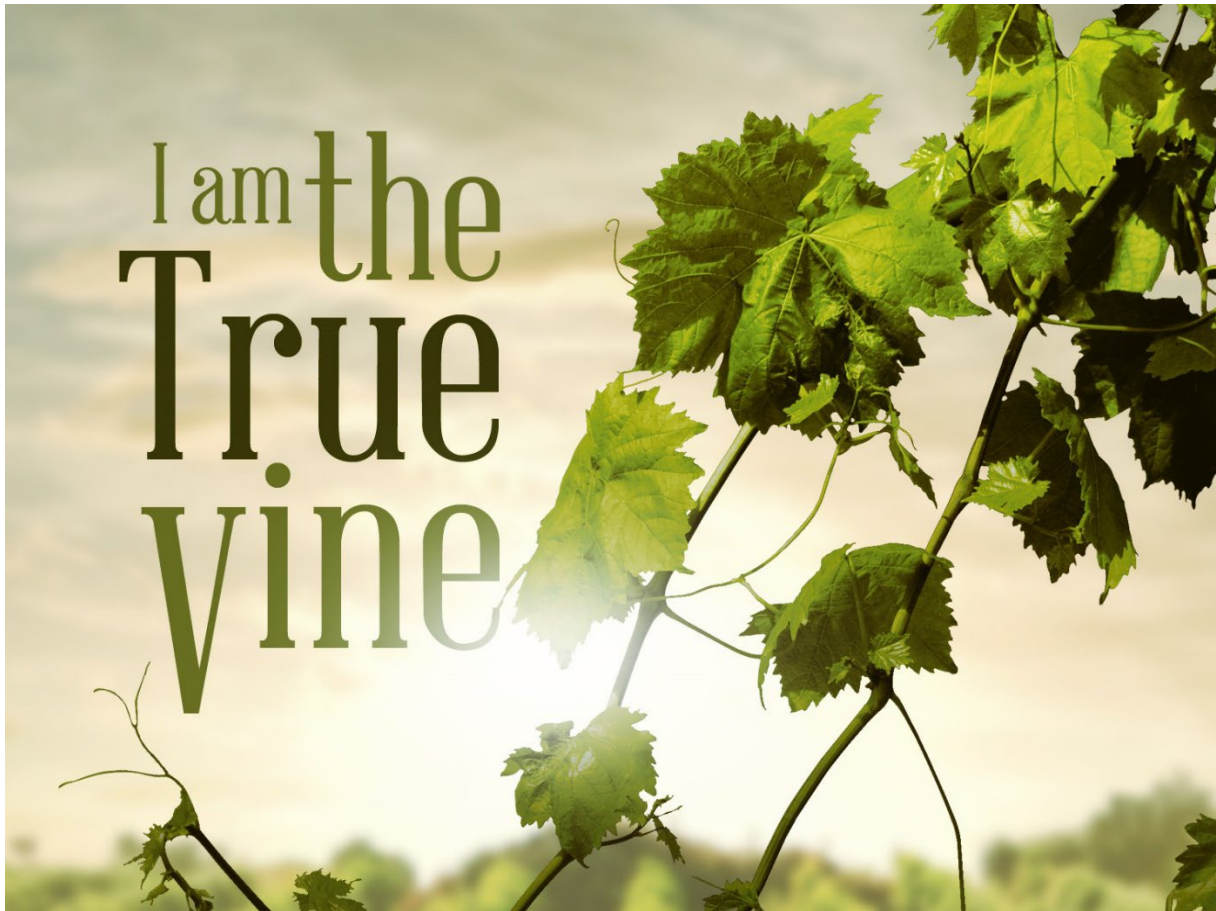


ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28, 2024
10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



Welcoming all in community;

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

ST. MATTHEW'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

COVID GUIDELINES

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

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

ST. MATTHEW'S NEWS & EVENTS

- Apr 28 Kitchen Clean-Up Party and Giveaway, after the 10:30am service, and 2pm in St. Matt's Kitchen
- Apr 28 Cross Quarter Day: May Day Celebration, 4pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church (St. Matthew's Green Team co-hosts).
- April 30 Stitchers Group, 7:30pm in St. Matthew's Gallery.
- May 1-8 Charlie on vacation; the Rev. Anne Wrider will be our celebrant on Sunday, May 5. Need clergy support while Charlie's away? Please contact Deacon Terri Morrissey at (847) 691-7009 or terri@stmatthewsevanston.org. A priest is on-call, should need arise.
- May 5 Kitchen Clean-Up, after the 10:30am service in St. Matt's Kitchen

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

“O How He Loves You and Me”

Kurt Kaiser, arr. by Dino Kartsonakis

Sarah Loisch, piano

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 #449* O love, how deep, how broad, how high *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 #S236*

Benedictus es, Domine

John Rutter

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray, saying together

All God of deep soil
and luxuriant growth;
you call us from
our shallow selves
to find our depth in you:
may we abide in him alone
who can teach us who we are;
through Jesus Christ, the true vine.
Amen.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (8:26-40).

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #513* Like a murmur of the dove's song

Bridegroom

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN (4:7-21).

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved

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us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #529* In Christ there is no East or West McKee
Verses 1-2 before the reading, verse 3 after

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (15:1-8).

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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 Let us join through prayer with everything that lives. Let us acknowledge to God the one life we share, saying: O God, who makes us one, hear our prayer.

O God, your Holy Spirit is alive in all the earth. Your Spirit that moved and shaped the land and sea, trees and beasts still moves and shapes us into creation. Through Christ we know your one Holy Spirit, for you are God of all. That all the world may know your Spirit, we pray: O God, who makes us one,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Open your world before our eyes, so that we see far and near. Show us newly what lives around us, over and behind and within. Give us the mind of Christ. O God, who makes us one,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring us to one another, that we may hear and understand each other. Bring trust and sympathy between the peoples of the world. Make all nations one household with many rooms. O God, who makes us one,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Heal us who are in any need, especially Brian, Becky, Sue, Hariett, 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.

Cheer us who are guilty. Love us who are alone. Join us who are distant. Call all the world to yourself. O God, who makes us one,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Enliven the church with the Spirit of Christ. Through us give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world. O God, who makes us one,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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

Joyful, Joyful (Sister Act II)

Ludwig von Beethoven
arr. Mervyn Warren

Soloist: Megan Cook, Karlos Piñero-Mercado, Angela Torres-Kutkuhn,
Michael Kirby, Jake Engel

Joyful, Joyful
Lord, we adore Thee
God of glory
Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Hail Thee as the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day.....

Come and join the chorus
The mighty, mighty chorus
Which the morning stars begun
The Father of love is reigning over us
He watches over everything
So we sing

(Repeat chorus)

We need you, come right away,
we need you, need you today, we need you,
I'm here to say fill us, fill us, fill us, fill us...

Fill us with the light of day
Light of day!

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Voice Found #125*

I love to tell the story

Hankey

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems
3 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
4 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in 4/4 time and the key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment.

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of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 than all the gold-en fan - cies of all our gold-en dreams.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der-ful - ly sweet.
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for me;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 and that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry,
 to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Words: Katherine Hankey (1834–1911).
 Music: Hankey, William G Fischer (1835–1910).

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 LEVAS #253 Holy, Holy, Holy *Grayson Warren Brown*

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.**

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 *Hail Holy Queen (Sister Act)* Traditional / arr. Marc Shaiman
Soloist: Megan Cook

Hail holy queen enthroned above
Oh Maria
Hail mother of mercy and of love
Oh Maria
Triumph all ye cherubim
Sing with us ye seraphim
Heaven and earth resound the hymn
Salve, salve, salve, regina

Our life, our sweetness here below
Oh Maria
Our hope in sorrow and in woe
Oh, oh, oh Maria
Triumph all ye cherubim
Sing with us ye seraphim
Heaven and earth resound the hymn

Salve, salve, salve, regina
Alleluia

Mater a mater intermerata
sanctus, sanctus, dominus
Virgo respice mater ad spice
sanctus, sanctus, dominus
Alleluia

Our hope in sorrow and in woe
Oh, Maria
Triumph all ye cherubim
Sing with us ye seraphim
Heaven and earth resound the hymn
Salve regina

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 #296* We know that Christ is raised and dies no more
Engelberg

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

THE POSTLUDE

Scenes in Tin Can Alley: Children at Play
Sarah Loisch, piano

Florence Price

Leading Our Worship This Morning

Preacher and Presider: The Rev. Charles A. de Kay
Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey
Assisting Seminarian: Samuel Love, Jr.
Music Director: Mark Crayton
Pianist: Sarah Loisch
Greeters: Volunteers
Lectors: Sally Craige Christensen, Ginger Carr

Prayer Leader: Kristen Jacobsen
Chalice Bearer: Sally Craige Christensen
Acolytes: Xander Senechal, Willow Meyer, Roxanne Meyer
Altar Guild: Jennie Woodring, Deborah Williams
Green Team: Mary Jo Deysach
Livestream: Volunteer

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

Announcements

Kitchen Clean-Up Party and Giveaway! -New Details- ~~TODAY~~ April 28 | 2pm May 5 after 10:30am Service



We're cleaning up the kitchen! Come and help us on April 28, 2024 2:00 pm, and on May 5 after the 10:30am service.

As we mentioned last week, a catering company is interested in using the St. Matthew's kitchen for its food preparation, and we are preparing the space, now in a three-stage process.

- First, now until after service on April 28, there will be a collection of items on tables downstairs in the Parish Hall, available for anyone to take home. Bring a bag or box to carry your finds - don't miss this one-time opportunity!
- Second, for an hour or less on April 28, at 2pm, we will clear away unclaimed items and move selected tagged items and other things out of the kitchen to preserve them from the junker. Many hands make light work, so please come help. For extra incentive, we will raffle off a bottle of wine, but you must be present to win. And if you find something that you think you would like to keep—it's yours!
- Third, on May 5, 2024 following the 10:30 service, after the junker and the cleaning company have been through, we will return the preserved items to our newly-rehabilitated kitchen.

Thanks to all who have contributed their time and effort so far with this project.

Questions? [Email Tim](#) or call him at 847-814-1262.

May Day Celebration

TODAY

Hosted by **St. Matthew's**
and **St. Mark's Episcopal Churches**

Sunday, **April 28** | 4-5pm
St Mark's Episcopal Church
(1509 Ridge Road Evanston)



This all-ages event includes a celebration of the blossoming and abundance of all life and a time of worship. Activities include: planting a seedling to take home, materials for wind streamers to take home, an opportunity for contemplation and (weather permitting) a bonfire outdoors.

Questions? Contact Allison Ashley at creation@stmarksevanston.org.

Stitchers Group

The Stitchers Group will meet Tuesday, **April 30** at 7:30pm in the Gallery at St. Matthew's. Bring a project of any type and expect treats and good conversation. All are welcome. Contact Mary Jo Deysach (mjdeysach@gmail.com or 847-606-9447) for more information. **Newcomers are welcome!**



Antiracism Team

Stronger Episcopal commitment to antiracism: The newly founded Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice was officially signed into being on April 17 by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and House of Deputies President Julia Ayala Harris. Designed as a long-term way to “engage in the work of truth-telling, reckoning, and healing for racial equity, justice, and the dismantling of white supremacy” (<https://episcopalcoalition.org>), the coalition was founded as a separate nonprofit in order to be independent of future leadership changes. It will be financed by 10% of the annual dividend, or draw, from The Episcopal Church’s unrestricted trust funds. For more information, see here: <https://shorturl.at/emADR>

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 Church of Bangladesh

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in the Evanston Deanery:* in the City of Evanston: Canterbury House at Northwestern University; St. Andrew's Pentecost; St. Luke's; St. Mark's; and St. Matthew's; *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* San Francisco de Asis in Tuxtepec; Panomsit Sub-Parish

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 April: Monique Austin, Debbie Burns, Connie Conley, Matthew Davies, Ramona Frederickson, Kassiana Fusselman, Jim Kelly, Eliza Love, Bobby McSweeney, Kati Olsen, Tim Patenode, Calvin Pennisi, Walker Pennisi, Quincy Senechal, Betty Stafford and Robert Woodring.

We pray for those who celebrate wedding anniversaries in April: Kristin Jacobsen & Allan Champine.

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: 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 Champine, 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*

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