

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE NINETEENTH AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 4, 2026
10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



2120 Lincoln Street | Evanston, IL 60201 | 847-869-4850

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 Whayne
Youth Group, 6pm at Church of the Holy Comforter
- Tuesdays* **Bible Study** led by Whayne
- Oct 4 **Today!** Pet Blessing and Open House, 2:30pm at St. Matt's. Inflatable slide and fall treats to enjoy.
- Oct 25 **Vision Keeper Dinner**, 5:30pm at the Orrington Hotel, downtown Evanston

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:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE:	
EMAIL:	RECEIVE EMAILS FROM ST. MATTHEW'S? ☐ YES ☐ NO
HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:	



ONLINE FORM

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

2120 Lincoln St. Evanston, IL 60201

847-869-4850

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 PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able.

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #8* Morning has broken like the first morning *Bunessan*



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird._____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass._____
born of the one light E - den saw play!_____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing.

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!_____
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass._____
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!_____

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant 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

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

Mass for St. Columba

Francis Lynch

(Organ) (All Voices)

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord

God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh - ty 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 sins of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are sea-ted 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 - lone 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 musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'All Voices'. The score consists of eight lines of music. The first line includes a bracketed '(Organ)' marking. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are several triplet markings (three notes beamed together with a '3' above) in the second, third, fourth, and seventh lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a final 'Amen'.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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 (20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20).

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 19 *Caeli enarrant*

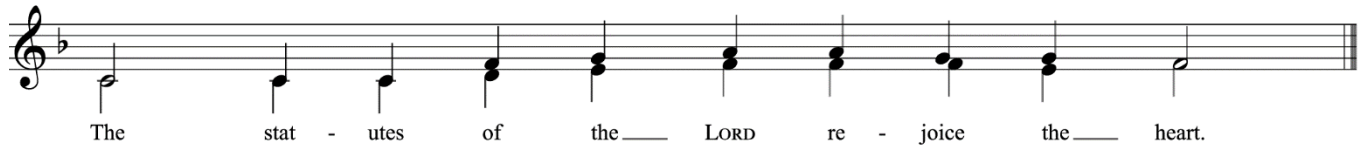


¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

² One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Continued on the next page

THE PSALM 19 *Caeli enarrant*



- ³ Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- ⁴ Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- ⁵ In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- ⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- ⁸ The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- ¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

REFRAIN

REFRAIN

REFRAIN

REFRAIN

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS (3:4b-14).

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

People

Thanks be to God.

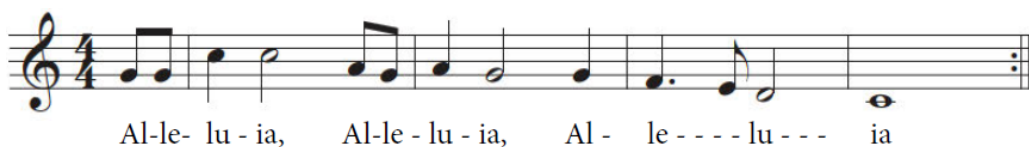
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Mark Crayton

Verse sung by Michaela Bateman

We will repeat the Alleluia 2 times before the verse and 2 times after verse



Verse: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

(21:33-46)

People

Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants

Continued on the next page

and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Whayne 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

(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; for 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 all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially for Donald, 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 control 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.**

Continued on the next page

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, we pray especially for Cathy, Connie, Alison, Jan, Jeremy, Tobin, Becky, Bob, Steve, Bill, Jack, Ethan, Carol, Timmy, David, Larry, Harriet, Kate, Bob, Jessica, Maeve, Donna, Carol and for Maua and her 5 daughters;

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.

Presider Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
God of all mercy,

All **we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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. The people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar book stand used during the Eucharist was given in 1960 by one of St. Matthew's Circle groups in recognition of St. Francis Day.

† THE HOLY COMMUNION †

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace

John Rutter

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy; and all for thy mercy's sake. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Sir John Milford Rutter (born 24 September 1945) is an English composer, conductor, editor, arranger, and record producer, mainly of choral music. He founded the Cambridge Singers, who premiered and recorded many of his works for his own label, Collegium Records. His compositions, extended pieces for choir and orchestra, such as *Requiem* and *Magnificat*, and many choral works including *For the Beauty of the Earth*, *Christmas Carol*, and *A Clare Benediction*, are popular, especially in the UK and the United States. He is known for Christmas carols, in both arrangements of traditional melodies and new compositions, and the *Carols for Choirs* anthology series compiled with David Willcocks. (attributed to and translated from St Francis of Assisi, 1181–1226)

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #400 All creatures of our God and King* *Lasst uns erfreuen*



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



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

The people remain standing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER 3

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Celebrant Let us give our thanks to Almighty God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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 sing (say),

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is in C major, 4/4 time, and is labeled '(Organ)' and '(All Voices)'. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a half note C5. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow - er and might,' are written below the staff. The second staff is in C major, 4/4 time, and continues the melody. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a half note C5. The lyrics 'hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the highest.' are written below the staff. The third staff is in C major, 4/4 time, and continues the melody. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a half note C5. The lyrics 'Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' are written below the staff. The staff ends with a double bar line.

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call 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 have Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your 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, he broke it, gave 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, 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."

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:

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

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.

All **Blessed are you now and for ever.
AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

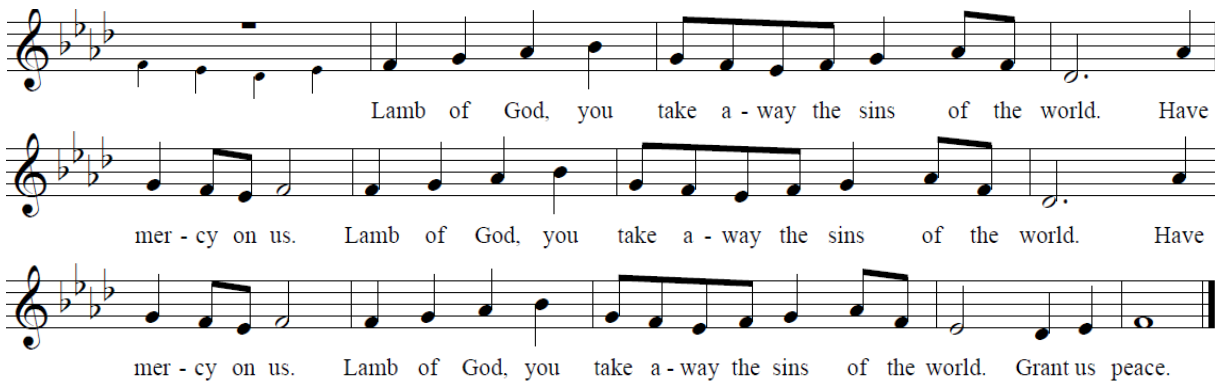
People **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine 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.



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. 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 COMMUNION HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #593* Lord make us servants of your peace

Dickenson College



1 Lord, make us ser-vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je-sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con-
1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for-
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con-sole, nor look to un-der-stand-ing
1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un-der-stand.

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

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider 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 BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey



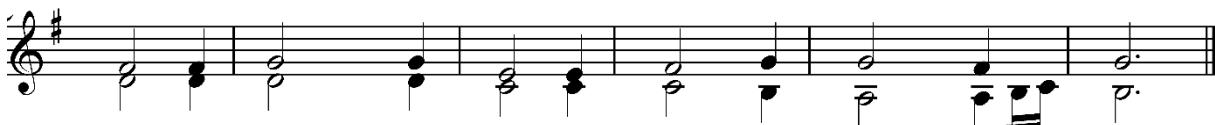
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er



bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Leading Our Worship This Morning

Celebrant: The Rt. Wayne Hougland, Jr.

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Music Director: Mark Crayton

Organist: Quinn Brann

Greeter: Curt Nilsson

Lectors: Volunteers

Prayer Leader: Volunteer

Chalice Bearers: Volunteer

Acolytes: Volunteers

Bread Baker: Volunteer

Altar Guild: Volunteer

Green Team: Karen Hertel

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

Michaela Bateman*

Aliyah Necaise*

Alto

Bernadette Brockman*

Nancy Churchill

Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*†

Tenor

Francis Lynch

Karlos Piñero-Mercado*

Zachary Schwartz*

Bass

Terry Bucher*

Steve Carr

Samuel Orsi-Weiser*

Donnell Dorsey***

*Section Leader

**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

***Substitute Staff Singer

Follow Rev. Wayne
on Substack



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

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

Join Rev. Wayne this morning for an instructed Eucharist in the Chapel.

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

Join Rev. Wayne 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!



Open House & Pet Blessing Sunday, October 4, 2:30pm St. Matthew's Church

TODAY! Join us for St. Matthew's Open House and Pet Blessing on Sunday, October 4 Starting at 2:30pm. Pet Blessing begins at 3pm. Enjoy Fall treats and visit our newly renovated Parish home. All are welcome - including our furry friends! Please have all four-legged pets on leashes and any other pets in an appropriate enclosure. Neighbors and friends are invited to bring their pets, too! Enjoy an inflatable slide and fall treats.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Two weeks ago, on St. Matthew's Day, we gathered with Bishop Paula to give thanks for 150 years. We walked a freshly restored hallway and gallery, sang, ate, and told stories. More than once someone said, "I can't believe they kept this place going through *that*."

They did. For 150 years, the people of St. Matthew's have worshiped, served, welcomed, adapted, and begun again. Through seasons of plenty and seasons of real uncertainty, they practiced hope, and they practiced it with their prayers, their hands, and their checkbooks. The ministry we share today is what their hope looks like now.

Now it is our turn.

Practicing Hope

Giving Life to What Comes Next

Christian hope isn't a mood we wait to feel. It's a practice. Like prayer, it gets stronger the more we do it. At St. Matthew's, it looks like this:

- **Worship and formation.** The 8:00 Eucharist in the chapel and the 10:30 with our choir, livestreamed to people who can't be in the room. Beach Church on the lakefront. Tuesday noon Bible Study in the gallery, the Sunday Forum, a Tuesday morning prayer group that has been holding this parish and this city in prayer for years and our outstanding choir.
- **Young people and families.** Sunday-evening youth group with our partners at Holy Comforter. Wiggleworms toddlers learning their first songs in our building. Summer Youth Theatre Camp.
- **Neighbors and justice.** Walking with refugee families as they make a home here. Shelter and meals through Interfaith Action. The Race Against Hate Eucharist, our Green Team and pollinator garden, and a parish that shows up.
- **The arts.** Friday Night Coffeehouse open mics, the Jack and Elise Lerman Gallery, two ballet schools, and the Evanston Chamber Opera, all filling our spaces with beauty.

This summer, Wayne reminded us that the word *nave* comes from the Latin for "ship." Every Sunday we walk into a boat. A boat built to carry people across hard water needs tending: a roof and walls that keep the water out, a clean inviting space for worship and education, staff and clergy who keep the whole thing sailing. Your pledge is how we keep her afloat and headed somewhere worth going.

Last year you responded with remarkable generosity. Pledges rose and more households took part than the year before. Thank you. As we build the 2027 budget, costs continue to rise, and our Treasurer will share the full picture in a letter on November 8. We are asking every household, if circumstances permit, to **increase its pledge by 10% over its 2026 commitment.** Some of you will be able to do more. Some will need to hold steady or adjust, and that pledge is received with the same gratitude. If you are new to St. Matthew's, we would be honored to receive your first pledge. Every commitment matters, whatever its size.

Please return the enclosed pledge card by **Commitment Sunday, November 22**, when we will offer our pledges at the altar just before Thanksgiving. You can bring it to worship, return it to the parish office, or pledge online. Gifts of appreciated stock and IRA charitable distributions are welcome too. The parish office can help.

The 150th isn't over. A December service project, a February lecture, an April gala, and a June garden party are still ahead. The next 150 years won't be built by any one person or gift. They'll be built by all of us, praying, serving, giving, and practicing hope together.

With gratitude for your faithfulness,

Tim Patenode, Senior Warden
Karen Hertel, Junior Warden



Recognizing Vision Keepers

Sunday, October 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Hilton Orrington Hotel's Grand Ballroom

Celebrating Judy Royal

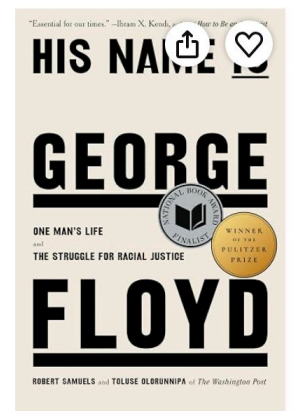
Each year Interfaith Action of Evanston's (IAE) 40 faith communities and member organizations select their Vision Keepers and celebrate them at the annual Vision Keepers Dinner. These individuals who go above and beyond for their work within their faith communities and the broader community.

Judy Royal has been selected as St. Matthew's Vision Keeper for 2026. Judy has done so many things around St. Matthews so it was an easy choice. Here is what makes Judy really stand out...Last year she found out that local families were getting much needed housing but she also found out that furnishing the apartments was not part of the program. That's when Judy sprang into action. She initially called on the folks at St. Matthews to donate for mattresses and then arrange to have those delivered. That went very well and she soon had an entire operation of furniture and household goods available for families to set up their new homes. She also arranged for movers to move the furniture to their apartments. This has been happening now for over a year and the word is out about Judy's ad hoc operation. Not only are all these families benefiting but the furniture and other items are getting a second life. Thank you Judy!

Come celebrate Judy at The Vision Keepers dinner and fundraiser. It will be held at the Hilton Orrington Hotel's Grand Ballroom in downtown Evanston on Sunday, October 25 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$90. Reserve your spot now by emailing Karen Hertel at klchivas@aol.com.

Anti-Racism Team / Loving Our Neighbor

George Floyd book discussion group: The Antiracism Team at St. Matthew's is looking for people interested in reading and discussing a Pulitzer-prize winning book about George Floyd. *His Name is George Floyd* was published in 2022 to great acclaim (see review excerpts at <https://tinyurl.com/muk8dup2>). If you'd like to read and talk about the book, contact Kristin Jacobsen (kejcat@gmail.com) so your availability can be included in selecting a day and time for the discussion series. Kristin will give one book away, drawing from the names of those who express interest. Another copy of the book will go in the St. Matthew's library for anyone to borrow. Let Kristin know by Friday, Oct. 15 if you want your name entered in the drawing.





Tree planting season (September–March) is coming. Now is the time to **investigate potential tree sources** and planting services, including local government, nonprofit foundations, and nursery businesses. Trees pull down carbon from the atmosphere and nourish the soil, provide habitat and food for birds and other pollinators, and give shade in the summer and allow sun in the winter, reducing the need for fossil fuel energy.

This Week, Oct 4 – 10, Hearts & Hands Fridge & Pantry Needs YOU!



Sign up online to help with Hearts & Hands pantry and fridge: We at St. Matt's are the sponsoring the Hearts & Hands fridge and pantry next week, Oct. 4-10. We could use a few helpers to join in on this fun and meaningful project. If you're interested, sign up online to check the pantry/fridge or to shop and check.

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/5e9z6ujh>. Help us be God's hearts and hands in the world to feed our neighbors.

Food donation bin now at the back of the church: On your next trip to the grocery store or Costco, pick up a few extra items for the Hearts & Hands fridge and pantry outside of St. Andrew's Pentecost. Bring them to church and put them in the green bin at the back near the entrance. You can also take them to Hearts & Hands (1928-1930 Darrow in Evanston) yourself. Thank you very much to those who have already donated. The need is incredible. For more information or to volunteer, contact Roberta Buchanan (robertabuchanan@comcast.net).

What to buy for Hearts & Hands fridge and pantry:

- **Easy-open cans with pull tabs:** **proteins** (canned tuna, chicken, beans, chili, tofu), **fruit** (applesauce, large cans, individual cups packed in juice), **beans** (garbanzo, kidney, black), **veggies** (but NOT corn or green beans), soup (but NOT tomato or chicken noodle)
- **Grains & Bases:** oatmeal, boxed cereal, rice, pasta and sauce, bread, instant mac and cheese, boxed or bagged side dishes, ramen, tortillas
- **Baking & Cooking:** cooking oil, butter, flour, sugar, salt, pepper, seasonings, tomato paste, bouillon, condiments (mustard, mayo, etc.)
- **Snacks & comfort items:** peanut butter, jelly, crackers, granola bars, cheese sticks
- **Drinks:** tea, instant coffee, half and half
- **Personal care products:** feminine hygiene, dental, haircare, lotion, baby wipes, etc.
- **Paper products:** toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, etc.
- **Festive:** items for holidays, birthdays, seasons

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER
YOUTH GROUP FALL 2026**



BELONGING



**GRADES 6-12 | SUN NIGHTS 6-8PM
DINNER, GAMES, BIBLE STUDY, DISCUSSION**

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 Bangladesh

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Commissions of the Diocese:* Commission on Ministry; Antiracism Commission

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 October: Harriet Brandt, Antony Burt, Chris Dakich, Erik Long, Diane Teska, Robert Teska, Ginny Voedisch, Penny Whiteside, Rick Worden

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in October: Cynthia & Damon Doucet, Julie & Rick Worden

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: Cathy Conley Schiltz, Connie Conley, Alison Widmer, Jan Dark, Jeremy Herschaft, Tobin Hudgins, Becky Wilson, Bob Baker, Steve Steiber, Bill Weber, Jack Cummings, Ethan Muffett, Carol Imperial, Timmy Arondale, David Julian, Larry Anderson, Harriet Brandt, Kate Martin, Bob Teska, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner 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.

Music Copyrights: All music reprinted by permission. OneLicense.net #A-714089.



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*

The Rt. Rev. Wayne M. Hougland, Jr., *Priest-in-Charge* | whayne@stmatthewsevanston.org

The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey, *Deacon* | terri@stmatthewsevanston.org

Mark Crayton, *Music Director* | mark@stmatthewsevanston.org

Julie Tetede, *Communications Director* | julie@stmatthewsevanston.org

Gregory Peebles, *Parish Administrator* | gregory@stmatthewsevanston.org

Jorge Lopez, *Handyman*

www.stmatthewsevanston.org www.onrealm.org
info@stmatthewsevanston.org