
1/25/26	Epiphany	Annual Meeting	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Epiphany				Tim Paternote	Audy Royal		Mary Clark					
2/1/26	Epiphany		The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Epiphany				Larkin Myers		Tim Paternote						
2/8/26	Epiphany		The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Epiphany				Steve Carr			Mary Clark					
2/15/26	Epiphany	Acolytes Away	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Epiphany				Judy Royal	Tim Paternote							
												Greeter (7:30 PM)	Reader #1 (7:30 PM)	Reader #2 (7:30 PM)	Chalice Bearer (7:30 PM)	Livestream (7:30 PM)	Acolytes (7:30 PM)
2/22/26	Lent	Ash Wednesday	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr		Acolytes				Steve Carr	Ginger Carr							
3/1/26	Lent		The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Lent												
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3/15/26	Lent		The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Lent				Steve Carr		Tim Paternote						
3/22/26	Lent		The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	The Rt Rev Wayne Hougland, Jr	Lent					Larkin Myers							

I create the "rota" (Latin, "wheel", because we rotate responsibilities) at the beginning of each quarter. When I'm done creating the rota, I send it out to my current list of volunteers with a request that volunteers consult their calendars and "plug themselves in" as they are available to serve. After that, each week I consult the document to see which volunteer opportunities remain vacant, and I send a request out to the volunteer list I have for that category. Whoever can help responds either by navigating to the sheet to "plug themselves in", or, if a person feels they are not able to navigate that situation, they can simply respond via email to me, and I will enter their name into the sheet.

As mentioned above, new volunteers in any category are always welcome, but we are particularly in need of Greeters and Livestream helpers at this time.

Thanks to you all for all that you do to keep St Matt's an active, vibrant community.

Gregory Peebles, Parish Administrator

Refugee/Unhoused Families Resettlement Project

Some people talked to me at the Annual Meeting about what they could do to help refugees and unhoused people who have recently found apartments in Evanston. To learn more about this project, please refer to the report in the Annual Meeting materials but here are some thoughts on ways people can help:

Future needs:

- A few volunteers from time to time to organize new items
- Furniture donations (please text or email me a photo first because there are some items we don't need or have room for at the moment)
- Household goods such as plates, glasses, flatware, kitchen utensils, small appliances, towels, toys.
- Strong volunteers to move items up and down stairs into apartments.
- Money donations to help hire movers for the really heavy furniture or to purchase some needed items that haven't been donated.
- Coat rack to help display items.
- Used TVs - many families want them and they are a good way to learn English. (Most of these families speak little English, although it is exciting to see how quickly their children are learning)
- Cardboard boxes (medium or large) for people to take their items home.

If you have non-furniture items to donate, you can bring them to the Refugee Room on the second floor of the church, leave them on the bench outside the church office (please check to make sure someone is at the church to let you in or contact me for the code to get into the building), or leave them on the front porch of our home at 2325 Hartrey and I will take them over.

Questions? Feel free to text, email or call Judy Royal, 847-814-1271, judyroyal81@gmail.com.

NOTES:

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are encouraged to include these names in your daily prayers.

During Sunday worship, you are encouraged to offer silently or aloud your prayers to God. If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, email info@stmatthewsevanston.org. Names are listed for 4 weeks.

The Prayer List is prayed for weekly by the St. Matthew's Prayer Group.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in the Chicago-South Deanery:* Brent House Campus Ministry at the University of Chicago; the Chapel at Montgomery Place in Chicago; Grace Episcopal Church in Chicago *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* La Santa Cruz in Oaxaca; St. Peter in Geiger Centre

For the congregation at St. Matthew's as we embrace our mission to be welcoming all in community; joyfully doing God's work in the world: welcoming our neighbors near and far.

We pray for all those who celebrate birthdays in February: Sam Chivas, Mary Clark, Nina Gowell, Susan Middleton, Ann Motogawa and Jack Riley.

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in February: Angela and Chad Pennisi.

We pray for equal opportunity and equal treatment under the law for all people; that we may be agents of God's kingdom, dismantling systems of injustice wherever and whenever we can, and for the will to enact common sense gun control laws.

We pray for those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf: Cobe Layag, Jeremy Garrett, Aaron Grant, Thomas Greenwich, Lee Henderson, Tyler Howland, Peter Marks, Ian McGuffin, Joseph Sanford, Thomas Garbee, and the members of our city's fire and police departments, and for their families.

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit or who have asked for our prayers: Jason, Maggie, David Kelson, Carol Imperial, Jim, Timmy Arondale, David Julian, Juliette, Jancie Dark, Dorothy Wyandt, Jeremy Herschaft, Tobin Hudgins, Larry Anderson, Beth Swigart, Brad Swigart, Ann Wilson Wesley, Bob Baker, Becky Wilson, Ramona Frederickson, Harriet Brandt, Paige D, Kate Martin, Benjamin Ticobay, Bob Teska, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner, Will Widmer and for Maua and her 5 daughters.

We pray for all in need: those struggling with the Coronavirus, all victims of this pandemic, organ donors and those awaiting transplant, the lonely and isolated, our nation, especially those oppressed by our current systems, those protesting racial injustice, all elected officials seeking to lead communities in this challenging time, the unemployed and under-employed.

We pray for those suffering from acts of violence – including warfare, gun violence and sexual violence – as well as from natural disasters, and their aftermaths.

We pray for all who have died.

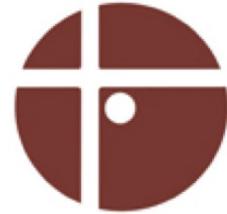
ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

While the shape and format of our service is from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* (revisions authorized by the Episcopal Church, March 17, 2020), St. Matthew's strives to offer worship that is relevant, inclusive, and hospitable: worship which is in keeping with our mission to be "welcoming all in community; joyfully doing God's work in the world." Therefore, we draw upon a variety of authorized sources, adapting them as necessary.

In today's service, the Opening Acclamation comes from "Text of Expansive Language Liturgies – from Resolution 2018-D078-updated 09-02-2019" and the introductions to prayers and responses and the Peace come from *Enriching Our Worship I*. The Collect of the Day comes from a collection of prayers written to match the lessons appointed in the Revised Common Lectionary: *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* by Steven Shakespeare. Scripture readings follow the Revised Common Lectionary using the *New Revised Standard Version* of the Bible.

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St. Matthew's lay leaders duly elected and appointed at
The 150th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 25, 2026

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Karen Hertel, *Junior Warden*

Kelsey Davies, Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers (2027)

Roberta Buchanan, David Parks (2028)

Charlotte Bishop, Don Churchill (2029)

Clerk of the Vestry, Larkin Myers (2027)

Christopher Motogawa, *Treasurer* (2026)

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Steve Carr (2028) William Widmer (2028) Rick Worden (2028)

**St. Matthew's Lay Delegation to the
187th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago**

Ann Searles, Steve Carr

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