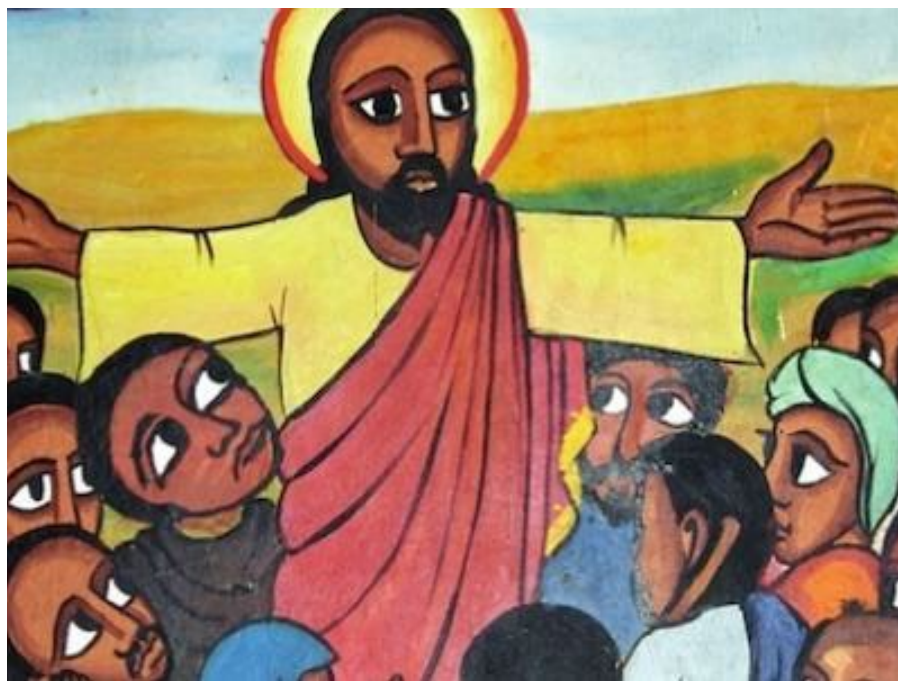


ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 16, 2025
10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



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www.stmatthewsevanston.org

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 9:15 - 10:15am** in the Parlor
Feb 21 **Friday Night Coffeehouse, 7:00pm** in St. Matt's Assembly Room
Feb 23 **Youth Gathering, after 10:30am** service
Feb 26 **St. Matt's Movie Group, 3pm** in St. Matt's Parlor
Mar 22 **Walter Givler Memorial Service, 11am** Westminster Place

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:	
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ONLINE FORM

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

2120 Lincoln St. Evanston, IL 60201

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WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith,
you are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and wine made holy.

THE PRELUDE

Praeludium
Quinn Brann, organ

Josef Seger

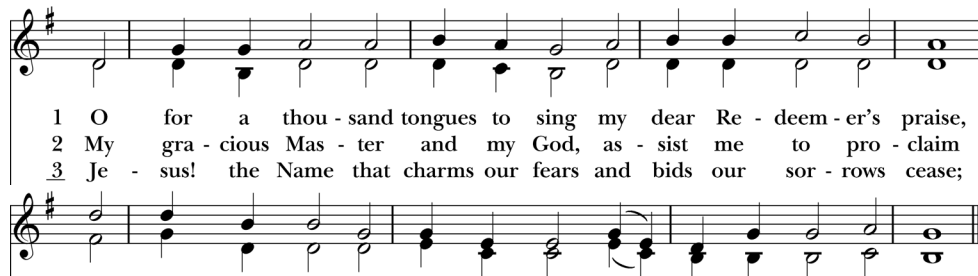
THE WORD OF GOD

All stand, as able.


THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #493*

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heayen.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Celebrant may say

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.**

Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,___ Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.____

1. Glo-ry to God___ in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.____

2. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you,___ we give you thanks,___ we praise you for___ your glo-ry.

3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,___ Glo-ry,

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive_ our___ prayer. 6. For

you a - lone___ are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are___ the Lord,

Unison

7. You a - lone_ are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
 glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we
 praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

Descant

lu - jah.

Women
 Praise your Ho - ly name.

Men
 Praise your Ho - ly name.

A - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH (17:5-10).

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse~
who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

We read the Psalm alternately by half verse; the congregation reads the second half, which is printed in bold.

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

- ⁴ It is not so with the wicked; *
 they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
 nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- ⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
 but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The people sit.

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS (15:12-20).

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ- whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN WLP #773

Heal me, hands of Jesus

Sharpe

1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re -
 2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
 3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
 4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and

store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
 me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.
 pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
 heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

(6:17-26).

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

The Gospel of Our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr, Priest in Charge

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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; 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.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, we pray especially for Nicholas, Jeremy, Tobin, Kaden, Larry, Beth, Brad, Ann, Bob, Sue, Becky, Audrey, Ramona, Harriet, Paige, Kate, Benjamin, Cobe, Bob, Ralph, Jessica, Maeve, John, Cathy, Donna, Carol, Will, Chuck, and for the Congolese family we've been matched with in partnership with RefugeeOne.

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

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Dorothy "Fame" Brooks.

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.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The people kneel or stand in silence, contemplating how we have neglected to love God and our neighbors.

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

People **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet each other in the name of the Lord.

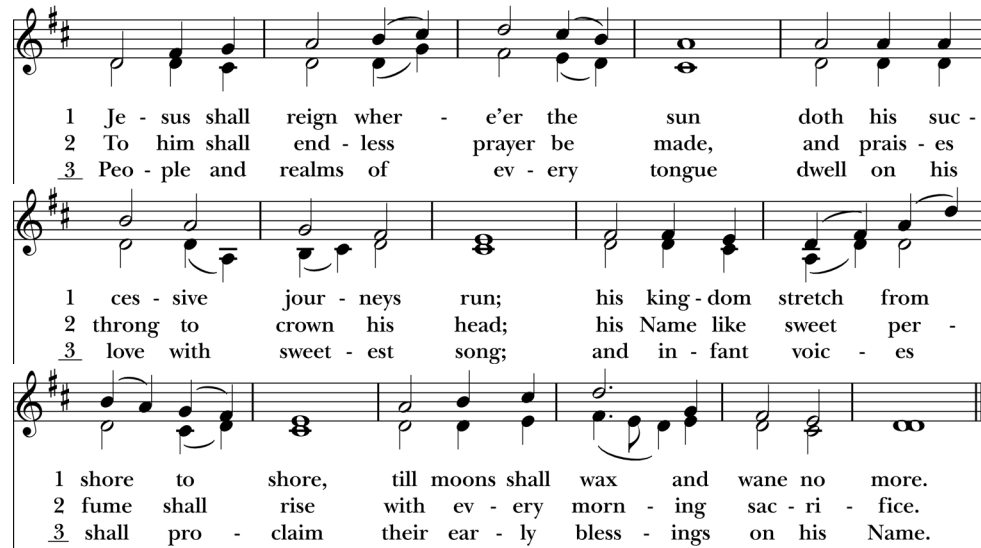
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Swing low, Sweet Chariot* Carl Diton / arr. Elliot Schenk

Swing low, sweet chariot Coming for to carry me home
Swing low, sweet chariot Coming for to carry he home
I looked over Jordan and what did I see
Coming for to carry he home
A band of angels coming after me
Coming for to carry me home
If you get there before I do
Coming for to carry me home
Tell all my friends I'm coming too
Coming for to carry me home

The people stand.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #544* Jesus shall reign where'er the sun *Duke Street*



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.

† THE HOLY COMMUNION †

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

- Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

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

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The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with] St. Matthew and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant and 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.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him on your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM *Blessed are the pure in heart* H. Walford Davies

Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God: the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode. Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart, and for his cradle and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Let us Pray

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

Celebrant May Christ, the son of God, be manifest in you that your lives may be a light to the world, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

People Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #296* We know that Christ is raised *Engelberg* Verses 1, 2 & 4

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.____
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.____
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.____
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows____

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;____
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life____
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God.____
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.____

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.____
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.____ Al - le -
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.____
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:____

Final Ending
lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible
Quinn Brann, *piano*

Howard Helvey

Leading Worship This Morning

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Music Director: Mark Crayton

Greeter: Volunteer

Lectors: Tim Patenode, Judy Royal

Prayer Leader: Steve Steiber

Acolytes: Molly Purse, Bob Purse

Chalice Bearers: Mary Clark, Don Churchill

Bread Baker: Deborah Williams

Altar Guild: Kate Lauderbaugh, Joyce Weber,
Deborah Williams

Green Team: Mary Deysach

Livestream: Diane Senechal

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director

Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist

Soprano

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

Alto

Bernadette Brockman
Nancy Churchill
Emily Scharf*
Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*†

Tenor

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

Bass

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

*Section Leader

**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

FRIDAY NIGHT COFFEEHOUSE

AT ST. MATT'S

FEBRUARY 21
7:00 - 9:30PM

Special Guest:
James H. Jewell

Open Mic
Live Music
Snacks
BYOB

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Youth Gathering

Sunday, February 23

following our 10:30 a.m. Service

Middle and High School Aged Youth and their parents are invited to a gathering to meet Ian Grant – Funck, Youth Minister at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Kenilworth, to learn about their active and vibrant program.



St. Matt's Movie Group

Wednesday, February 26

3pm in St. Matt's Parlor

The movie is called **A Complete Unknown**. Per publicity: “In the early 1960s, 19-year-old Bob Dylan arrives in New York with his guitar and revolutionary talent, destined to change the course of American music. Forming his most intimate relationships during his rise to fame, he grows restless with the folk movement, making a controversial choice that reverberates worldwide.

There is lots of good music in this film including Pete Seeger, Woody Guthrie and other “folk singers”. Film runs 2 hrs. 20 mins.

See the film at local theatres **now**. This film has received **ten Oscar nominations**. Rsvp to hosts Karen Hertel and Pete Meyer at klchivas@aol.com or 847-475-2911



Antiracism Learning

Episcopal Church helps sue ICE: The Episcopal Church joined a lawsuit challenging Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) change in policy. Previously, ICE officers were limited going into sensitive areas such as churches, schools, and hospitals. New policy removes these restrictions, allowing ICE entry without a warrant. The lawsuit references the key concept of welcoming the stranger (or immigrant in this case) as central to many faiths, including Christianity. For more information, including Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe’s comments, see <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/episcopal-church-joins-religious-freedom-lawsuit-challenging-ice-enforcement-actions-in-churches/>.

February Event Highlight: For a Black History Month event with a local tie, check out the screening of *10,000 Black Men Named George* at 3 p.m. on Feb. 15 at Evanston Public Library (<https://evanstonlibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/678aca52b41279410060b0c0>). The film tells the true story of Pullman porters, Black men who were often called George, and their courageous efforts to form a union in the 1920s. Pullman IL, though not a residence for porters, was the location for construction of Pullman train cars near Chicago. The city is now a historic site (<https://www.pullmanil.org>).

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 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in the Chicago-South Deanery:* Brent House Campus Ministry at the University of Chicago; the Chapel at Montgomery Place; South Loop Campus Ministry; Grace Place in Chicago
Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk: La Santa Cruz in Oaxaca; St. Peter in Geiger Centre

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.

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We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in February: Angela & Chad Pennisi.

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, 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: Nicholas Churchill, Jeremy Herschaft, Tobin Hudgins, Kaden Brown, Larry Anderson, Beth Swigart, Brad Swigart, Ann Wilson Wesley, Bob Baker, Sue Zundel, Becky Wilson, Audrey Reynolds, Ramona Frederickson, Harriet Brandt, Paige D, Kate Martin, Benjamin Ticobay, Bob Teska, Ralph Motogawa, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Champine, John Wagner, Cathy Fiala, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner, Will Widmer, Chuck, 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 Dorothy "Fame" Brooks.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

While the shape and format of our service is from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* (revisions authorized by the Episcopal Church, March 17, 2020), St. Matthew's strives to offer worship that is relevant, inclusive, and hospitable: worship which is in keeping with our mission to be "welcoming all in community; joyfully doing God's work in the world." Therefore, we draw upon a variety of authorized sources, adapting them as necessary.

In today's service, the Opening Acclamation comes from "Text of Expansive Language Liturgies – from Resolution 2018-D078- updated 09-02–2019" and the introductions to prayers and responses and the Peace come from *Enriching Our Worship I*. The Collect of the Day comes from a collection of prayers written to match the lessons appointed in the Revised Common Lectionary: *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* by Steven Shakespeare. Scripture readings follow the Revised Common Lectionary using the *New Revised Standard Version* of the Bible.

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St. Matthew's lay leaders duly elected and appointed at
The 149th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 26, 2025

St. Matthew's Vestry

Stephen Carr, *Senior Warden*

Tim Patenode, *Junior Warden*

William Widmer, Kelsey Davies, Jim Kelly (2026)

Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers, Tim Patenode (2027)

Roberta Buchanan, Karen Hertel, David Parks (2028)

Clerk of the Vestry, Tim Patenode (2028)

Christopher Motogawa, *Treasurer* (2026)

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

Don Churchill (2025) Mary Clark (2025) Ann Searles (2026)

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

ONLINE - All Day, Saturday, November 22, 2025

Delegates: Mary Clark, Ann Searles, Julia Green

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

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

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