

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 19, 2023

10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church



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ST. MATTHEW'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

COVID GUIDELINES

Our Covid protocols have eased, but the number of cases has begun to rise again. Please be attentive to the following:

- Vaccines are recommended when gathering with others.
- Masks are optional in the building and at our services. Please respect the choices others make in this regard.
- In the Church and the Chapel
 - Air purifiers continuously clean the air.
 - Before services begin, the windows are opened and fans run, creating substantial air flow.
- Medical grade N95 masks are available upon request from our ushers.
- At Communion
 - Before beginning the Eucharistic Prayer, the clergy sanitize their hands.
 - Wine at communion: Communion ministers will be off to the side offering a chalice and an intinction bowl. We ask you decide either to drink from the chalice, intinct the wafer (dip the wafer into the wine) using the bowl, or forgo the wine.
- Please follow any further communion guidelines as given.

St. Matthew's Calendar

- Nov. 20 **Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil** 7pm at Unitarian Church of Evanston
- Nov. 22 **Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service** 7pm at Unitarian Church of Evanston
- Nov. 23 **Episcopal Community Thanksgiving Eucharist** 9am at St. Matthew's
- Dec. 2 **Greening of the Church** 9am at St. Matthew's. All are welcome to come help prepare our church for Advent.
- Dec. 3 **First Sunday of Advent/Worship at St. Andrew's Pentecost Episcopal Church**, 11am, 1928 Darrow Avenue, Evanston, IL. Join St. Matthew's as we worship at our partner church, as together we celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew. This will be the only St. Matthew's worship service this Sunday.
- Dec. 5 **Stitcher's Group** 7:30pm in the Church Library.

Dec. 10 **Second Sunday of Advent: A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols.** One service at 10:30am. Join us as we gather with honored guests from our outreach partners and our elected community leaders as we prepare for Christmas.

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 made holy.

THE VOLUNTARY

Fugue in E Minor, D.952

Franz Schubert

Jennifer Allor and James Janssen, piano

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able and sing.

THE OPENING HYMN 632

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Munich

1 O Christ, the Word In-car-nate, O Wis-dom from on high,
2 The Church from our dear Mas-ter re-ceived the word di-vine,
3 O make thy Church, dear Sa-vior, a lamp of pur-est gold,
O Truth, un-changed, un-chang-ing, O Light of our dark sky;
and still that light is lift-ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be-fore the na-tions thy true light as of old;
we praise thee for the ra-diance that from the scrip-ture's page,
It is the chart and com-pass that o'er life's surg-ing sea,
O teach thy wan-dering pil-grims by this their path to trace,
a lan-tern to our foot-steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick-sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
till, clouds and dark-ness end-ed, they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt. Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1807-1847).

All remain stand.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider 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 in excelsis*

James Janssen

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on

5 earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

10 we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

15 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther. Lord God, Lamb of

22 God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us;

30 you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

37 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

42 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

47 *gradually slowing to the end*
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray, saying together

People **Merciful God**

resisting the iron fist

which reaps where it did not sow:

give us courage to accept

your faith in us

and compassion to stand

With all who are cast aside;

through Jesus Christ, who became nothing

that we might have everything.

Amen.

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES (4:1-7).

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able to sing.

HYMN 680

O God, our help in ages past
(Paraphrase of Psalm 90)

St. Anne

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, be thou our guide while life shall last,
our hope for years to come, and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90. Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS (5:1-11).

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Thanks be to God.

People

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 617

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round

Song 1

All stand as able and sing verses 1-2 before the Gospel, then verse 3 after.

1 E - ter - nal Ru - ler of the cease - less round
 2 We would be one in ha - tred of all wrong,
 3 Oh, clothe us with thy heaven - ly ar - mor, Lord,

of cir - cling plan - ets sing - ing on their way,
 one in the love of all things sweet and fair,
 thy trust - y shield, thy word of love di - vine;

guide of the na - tions from the night pro - found
 one with the joy that break - eth in - to song,
 our in - spi - ra - tion be thy con - stant word,

in - to the glo - ry of the per - fect day;
 one with the grief that trem - bleth in - to prayer;
 we ask no vic - to - ries that are not thine;

rule in our hearts, that we may ev - er be
 one in the power that makes thy chil - dren free
 give or with - hold, let pain or plea - sure be;

guid - ed and strength - ened and up - held by thee.
 to fol - low truth, and thus to fol - low thee.
 e - nough to know that we are serv - ing thee.

Words: John White Chadwick (1840-1904), alt. Music: *Song 1*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), rev.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

(25:14-30).

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

"The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

"After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

"And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

"Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

"But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Samuel Love, Jr.

After a time of silent reflection, all are invited to stand and say together:

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Source: Church of England, adapted)

Presider Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Creator,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit. 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, all St. Matthew's leaders, the leaders of St. Andrew's Pentecost Episcopal Church, and every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

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

Leader Watch over all bishops, priests, deacons, and those in training for Holy Orders, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Paula, our bishop; Charlie, Terri, and Sam at St. Matthew's; and at St. Andrew's Pentecost: Emeka and Lee;

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

Leader Guide all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joseph, our President; J.B., our governor; Daniel, our mayor; for the leaders of our neighboring communities, and for all those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf;

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

Leader We pray for equal opportunity and equal treatment under the law for all people; and for the will to enact common-sense gun-safety laws. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake, that we may be agents of God's kingdom, offering radical welcome and committed to dismantling systems of injustice;

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

Leader Look favorably upon all those in harm's way – including warfare, gun violence and sexual violence – as well as those suffering from natural disasters and a changing climate. During this Transgender Awareness Week, lift up, we pray, all our trans and nonbinary siblings who have gone before us. Be with us as we mourn these, your beloved, lost to violence this year. Bind us together in Beloved Community and strengthen us for the ongoing work of eradicating the intersecting evils of transphobia, transmisogyny, racism, sexism, and classism. May we be inspired and energized to join in co-creating a world in which the dignity of all our humanity and of all creation is safeguarded and is honored. Our hearts break for the suffering in Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Gaza, and all who love them. Let us pray

People **That they may have hope to greet the coming days.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, we pray especially for Andrew, Paige, David, Curt, Ted, Kate, Bob, Joan, Maria and family, Benjamin, Bob, Ralph, Sam, Phil, Cindy, Bionce, Brigitte, Clemence, Betty, Jessica, Maeve, Fame, Mike, Cathy, Maggie, Mark, Corky, Donna, Angela, Sharon, Will, Don, Manuel, for the Westerfield family, and for the Congolese family with whom we have been matched by RefugeeOne. God of hope: comfort and restore to wholeness all who suffer in body, mind and spirit.

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

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.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.

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

Leader We praise you for blessed Matthew and all your saints who have entered into joy;

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

Presider Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(*Silence may be kept.*)

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of 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.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet each other in the name of Christ.

The people sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O God, our help in ages past

Wm. Croft/arr. Joel Raney

Jennifer Allor and James Janssen, piano

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from ever lasting thou art, God to endless years the same. A thousand ages in thy sight, are like an evening gone short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

All stand as able and sing.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 598

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth

Mit Frueden zart



1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they
2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -
3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -
4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -

bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then
nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war
a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,

by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs
the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone
we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith
we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -

may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that
was left on stone, and all those na - tions'
our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -

stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.
pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.
fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt.

Music: *Mit Frueden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Psaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566

The people remain standing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C (adapted)

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give our thanks to Almighty God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, Jesus reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

James Janssen

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures. The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning of the fifth staff and a fermata over the final note. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -
- ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel, as able.

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

On the night Jesus was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in Jesus's name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

Presider and People

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM: *Agnus Dei*

James Janssen

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on_ us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us___ peace.

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God. 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 the wine made holy.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Bogoroditsye Dyevo

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

After who wish to receive communion or a blessing have come forward, all stand.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

People **Eternal God,**
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.

A CELEBRATION OF NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

God grant *them* ma - ny years! God grant *them* ma - ny years!

God grant *them* ma - ny years!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features two systems of music. The first system is in 4/4 time and consists of two staves. The vocal line (treble clef) has a melody that rises and then falls, with lyrics 'God grant them ma - ny years! God grant them ma - ny years!'. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines. The second system is in 6/8 time and also consists of two staves. The vocal line continues the melody with the lyrics 'God grant them ma - ny years!'. The piano accompaniment features a more active, flowing line with many beamed eighth notes.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM DIOCESAN CONVENTION & OTHER BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Presider What we choose changes us.
Who we love transforms us.
How we create remakes us.
Where we live reshapes us.
So in all our choosing, O God, make us wise;
In all our loving, O Christ, make us bold;
In all our creating, O Spirit, give us courage;
in all our living, may we become whole.
And the blessing of God almighty:
Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and those you love,
and those for whom you pray
this day and forever more.

People **Amen.**

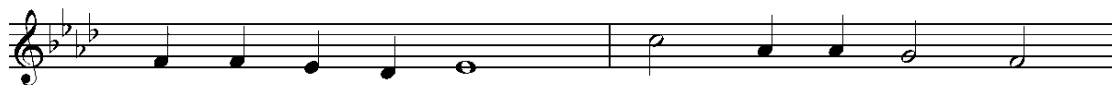
THE CLOSING HYMN 541

Come, labor on

Ora Labora



1	Come,	la - bor	on.	Who	dares	stand	i - dle
2	Come,	la - bor	on.	The	en - c -	my	is
3	Come,	la - bor	on.	A -	way	with	gloom - y
4	Come,	la - bor	on.	Claim	the	high	call - ing
5	Come,	la - bor	on.	No	time	for	rest, till



1	on	the	har - vest	plain,	while	all	a - round	us
2	watch - ing	night	and	day,	to	sow	the	tares, to
3	doubts	and	faith - less	fear!	No	arm	so	weak but
4	an - gels	can - not	share—		to	young	and	old the
5	glows	the	west - ern	sky,	till	the	long	sha - dows



1	waves	the	gold - en	grain?	And	to	each	ser - vant
2	snatch	the	seed	a - way;	while	we	in	sleep our
3	may	do	ser - vice	here:	by	feeb - lest	a -	gents
4	Gos - pel	glad - ness	bear:		re -	deem	the	time; its
5	o'er	our	path - way	lie,	and	a	glad	sound comes



1	does	the	Mas - ter	say,	“Go	work	to	- day.”
2	du - ty	have	for - got,	he	slum - bered—	not.		
3	may	our	God	ful - fill	his	right - eous—	will.	
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5	with	the	set - ting	sun, —	“Ser -	vants, well	done.”	

Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt. Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953).

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE VOLUNTARY

Fugue in D Minor
James Janssen, organ

Ludwig van Beethoven

Leading Our Worship This Morning

Presiding: The Rev. Charles A. de Kay

Preaching: Samuel Love, Jr.

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Organist: James Janssen

Choir Director: Mark Crayton

Greeters: Bill Siegfriedt, Curt Nilsson

Acolyte: Xander Senechal

Lector: Xander Senechal

Prayer Leader: Dave Senechal

Chalice Bearer: Mary Clark

Altar Guild: Kate Lauderbaugh, Kristin Jacobsen,
Patricia Egan

Green Team: Mary Jo Deysach

Livestream: Diane Senechal

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Soprano

Monique Austin

Charlotte Bishop

Ginger Carr

Megan Cook*

Alice Dolan

Rachel Handrick*

Kaylie O'Dell**

Alto

Scott Bass*

Nancy Churchill

Amy Shuldiner

Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*

*Section Leader

**Staff Singer

Tenor

Francis Lynch

Karlos Piñero-Mercado*

Jonathan Weyant*

Bass

Terry Bucher*

Steve Carr

Jack Ellis**

Jake Engel*



Reserved Seating for Those Who Prefer to Be Masked & Seated Among Others Also Masked

St. Matthew's has designated the rear sections of our worship spaces as designated seating areas for those who prefer to wear masks in church, and to sit with others similarly masked.

While we are coming through the COVID Pandemic, there are those who, for a variety of commendable reasons, do not feel comfortable being unmasked indoors. We hope that these seating areas provide them a welcoming space. Please look for the signs at the ends of the pews. Please be considerate of those of us who need protection.

JOIN US FOR A 5-CHURCH
EVANSTON EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY

Thanksgiving Service

NOV 23 | WORSHIP WITH US | 9:00 AM

ST. MATTHEW'S -
ST. ANDREW'S PENTECOST -
ST. MARK'S - ST. LUKE'S -
ST. AUGUSTINE'S, WILMETTE

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2120 LINCOLN ST. EVANSTON

ST. MATT'S GALA UPDATES

Thanks to the 70+ people who joined and supported this year's Gala!
What a wonderful afternoon it was!



In addition to the Gala, **buy-in parties and auction items** are a wonderful and vital part of St. Matthews' community-building and fundraising. Please go to new.biddingowl.com/StMatthewsEvanston2023 to sign up to join buy-in parties and bid on auction items. This will be a "living" site so you can contact Cynthia Doucet (cdoucet32@comcast.net) at any time to donate auction items, host a party or with any questions.

UPCOMING BUY-IN PARTIES

SIGN UP TODAY!

new.biddingowl.com/stmatthewsevanston2023

(look for buy-in parties under the "Admission Tickets" section)



Post-Thanksgiving Autumn Ramble! Saturday, November 25 at 1PM

Join members of the Green Team for our second annual ramble along the picturesque trails of the Harms Woods Forest Preserve.



Kitchen Gadget Exchange Friday, December 1 at 5PM

Tired of your old kitchen gadgets? Want something different in time for the holidays? Bring the things you don't need and go home with some new toys!



Holiday Lightscape! Friday, December 8 at 7PM

Get in the holiday spirit with Christina Padilla on a trip to the Chicago Botanic Garden to enjoy their seasonal (always sells out!) Lightscape!

**Donate, bid on auction items or find more Buy-In Parties at
new.biddingowl.com/stmatthewsevanston2023**

Greening of the Church



You are invited! Please join us Saturday, December 2 at 9am as we joyfully gather to prepare our church for the Advent season. Hang wreaths, shine up the brass, enjoy some seasonal treats...and more! All ages are welcome. Hosted by the Altar Guild.

Stitchers' Gathering

The Stitching Group will gather on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the church library. The gathering is open to anyone, even if you just want to darn socks or just chat. However, it will be a chance for the knitters among us to work on any hats and gloves for refugees in need of them as they face a cold Chicago winter, perhaps even in tents... Cookies will be supplied!



For many, the Canal Saint-Martin in the hip 11th district of Paris — with its aquamarine waters, quaint footbridges and rows of classic Parisian street-side terraces — is an ideal place to while away the long summer days and nights. But the 19th century waterway, built by Napoleon, is also now emblematic of a quiet revolution in the French capital. Free public fountains, dispensing still and sparkling water drawn from the depths below the city and purified via reverse osmosis, line the canal's historic banks and, as of this summer, its urban waters are now clean enough for Parisians to swim in.

Helping Refugees Survive Our Freezing Weather

Donations are needed to help refugees survive as winter approaches. Immanuel Lutheran Church in downtown Evanston at Sherman and Lake (across from the Holiday Inn) is the drop-off point for donations. Donations are being collected at the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am until 12noon. Sweatpants, sleeping bags, blankets, and toiletries are some of the items that are needed. These items are being picked up by the non-profit Chi Welcome and delivered to refugees currently being housed at police stations on the west side of Chicago. Read the full article in Evanston Now here: <https://evanstonnow.com/helping-refugees-survive-our-freezing-weather/>

Anti-Racism Opportunities

Seeing Native Americans: November's Indigenous Heritage Month is a chance to hold up the Native Americans who have consistently been pushed to the margins for the entire history of the United States. Take some time to get to know Native Americans and their lives and cultures, even if you only have time to read an article or spend a moment in prayer. See below for resources and ideas. Thank you.

- Round up of Chicago-area events (<https://www.choosechicago.com/blog/special-events/how-to-celebrate-native-american-heritage-month-in-chicago/>).
- Local events at:
 - Evanston Public Library (<https://www.epl.org/events/book-clubs-and-more-this-indigenous-peoples-heritage-month/>)
 - Northwestern University (<https://www.northwestern.edu/diversity/support-community/heritage-months-and-identity-recognitions/native-american-and-indigenous-heritage-month.html>)
 - Field Museum (<https://www.fieldmuseum.org/activity/native-american-heritage-month>).
- Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing (<https://www.centerforracialhealing.org>), information at the top of the page.

Antiracism Events

- **Dec. 7, 12-1 p.m.:** “Building a Welcoming Future: Caring for ALL,” Zoom livestream with community organizers fighting for resources for all communities, especially disinvested neighborhoods of color and immigrants and refugees, whether long-time residents or newly arrived; on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages for ICIRR (Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights)
- **Now—Dec. 29:** New exhibit, *Seeing Race Before Race*, at the Newberry Library, T-Th, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and F-Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (60 W. Walton Street, Chicago) (<https://www.newberry.org/calendar/seeing-race-before-race>)
- **Now—2024:** Mitchell Museum exhibit “No Rest: The Epidemic of Stolen Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2Spirits” extended through 2024: <https://mitchellmuseum.org/no-rest-exhibit/>

Know of any antiracism events? Contact Kristin (kejcat@gmail.com) with the details.

St. Matthews Helps a Refugee Family from Haiti

As many of you know, I recently connected with a family of Haitian refugees: a father, his grade school and middle school sons, and his nephew at ETHS. They have been living at the Margarita Inn's homeless residence while the father is waiting for his work permit. To help them in this time of need, several St. Matthew's parishioners contributed money toward a Target gift card; and because of your generosity, we were able to give them a card worth \$500.

For those of you who missed my talk in church last Sunday, I wanted to write and tell the story of our shopping trip last Saturday. I told them to pick out whatever they wanted and not worry that we expected them to buy only sensible things. Below is a photo of most of what they bought. Each of the younger boys picked out a toy and then their father picked out some clothes for them. I urged the father to get something for himself, since the children have more access to donated clothes, and he picked out a shirt and sweater. The younger boys were excited about some nice slippers that are apparently all the rage with Evanston youth (who knew?). They also picked out water bottles, sports drinks (the boys all play sports), a few frozen dinners and some items like ChapStick, dry skin lotion, mouthwash and a new toothbrush. The father told me that the younger child has asked him to buy extra food, because he wants to give it to worse-off people he has seen living on the street in downtown Evanston.

This family has endured more than we can imagine, but their generosity of spirit inspires me. They are extremely grateful to the people of St. Matthew's for their kindness and hope to meet us sometime. The father asked me—in French, he doesn't speak English—what "Episcopalian" means. I said it's similar to Catholicism except for some of the rules, like women being able to be priests. (Sorry, Father Charlie, it's hard to describe doctrinal differences in French while I'm driving.)

Thanks so much to everyone who donated. You made such a difference in the life of this family and buoyed them in this difficult time. I hope we can expand our relationship with them in the future. Look for future updates.

Judy Royal





Court Watch Volunteer Program

Court Watch is a volunteer program founded in 2007 to observe and bear witness at detained immigrants' hearings in Chicago. While Illinois passed legislation that banned immigrant detention within our state beginning in 2022, deportation cases are still processed in the Chicago Immigration Court nearly every weekday for immigrants - including Illinois residents - who are jailed in Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, and other states. Can you volunteer a few hours a month to stand with detained immigrants? Court Watch volunteers attend as many of these hearings as possible (most hearings are currently conducted online via Webex). We partner with legal organizations and pro bono attorneys, highlighting problems we observe and cases where unrepresented detainees are in need of legal help.

Please email us at icirrcourtwatch@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer with us.

Wednesday Lunch Volunteer Opportunity

Are you available on any given Wednesday between 10am and 12:30pm? Do you enjoy the camaraderie of working with others toward a short-term, important, and satisfying goal? Come join us at St. Mark's in Cunningham Hall (and kitchen) as we set up, make sandwiches, slice tomatoes, arrange fruit and cookie trays, make coffee, etc., and serve 40-60 guests each week at the St. Mark's / St. Matthew's joint Wednesday lunch ministry.

We need 6 individuals to sign up for food preparation, service, and cleanup from 10am to 12:30pm every Wednesday. In addition, we need two doorkeepers, one upstairs and one downstairs from 11am to 12:30pm. We use Signup Genius for scheduling, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054eacaa22a1f85-wednesday#/>

Volunteers come from St. Matthew's and St. Mark's, as well as the broader community. Some of our guests are regulars who have been with us since we opened our doors in February 2015, and many are just discovering us as a source of a good meal served by friendly, welcoming volunteers. We hope you'll consider becoming a part of this important ministry.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Kati Olsen at kati2219@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS OF NOTE



Transgender Day of Remembrance
Vigil at the Unitarian Church of
Evanston November 20th at 7pm
[click for link to livestream](#)

To view the live stream, please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLZEx00U4R0>

Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service

Twenty-fifth annual

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 7:00pm

The Unitarian Church of Evanston

1330 Ridge Ave, Evanston

Keynote Speaker

Gloria Bond Clunie

Playwright, Director, Educator and Founder
of Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre

Interfaith Community Choir

Led by Vickie Hellyer

Music Director

Unitarian Church of Evanston

To join the choir meet in the UCE sanctuary at 5:30pm that
evening for rehearsal and snacks.

Email vhellyer@ucevanston.org

Sponsored by

Interfaith Action of Evanston

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www.interfaithactionofevanston.org

Attendees are expected to be vaccinated; masking is optional.

Service will also be available via live stream

www.youtube.com/c/UnitarianChurchofEvanston



The overnight shelter has been open for three weeks now and we need your help! We are able to provide a place to sleep for 30 people this year! And we will be open for 31 weeks! We need more blankets and sheets!

Please consider going to our Wish List on Amazon and buying us warmth for our guests! We have chosen blankets that are easy to launder daily. It is best for all our guests to each get the same style blanket. Here is the Amazon link!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3GBQWFEN4S4H0?ref=wl_share

Also here is the sign-up for the Overnight Shelter (OS) at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1004 Greenwood. Please use the Maple Ave. door. We need set up volunteers (8:30pm to 10pm), overnight help (9:30pm to 7am) and clean up volunteers (6am to 7am).

Please click on this link to sign up:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LYN0WrcLaaHHIKteBer3DUH_9v9MP1YqTkj0-42gW0E/edit?usp=sharing

God loves a cheerful giver.

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver**. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”

– 2 Corinthians 9:7



If you'd like to make an offering for today's service, please scan the QR code which will bring you to St. Matthew's onRealm Giving Page.

**Thank you for supporting
St. Matthew's as we bring love to the world.**

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 and the Rector.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Intercessions and thanksgiving are offered today for the clergy of our Diocese: our Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and their ministries in parishes, as well as our clergy in specialized ministries such as chaplaincies, teaching and hospice care. *And for our relationship with our companion Dioceses of Renk, Sudan and SE Mexico.*

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 November: Charlotte Bishop, Evan Burns, Alexander Burt, Sally Craig Christensen, Dudley Conley, Cynthia Doucet, Samuel Frederickson, Joe Kelly, Jared Larson, Terry McDermott, Pete Meyer, Stephen Miles, Terri Morrissey, Hannah Motogawa, Christina Padilla, Chad Pennisi, Karlos Pinero-Mercado, Mia Rehwaldt, Jeremiah Strickler, David Turner, Martha Van Zanten, Eric Westhaus.

We pray for those who celebrate wedding anniversaries in November.

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: Jeremy Garrett, Aaron Grant, Thomas Greenwich, Lee Henderson, Tyler Howland, Peter Marks, Ian McGuffin, Molly Robinson, Joseph Sanford, Emma Seckinger, 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: Andrew Pickens McMillan, Paige D, David Crummy, Curt Nilsson, Ted Weiss, Kate Martin, Bob Baker, Joan Sanford, Maria G and family, Benjamin Ticobay, Bob Teska, Ralph Motogawa, Phil Costa, Cindy Bass, Uwase Bionce, Brigitte, Clemence, Betty Stafford, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, Fame Brooks, Mike Wagner, Cathy Fiala, Maggie, Mark Jacobsen, Corky Siegfriedt, Donna Wagner, Angela Escobar, Sharon Filipsik, Will Widmer, Don Gabouser, Manuel Aleman-Padilla, for the Crayton and Westerfield families, and for the Congolese family we've been matched with in partnership with RefugeeOne.

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 and for all who mourn their passing.

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.

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In today's service, the Opening Acclamation and other responses 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. The Affirmation of Faith comes from the website of the Church of England. The Prayer Trans Day of Remembrance is adapted from Trans Episcopal (published at [Blog - TransEpiscopal](http://Blog-TransEpiscopal)). The Blessing comes from the Episcopal Church website: [Prayers and Blessings \(episcopalchurch.org\)](http://Prayers and Blessings (episcopalchurch.org)).



St. Matthew's lay leaders duly elected and appointed at
The 147th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 29, 2023

St. Matthew's Vestry

Damon Doucet, *Senior Warden*

Christopher Motogawa, *Junior Warden*

Robert McSweeney, William Siegfriedt, Penelope Whiteside (2024)

Curtis Nilsson, William Widmer, Deborah Williams (2025)

Stephen Carr, Kelsey Davies, Jim Kelly (2026)

Christopher Motogawa and Rick Worden, *Co-Treasurer* (2024)

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

Damon Doucet (2024) Stephen Carr (2025) Ann Searles (2026)

**St. Matthew's Lay Delegation to the
186th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago**

Westin, Lombard, IL November 17-18, 2023

Delegates

Kristin Jacobsen

Stephen Carr

Mary Clark

Alternates

Sally Craige Christensen

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, 27th *Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church*

The Rt. Rev. Paula E. Clark, *Thirteenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago*

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