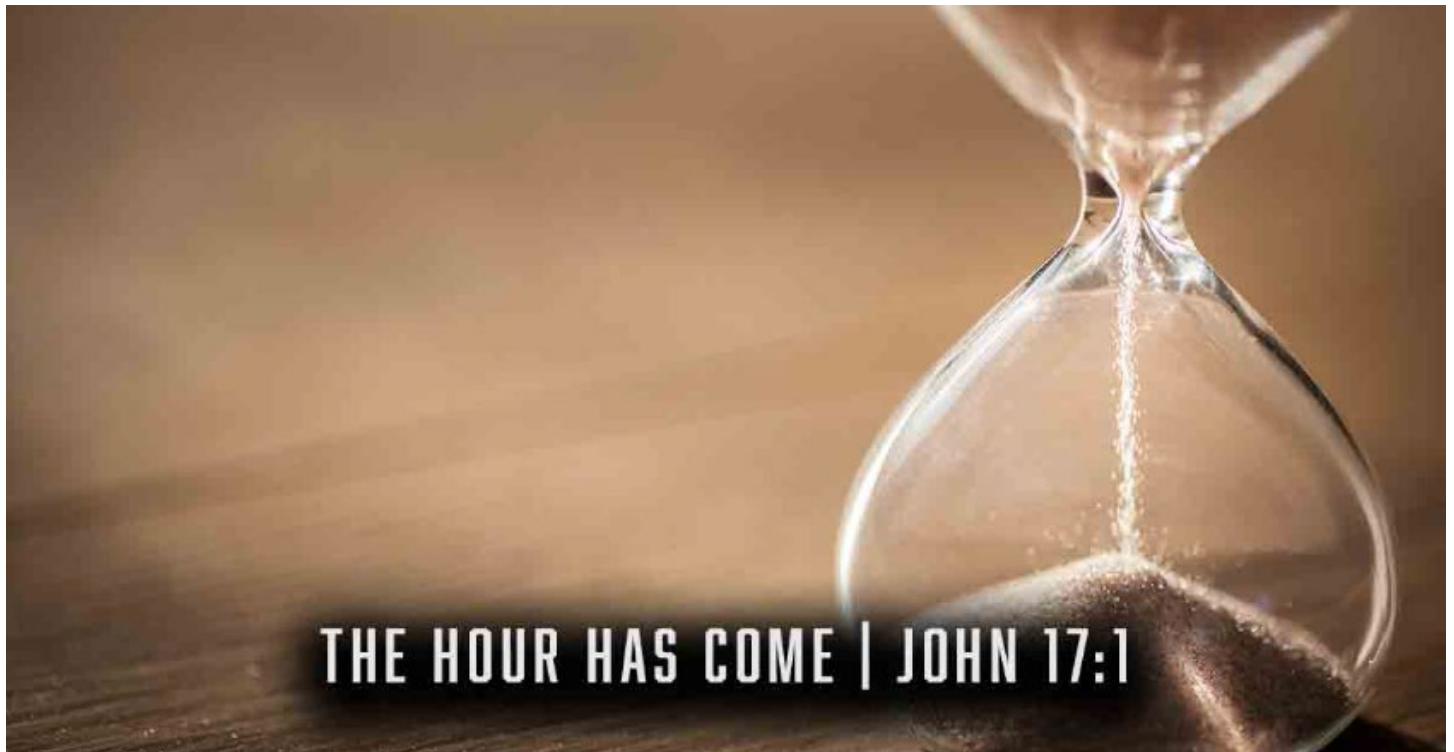


ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



Welcoming all in community;

*Joyfully doing God's work
in the world.*

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

Worship Schedule and St. Matthew's Events

Sundays **Sunday Forum led by Wayne, 9:15 - 10:15am in the Chapel**
Tuesdays **Bible Study led by Wayne, 12pm in St. Matt's Library**
May 17 **St. Matt's Movie Group, 3:00pm in St. Matt's 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.

NAME:

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ONLINE FORM

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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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 made holy.

THE PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #450*

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Coronation

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

All stand.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

All say together:

THE SONG OF PRAISE *Hymnal 1982 #S17*

Pascha Nostrum

George Ratcliffe Woodward



- 1 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 2 Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
- 3 Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- 4 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 5 Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
- 6 The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
- 7 So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 8 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 9 Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- 10 For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
- 11 For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
- 12 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.

The people stand.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (1:6-14).

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

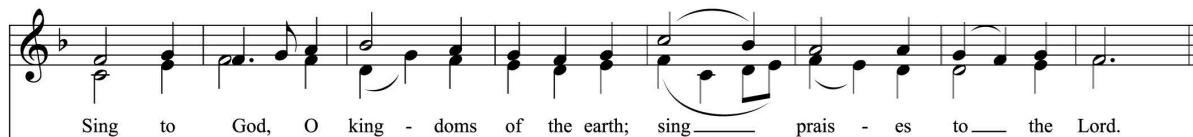
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 68:1-10 *Exurgat Deus*

Karlos Piñero-Mercado

The congregation joins the choir in the refrain.



¹ Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.

² Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

⁵ Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!

⁶ God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

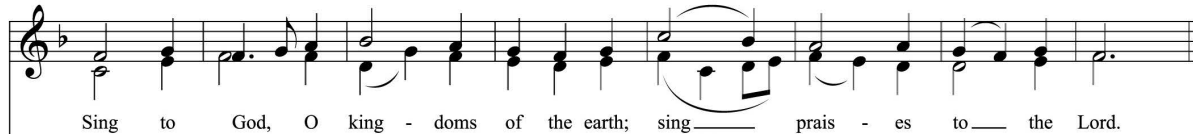
REFRAIN

⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,

THE PSALM 68:1-10 *Exurgat Deus*

Karlos Piñero-Mercado

The congregation joins the choir in the refrain.



⁸ The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹ You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

¹⁰ Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

REFRAIN

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER (4:12-14; 5:6-11).

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bernadette Brockman



Verse: I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I will come back to your, and your hearts will rejoice.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (17:1-11).

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Wayne Hougland, Jr.

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

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,
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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Leader Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed. God of life, in gratitude and great joy we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. On this day give us hope, for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader On this feast day which brings joy to all Christian believers, may we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; be with those whose names we bring before you both out loud and in our hearts:

Members of the congregation are encouraged to add their own intercessions silently or aloud.

Leader For all our siblings, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader For all who suffer and all who mourn, especially we pray for Bill, Jack, Ethan, Glen, Steve, Jason, Maggie, Carol, Jim, Timmy, David, Juliette, Janice, Jeremy, Tobin, Larry, Beth, Brad, Ann, Bob, Becky, Ramona, Harriet, Paige, Kate, Benjamin, Bob, Jessica, Maeve, Donna, Carol, Will and for the Congolese family we've been matched with in partnership with RefugeeOne, that today God will wipe away every tear, for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be God's sign of life in our world, for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader We pray for all your children here at St. Matthew's, that we may faithfully live into your mission in the world. May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for our life is hid with Christ in God; for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Celebrant God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people sit.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Word was God

Rosephanye Powell

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God and the Word was God. All things were made that have been made; nothing was made, he has not made.

NOTE: Dr. Rosephanye Powell is celebrated as one of America's foremost women composers of choral music, earning widespread acclaim for her exceptional contributions to the art form. With a remarkable catalogue of works published by leading publishers like Hal Leonard Corporation, Gentry Publications, Oxford University Press, Alliance Music Publications, and Shawnee Press, her compositions have been performed, recorded, and premiered by world-renowned conductors and ensembles. From the grandeur of Carnegie Hall to the iconic Lincoln Center and Spivey Hall, her music has captivated audiences in some of the nation's most prestigious venues. Among the many distinguished ensembles to bring her works to life are Cantus and the Grammy award-winning men's vocal ensemble Chanticleer.



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing, new
2 You are a pre - sent joy, O Lord; you
3 O ris - en Christ, a - scend - ed Lord, all

hymns through-out the world shall ring; by a new way none
will be ev - er our re - ward; and great the light in
praise to you let earth ac - cord, who are, while end - less

ev - er trod Christ takes his place- the throne of God!
you we see to guide us to e - ter - ni - ty. Al -
a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with Spi - rit, One.

le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The people stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER 3

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give our thanks to Almighty God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS LEVAS #255 Holy, holy, holy Grayson Warren Brown

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
 Hea-ven and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless-ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, Jesus broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All **Dying, you destroyed our death.
 Rising, you restored our life.
 Christ Jesus, come in Glory!**

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Matthew and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever.

All AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.**

The people are seated for the Agnus Dei

THE AGNUS DEI LEVAS #270

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

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.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray
 2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;

that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,
 make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;

grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say
 draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,

with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
 by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.

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

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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 EASTER BLESSING

Celebrant May Almighty God, who has redeemed us
and made us his children
through the resurrection of his Son our Lord,
bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism
has raised us from sin into newness of life,
make you holy and worthy
to be united with Christ for ever.

Amen.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin
into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer,
bring you to your eternal inheritance.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #460*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our

1 might - y flood: Je - sus out of ev - ery
3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE POSTLUDE

Leading Our Worship This Morning

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Whyne Hougland, Jr

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Choir Director: Mark Crayton

Greeter: Curt Nilsson

Lectors: Judy Royal, Tim Patenode

Prayer Leader: Don Churchill

Chalice Bearer: Don Churchill

Acolytes: Willow Myers, Harper Olsen,
Roxanne Myers

Bread Baker: Volunteer

Altar Guild: Joyce Weber, Kate Lauderbaugh

Green Team: Anne Branning

Livestream: Volunteer

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director and Conductor

Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist/Percussion

Soprano

Monique Austin

Charlotte Bishop

Ginger Carr

Alice Dolan

Chloe Beal*

Kaylie O'Dell*

Michaela Bateman***

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

Follow Rev. Whyne on Substack



Sermon text can be found on Substack @theritualway or Whyne Houglan, Jr.

Sunday Forum Led by Rev. Whyne 9:15am in St. Matt's Parlor

Beginning today, Rev. Whyne will hold a multi-week instructed Eucharist in the Chapel.

Bible Study with Rev. Whyne Tuesdays at 12 Noon, St. Matt's Library

Join Rev. Whyne 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!



Additional Sunday Volunteering Opportunities

If you're really observant, you might have noticed that the opportunity to participate in Altar Guild on Sundays is missing from the Rota sign-up. That's because Altar Guild is a rogue team keeping its own schedule. New members are always welcome to help prepare the table for the Eucharist - an essential ministry at St. Matthew's. To join Altar Guild or for more information ask any Altar Guild member or contact Jennie Woodring at jenniewoodring@sbcglobal.net.

St. Matthew's Movie Group Sunday, May 17, at 3P.M. | St. Matt's Parlor

The movie we will be discussing is "Nuremberg". It is available for rent or on Netflix. It should be an interesting discussion. All are welcome. Please let the hosts know you are coming. Bob/Diane Teska 847-363-2934 or Dudley/Connie Conley 847-869-9662.



Anti-Racism Team / Loving Our Neighbor

New at Race Against Hate: This year at the St. Matthew's tent at Race Against Hate, we're having a raffle to highlight our summer Sunday service at Lighthouse Beach. One winner will receive a beach chair, and the other will enjoy bread and wine. Come check it out on Father's Day! To participate and/or donate, see below.



- To join the Episcopal team, Episcopalians United Against Hate, first register at <https://raceroster.com/events/2026/107572/race-against-hate-2026>, and then go to the team page at <https://tinyurl.com/nhfw9kjs>. Select the box on the right side of the page that says Join Our Fundraising Team.
- To register without joining the team, go to <https://raceroster.com/events/2026/107572/race-against-hate-2026>.
- To donate to our team, go to <https://tinyurl.com/nhfw9kjs>. Select the box on the right side of the page that says Donate to Our Team Goal.

Thank you for helping us support the YWCA missions to eliminate racism and empower women. For questions, contact Kristin at kejcat@gmail.com.



Mosquitoes are often controlled with broad pesticide spraying, called fogging. These treatments don't just affect mosquitoes—they can impact other insects, wildlife, and people, and they don't address where mosquitoes reproduce.

The Mosquito Bucket Challenge offers a more targeted approach. By controlling mosquitoes at the source, it reduces populations without affecting the rest of the ecosystem. It's safe, it's affordable, and it's better for biodiversity.

Scan the QR Code to watch a short video.



Interested in Singing for Change?

A singing resistance group is forming in Evanston— a community of voices coming together to protest, uplift, and inspire through music. Inspired by the singing resistance in Minneapolis, local folks are gathering to learn simple songs, build community and join their voices to rallies, marches, vigils, or community gatherings.



No auditions, no experience required – just a voice and a desire to show up.

Interested? Reach out to Kate Lauderbaugh at 847-542-3475 to learn more. Or check out <https://www.instagram.com/singingresistanceevanston/>



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 14.

The Green Team invites you to stay after the 10:30 service to enjoy a casual lunch while watching *The Biggest Little Farm*. This delightful and uplifting 90-minute film has gotten rave reviews and has been shown at all the major film festivals.



Plastic Recycling: What Can You Do?

It's not possible for an individual to fix the waste stream. That requires policy fixes across states and the federal government. But you can take steps to recycle what you can, better dispose of what you can't, and push for change in your own community.

- **Stop wishcycling.** Sending items to the landfill is better than contaminating a recyclable load. If it's not a clean PET bottle (#1), HDPE jug or bottle (#2), or polypropylene (#5), it almost certainly does not get recycled.
- **Avoid plastics #3 through #7 and thin films.** Even if your local facilities take them, these materials have lower recycling rates. Unfortunately, these are often the cheapest packaging.
- **Push for changes to state and local policies.** Laws that make producers more responsible for their own packaging, deposit-return systems, California-style truth-in-labeling rules, and minimum recycled-content mandates can all have an outsized impact.

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 Pakistan (United)

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in the Evanston Deanery:* St. James the Less in Northfield; St. Augustine in Wilmette; Christ Church in Winnetka; *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* Santa María Virgen in Xalapa; Glory Church

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 May: Christina Burt, Stephen Creech, Catherine LaBranche, Kate Lauderbaugh, Jack Lerman, Francis Lynch, Kathy Riley, Susan Rundle, Xander Senechal, Sarah Skidmore, Steve Steiber, Dorothy Wyandt.

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in May: Judy & George Darrell, Karen and Gary LaBranche, Dorothy and John Lloyd-Still, Ginny Voedisch and Bill McSweeney, Gina and Bob Purse.

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: Bill Weber, Jack Cummings, Ethan Muffett, Glen Teager, Steve Goranson, Jason, Maggie, Carol Imperial, Jim, Timmy Arondale, David Julian, Juliette, Janice Dark, 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

St. Matthew's Vestry

Tim Patenode, *Senior Warden*

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)

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

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

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, 28th *Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church*

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

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