

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY

May 12, 2024

10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



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.

HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES

Our Covid protocols have eased, but we continue to be proactive to protect the health and well-being of the entire community, especially the most vulnerable. Therefore, we ask that everyone respect our protocols:

- 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 our worship spaces
 - Air purifiers continuously clean the air.
 - Before services begin, whenever possible, we open the windows and run fans, to generate movement of the air.
- 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 stand off to the side offering a chalice and a bowl for intinction. We ask you receive the wine either by intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine) using the bowl, by drinking from the chalice, or to forgo the wine. Please do not use the chalice for intinction.
- Please follow any further communion guidelines as given.

ST. MATTHEW'S NEWS & EVENTS

May 12 Bible Talk, 9:30 a.m. in the St. Matt's Parlor.

May 15 Education for Ministry Open House, 6pm at St. Luke's Church.

May 26 Charlie's last Sunday at St. Matthew's.

June 1 Celebration of the Life of Jane Stevens, 11am in the Church

June 2 St. Matthew's Movie Group, 2pm at The Pub at Three Crowns.

June 16 Father's Day - The Ricky Byrdsong Memorial Race Against Hate 5K/10K Run/Walk "Come as you are" Eucharist, 10:30am, in the Church.

June 23 Beach Church Season begins. Sunday services: 7:30am in the chapel; 9am lakefront at Grosse Point Lighthouse Park (weather permitting; otherwise an email will be sent to all on our email list that we will be worshipping in the church).

July 7 Five-Church Beachpalooza: St. Andrew's Pentecost, St. Augustine's (Wilmette), St. Luke's, St. Mark's and St. Matthew's Episcopal Churches gather for our annual collaborative worship service. 10am at the Lakefront at Hamilton Street in Elliott Park.

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

Sweet hour of prayer
Quinn Brann, piano

arr. Howard Helvey

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #218* A hymn of glory let us sing

Deo gracias

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 GLORIA *Hymnal 1982 #S280*

Gloria in excelsis

Robert Powell

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray, saying together

All **Sanctifying God,
your gift to us
is one who overcame
the system which enslaves
and feeds upon the victim:
send us to your world
to speak the truth of peace,
to stand with those who suffer,
to show another way;
through Jesus Christ, the life of all things.
Amen.**

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (1:15-17, 21-26).

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE HYMN LEVAS #96 He is the King of Kings
Repeat chorus twice each time

Negro Spiritual

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN (5:9-13).

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *Voices Found* #120 O God, we praise your holy name

Kay Snodgrass & Bobbilyn Mitchell

Verses 1 before the reading, verse 2 after

Oh God, we praise your ho - ly name, as one in Christ we stand.

You've made us sis - ters through your son with kin in ev - ery land.

A - noint us now with your own grace that we might read - y be

to touch the world with gen - tle - ness as through Christ's eyes we see.

Oh, God, in joy we lift our song, your words we will pro - claim,

un - til the love we share to - day through-out the world shall reign.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (17:6-19).

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

After a time of silent reflection, all are invited to stand 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 Today we thank God that the Christ who ascended is with us, visible in the lives of the people. Let us pray for all these people, and for the life about us, saying: O God, holding the world with love, have mercy on us.

O God, in the resurrection and ascension of your Son, you have drawn us nearer to yourself. Together with your Son may we be together also with all the people of the world. O God, holding the world with love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Circle all your nations, towns, villages, tribes and countrysides with your love. Encircle all people with your great arms. Encircle all lands with your Son's mark of mercy. O God, holding the world with love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Transform your church with love. Transform people and communities, groups and governments. Cast out fear with love. Turn us over and around by the Spirit of your Son. O God, holding the world with love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Center all the scattered, and call them together with your love. Hold us together, or we will be lost. Awake us, or we will fall asleep in dangerous places. For the lost and helpless, and all in need your healing, especially Jerry, Brian, Becky, Sue, Harriett, Paige, David, Curt, Ted, Kate, Bob, Joan, Maria and family, Benjamin, Cobe, Bob, Ralph, Phil, Cindy, Norbert, Bionce, Brigitte, Clemence, Betty, Jessica, Maeve, Fame, Mike, Cathy, Mark, Donna, Carol, Angela, Sharon, Will, Don, Maua and her children, and the Cothran, Stevens, and Westerfield families.

Pause as the congregation adds their intercessions either silently or aloud.

For all these we pray. O God, holding the world with love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider 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.

People **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 *Lift up your heads, O ye gates* William Mathias

Lift up your heads, O ye gates. And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors. And the King of Glory shall come in! Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates. And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors. And the King of Glory shall come in! Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

The people stand.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #495* Hail, thou once despised Jesus! *In Babilone*

The people stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3 *[Enriching Our Worship]*

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 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.

Presider 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 *Hymnal 1982 #S129* Holy, Holy, Holy *Robert Powell*

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Presider 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.

Presider 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."

Presider 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!**

Presider 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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

THE AGNUS DEI *Hymnal 1982 #S163* Lamb of God

Robert Powell

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 wine made holy.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM *A mother's prayer*

Philip W.J. Stopford

Soloists: Katie Meine, *soprano*; Harper Davis, *mezzo-soprano*

A ruby bow all set with pearls. Blinking sapphires neath golden curls. These are the jewels each mother unfurls with a gift from God. A downy head on my shoulder lay; deaf to the breaking of a yet fresh day, Lord keep his safe I fervently pray this babe of mine. Eyes that are shining diamond bright, Slivered laughter like shards of light. Such is the wealth of a mother's delight in a gift from God. The earnest face, the trusting hand. Weeping that follows a scornful demand; help her understand this child of mine. A shared embrace; a smile so fair. Vaulted treasure memories to share. A mother knows riches beyond compare: children gifts from God. The saplings grow through summer from spring. My love gave them roots and now gives them wings. Guide them like arrows that burst from their strings these gifts of mine.

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, 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.

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE EASTER BLESSING

Presider The God of peace, who brought again
from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
the great Shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
make you perfect in every good work
to do God's will,
working in you
that which is well-pleasing in God's sight;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #460*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
Verses 1, 3 and 4

Hyfrydol

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

THE POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Quinn Brann, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

Leading Our Worship This Morning

Preacher and Presider: The Rev. Charlie A. de Kay
Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey
Assisting Seminarian: Samuel Love, Jr.
Music Director: Mark Crayton
Pianist: Quinn Brann
Greeter: Curt Nilsson
Lectors: Tim Patenode, Judy Royal

Prayer Leader: Dave Senechal
Chalice Bearer: Volunteer
Acolytes: Willow Meyer, Roxanne Meyer, Quincy Senechal
Altar Guild: Deborah Williams, Pat Egan
Green Team: Volunteer
Livestream: Diane Senechal

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director

Soprano

Monique Austin
Charlotte Bishop
Ginger Carr
Megan Cook*
Alice Dolan
Rachel Handrick*
Kunying Li
Kaylie O'Dell**

Alto

Scott Bass*
Nancy Churchill
Angela Torres-Kutkuhn**

Tenor

Francis Lynch
Karlos Piñero-Mercado*
Riley Brown**
Michael Kirby*

Bass

Terry Bucher*
Steve Carr
Jack Ellis**
Jake Engel*

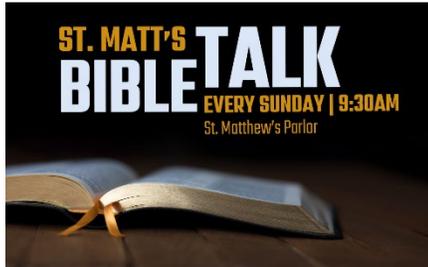
*Section Leader

**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

Graduation 2024

Are you, or any of your children or grandchildren, graduating this year? St. Matthew's would like to congratulate all graduates and celebrate their accomplishments and milestones. Please send the graduate's name, school, future plans, and a photo. We will include these in a future bulletin, and will pray for all at an early June worship service. Information should be sent to Julie at julie@stmatthewsevanston.com no later than May 27.



St. Matthew's Bible Talk

-TODAY-

All are invited to join us for Bible Talk as we explore Scripture each Sunday at 9:30am in the parlor. Our focus will be the Gospel lesson for that Sunday, and the format will be discussion by mutual invitation. See you there!

St. Matthew's Movie Group

Sunday, June 2 at 3pm | The Pub at Three Crowns

The St. Matthew's Movie Group will be discussing AMERICAN FICTION at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, in The Pub at Three Crowns Retirement Community (2323 McDaniel Ave). Parking is available in the front lot or on any adjacent street. The movie can be streamed on Amazon Prime and may be accessed elsewhere. To RSVP, please call the Teskas at 847-363-8138.



YOU'RE INVITED:

Open House for Education for Ministry

Wednesday, May 15 at 6pm | St. Luke's Church

Are you interested in becoming more familiar with Christian scriptures? Are you curious about the history and theology of the Episcopal Church? Do you seek a better understanding of how to live a faithful life in today's world?

Education for Ministry is a program of small-group adult formation developed by the School of Theology at the University of the South in 1979. There are EfM groups across the country that meet weekly to pursue a structured curriculum with an agenda that includes worship, study, reflection and shared community.

Attend an Open House of an existing Education for Ministry group to experience a session. Please contact Mary Clark at clarkmaryc@gmail.com or 847-722-4272 for more information or to register for this session.

Charlie's Last Sunday, May 26

The Rev. Charles A. de Kay has been our respected spiritual leader for more than thirteen years and has calmly and carefully shepherded St. Matthew's through generations of Christmases and Easters, weddings and funerals, Sunday services, the COVID crisis, and community outreach of all kinds. His many good works at St. Matthew's—too numerous to list—have helped St. Matthew's and its congregation live into our mission as Christians and caring neighbors.

For that, and for so much more, we heartily thank Charlie for his commendable service to St. Matthew's. We wish him all the best in his next calling. We hope you will join the Wardens and Vestry in expressing gratitude to Charlie for his caring leadership at St. Matthew's, and celebrating his ministry and fellowship on Trinity Sunday, May 26th.

Antiracism Team

Filling more holes in U.S. history education: Read *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy—and the Path or a Shared American Future* to find a sobering account of how racism in the United States sprang from a 1493 edict by the Pope. Ginger Carr highly recommends this work for its description of the Pope's declaration as the underlying basis for the enslavement of Blacks, as well as social, economic, medical, and educational discrimination against both Indigenous and Black people.

Antiracism Events:

- 5/16: **Rebranding Mitchell Museum:** Be part of a focus group for members and partners (St. Matthew's is a sponsor) to think about the Mitchell's efforts to reshape the museum's future, Thurs. May 16, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Zoom. RSVP at https://mitchellmuseum.org/events/members_partners_focus_group/.
- Sat/Sun, 1-4 p.m.: **Native American exhibit:** "Indigenous Edgewater: Exploring Native History," exhibit at Edgewater Historical Society, 5358 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago. Ongoing.

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 Anglican Church of Burundi

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, Mary Buzard, Mark Jacobsen, Catherine LaBranche, Kate Lauderbaugh, Jack Lerman, Francis Lynch, Kathy Riley, Susan Rundle, Xander Senechal, Sarah Skidmore, Steve Steiber and Dorothy Wyandt.

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in May: Karen & Gary LaBranche, Dorothy & John Lloyd-Still, Ginny Voedisch & Bill McSweeney, and Gina & 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: 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: Jerry Moody, Brian Marischen, Becky Wilson, Sue Aikin Zundel, Hariett Brandt, Paige D, David Crummy, Curt Nilsson, Ted Weiss, Kate Martin, Bob Baker, Joan Sanford, Maria G and family, Benjamin Ticobay, Cobe Layag, 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, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner, Angela Escobar, Sharon Filipisik, Will Widmer, Don Gabouser, Manuel Aleman, the Westerfield family, 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, especially Jeff Lang, dear friend of Cynthia and Damon Doucet, Jane Stevens and Tanya Dietrich, mother of Tamara Fusselman, 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.

In today's service, the introductions to prayers and responses, the Nicene Creed, the Peace, and the Eucharistic Prayer 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 Prayers of the People are from *Intercessions for the Christian People*, edited by Gail Ramshaw. The Easter Blessing is adapted from *The Book of Occasional Services*.



St. Matthew's lay leaders duly elected and appointed at
The 148th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 28, 2024

St. Matthew's Vestry

Christopher Motogawa, *Senior Warden*
Stephen Carr, *Junior Warden*

Curtis Nilsson, William Widmer, Deborah Williams (2025)
Kelsey Davies, Jim Kelly (2026)
Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers, Tim Patenode (2027)
Clerk of the Vestry, Tim Patenode

Christopher Motogawa and Rick Worden, *Co-Treasurer* (2025)

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

Don Churchill (2025) Damon Doucet (2025) Ann Searles (2026)

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

ONLINE - All Day, Saturday, November 23, 2024
To be determined.

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*

The Rev. Charles A. de Kay, *Rector* | charlie@stmatthewsevanston.org

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

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