ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 15, 2026
10:30AM IN THE CHURCH

St. Matthew's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
EVANSTON

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: Practicing Hope led by Whayne,** *9:15am in the Parlor*
	Youth Group, *6pm at Church of the Holy Comforter*
Tuesdays	**Bible Study,** *12pm in the Library*
Nov 15	**EChO Presents: Tetrapin Cello Quartet,** *7pm at St. Matthew's*
Nov 17	**Anti-Racism Book Review,** *7:30pm in the Parlor*
Nov 21	**St. Matt's Movie Group,** *3:30pm at St. Matthew's*
Nov 25	**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service,** *7pm at St. Matthew's*
Nov 28	**Greening of the Church,** *10am in the Church*

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.

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EMAIL: **RECEIVE EMAILS FROM ST. MATTHEW'S?** ☐ YES ☐ NO

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:

ONLINE FORM

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WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S

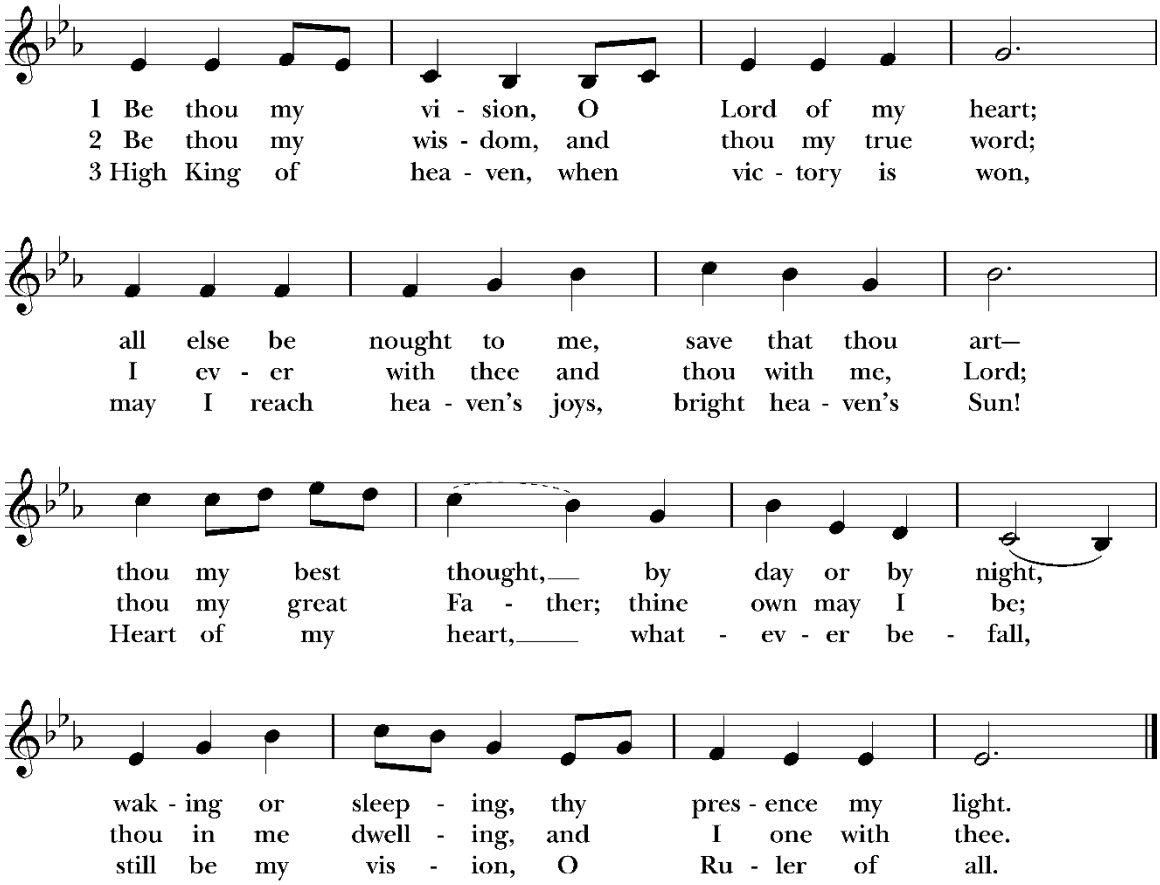
Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith,
you are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and wine made holy.

THE PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able.

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #488* Be thou my vision *Slane*



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.**
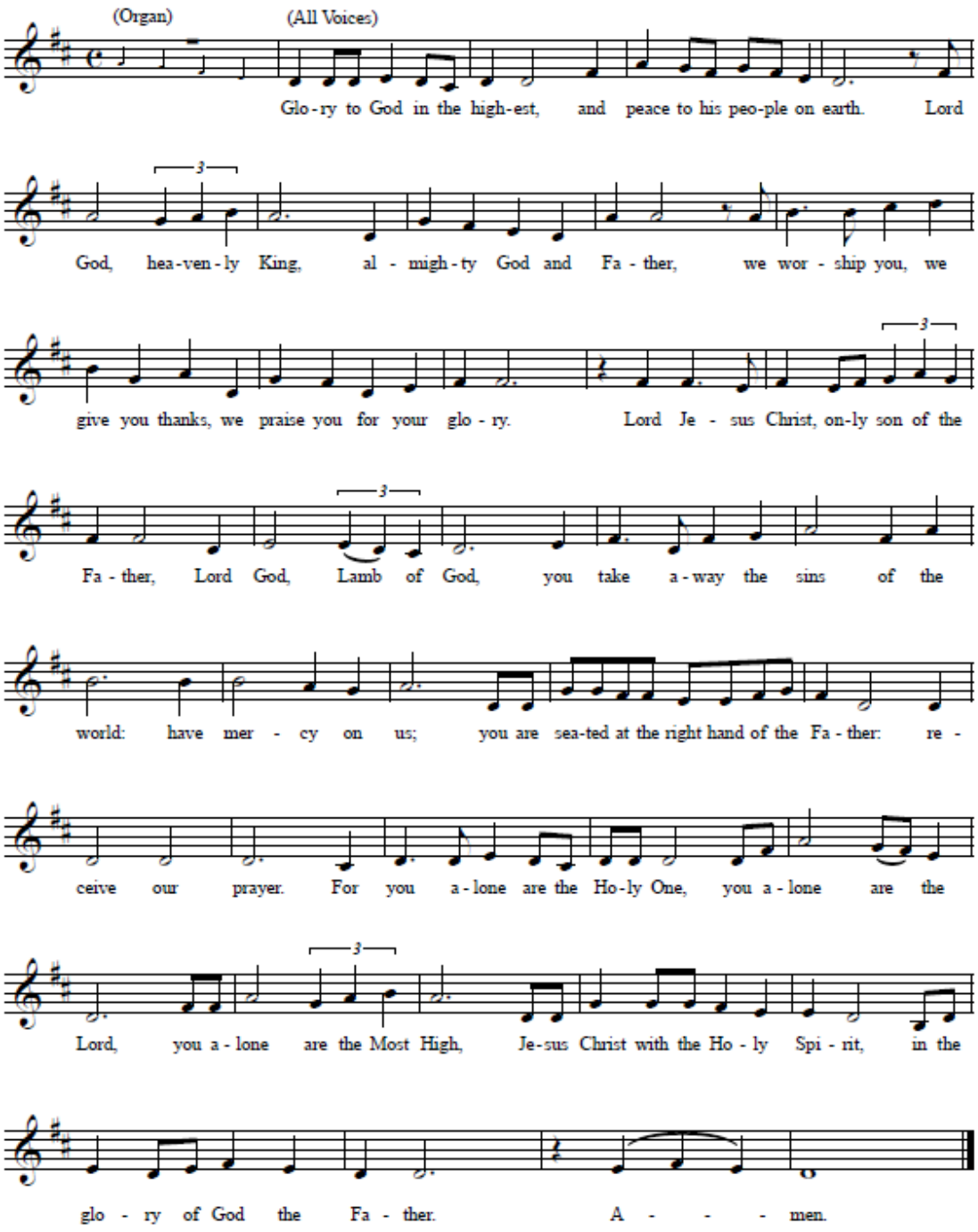
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 JUDGES (4:1-7).

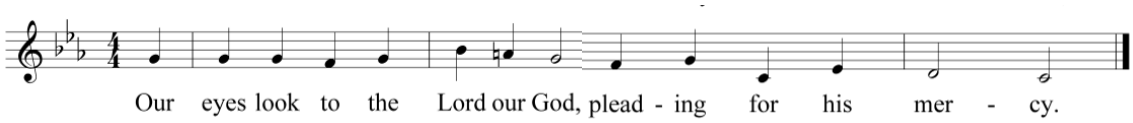
The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 123 *Ad te levavi oculos meos* *Samuel Orsi-Weiser*



[1] To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
[2] As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
[3] So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy. **REFRAIN**
[4] Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
[5] Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud. **REFRAIN**

The people sit.

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS (5:1-11).

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a

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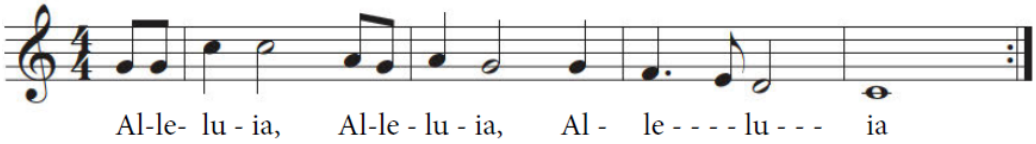
thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Allelluia *Mark Crayton*

Verse sung by Alliyah Necaise



Verse: You that fear the Lord, put your trust in Him.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

(25:14-30)

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But

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his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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; Jonathan, our acting 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 Penny, Cathy, Connie, Alison, Jan, 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.

Celebrant 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

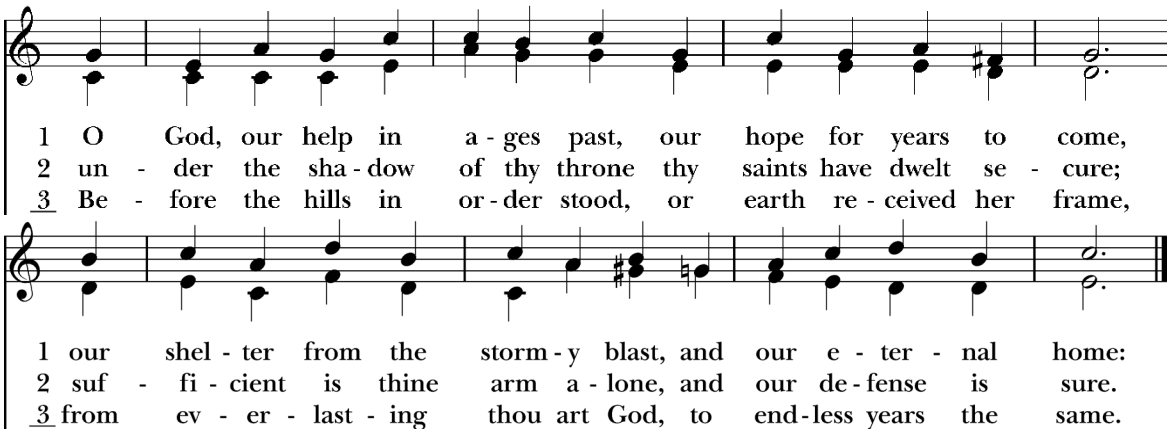
† THE HOLY COMMUNION †

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *I want to walk as a child of the light*

Kathleen Tomerson /arr. Mark Hayes

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God sent the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus, In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path. And show me the way to the Father. In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race. We shall know the joy of Jesus. In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #680* O God, our help in ages past *St. Anne*



6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

The people remain standing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER 3

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

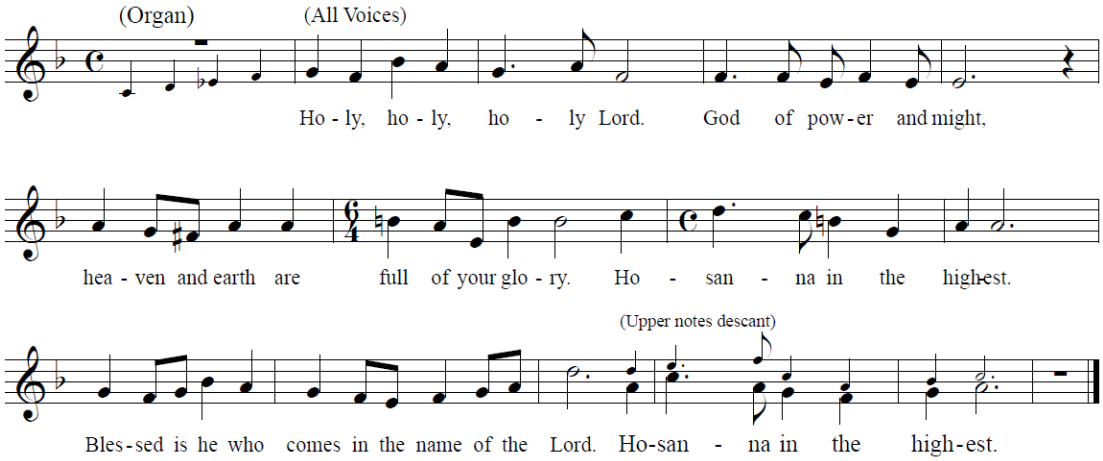
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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 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 gave 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

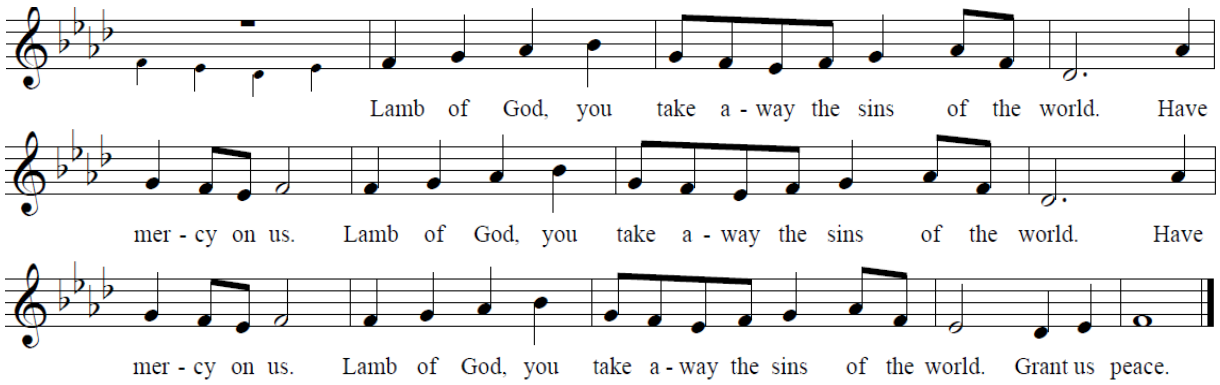
Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.



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 ANTHEM

Steal away arr. Brian Moles

Soloist: Karlos Piñero-Mercado

Steal away, steal away, Steal away to Jesus! Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here. My Lord calls me, He calls me by the thunder; The trumpet sounds it in my soul: I ain't got long to stay here. Green trees are bending, Poor sinners stand trembling; The trumpet sounds it in my soul: I ain't got long to stay here. Steal away, steal away, Steal away to Jesus! Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

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

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.
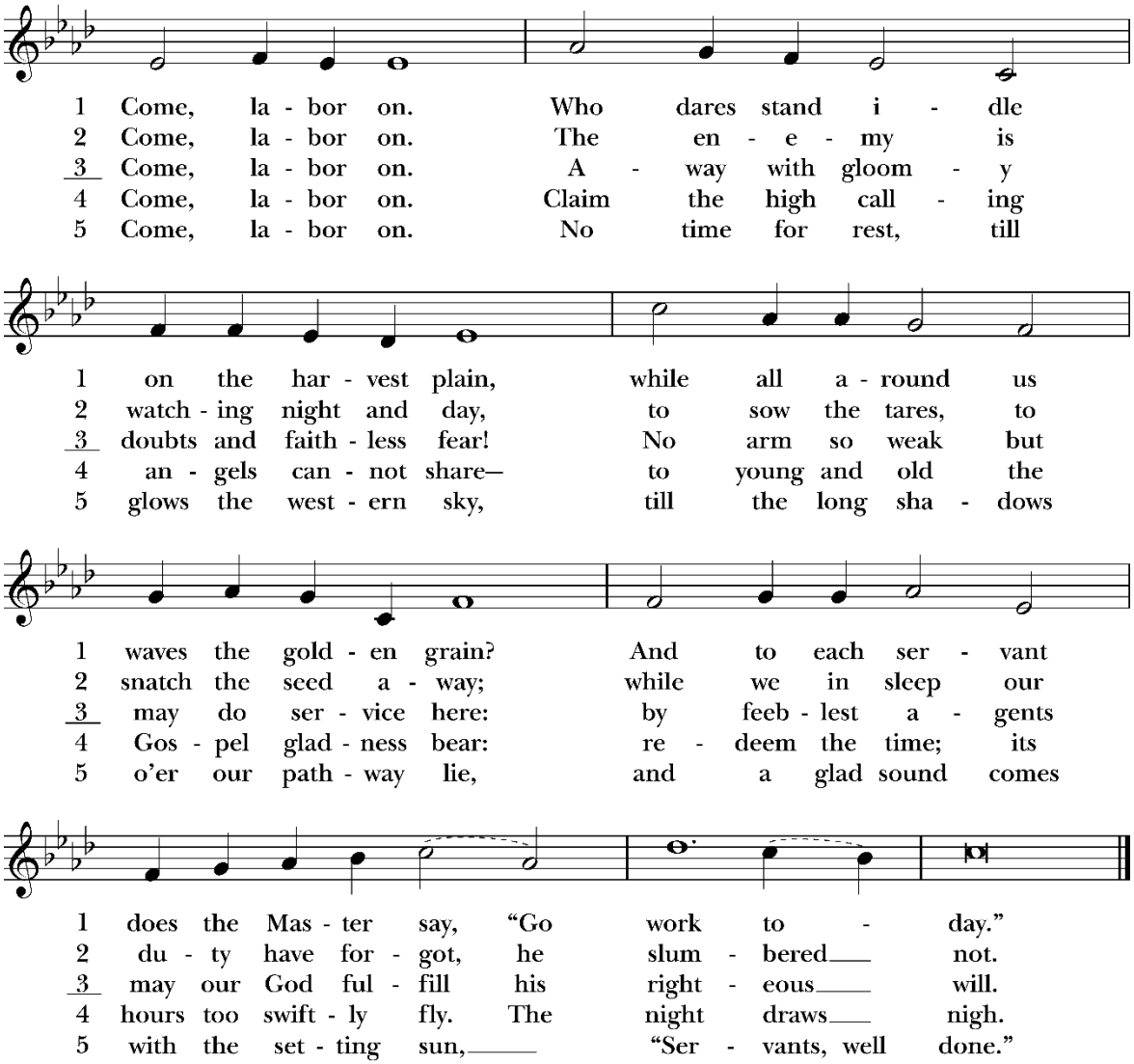
People **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #541*

Come, labor on — *Ora Labora*

Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5



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. Whayne Hougland, Jr.
Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey
Music Director: Mark Crayton
Organist: Quinn Brann
Greeter: Curt Nilsson
Lectors: Ginger Carr, Gary LaBranche
Prayer Leader: Tim Patenode

Chalice Bearers: Volunteers
Acolytes: Willow Myers, Roxanne Myers, Harper Olsen
Bread Baker: Deborah Williams
Altar Guild: Joyce Weber, Roberta Buchanan, Jennie Woodring
Green Team: Roberta Buchanan
Livestream: Volunteer

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director and Conductor
Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Monique Austin	Bernadette Brockman*	Francis Lynch	Terry Bucher*
Charlotte Bishop	Nancy Churchill	Karlos Piñero-Mercado*	Steve Carr
Ginger Carr	Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*†	Zachary Schwartz*	Samuel Orsi-Weiser*
Alice Dolan			Donnell Dorsey***
Michaela Bateman*			
Aliyah Necaise*			

*Section Leader
**Staff Singer
†Choral Assistant
***Substitute Staff Singer

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

Rev. Whayne Led Adult Forum: Practicing Hope
Sundays, 9:15 - 10:15 am in the Parlor

This twelve-week forum treats hope as something Christians practice together, drawing on Scripture, the Book of Common Prayer, the saints, and writers including Moltmann, Wright, Williams, Tutu, Buechner, and Rohr. It is part of the Practicing Hope stewardship campaign. No prior study is needed.

Dates: Sundays, Now through December 27, 2026.

Format: 60 minutes: gather and prayer, a short teaching, table conversation, and a practice to take home.

What to bring: a Prayer Book if you have one, a Bible, and a notebook for the Hope Journal (two or three lines after each week's practice). Prayer beads are welcome from Session 3 on.

Expectations: come as you are, whether hopeful or not. Read the week's texts if you can; the session works without them. Speak from your own experience, and listen the same way. Questions about the series: contact the parish office.

- **November 15: Death and Resurrection** *1 Corinthians 15; Burial Office.* Visit a grave or plan your funeral hymns.

EChO presents our musical friends again! Tetrapin Cello Quartet returns to Evanston

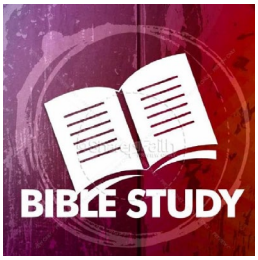


Sunday, November 15, at 7:00 pm
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
A free concert, sponsored by Evanston Chamber Opera Company

Tetrapin Cello Quartet (featuring EChO's principal cellist Elizabeth Anderson) returns to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Evanston for a special free concert of music for four cellos, much like the one they performed at St. Matthew's in December 2023. The program will include two new works that EChO's resident composer Francis Lynch has written for cello quartet: *Four Hymn Tunes for Four Cellos*, and a short piece titled *Introduction and Allegro for Four Cellos*. A good will offering will be accepted and the proceeds divided equally between EChO and the music program at St. Matthew's.

Please join us in Evanston for music, stories, and marvelous music written or arranged for an underappreciated ensemble!

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



Join Rev. Whayne 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!

Vestry Vacancies



Our Vestry has four vacancies coming soon. We are looking for 3 parishioners for a 3-year term and 1 parishioner for a 2-year term. If you would like to join our Vestry or have a recommendation of someone you think would like to join our Vestry, please contact Rev. Whayne at whayne@stmatthewsevanston.org.

The St. Matthew's Movie Group



The St. Matthew's movie group is hosting something special and you are all invited! Our own Gary and Karen LaBranche are the executive producers of **The Otherkind**, a film that is currently available on Amazon Prime and Fandango at Home. And we are going to have **a special viewing at St. Matthew's on Saturday, November 21st at 3:30 pm.!** The psychological thriller is 73 minutes long and we'll show it. Gary and Karen will be there to explain their roles as executive producers, how they happened to get into the film business, what the movie is really all about, and what is next for them. Invite your movie buff friends to join us and see what fun we have at St. Matt's!

Let me know if you can make it and how many of you. I want to make sure there are enough chairs and refreshments. Ann Searles, 847-745-8712

Greening of the Church



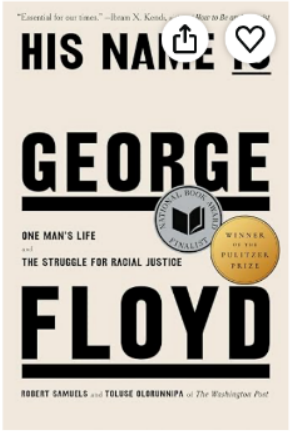
All are invited to join altar guild on **Saturday, November 28 at 10:00 am** to hang wreaths inside and outside in preparation for Advent. Ladder-climbers and some muscle to hoist the large central hanging wreath are especially needed.

the green team
ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Action on behalf of life transforms. Because the relationship between self and the world is reciprocal, it is not a question of first getting enlightened or saved and then acting. As we work to heal the earth, the earth heals us." *-Robin Wall Kimmerer*

Anti-Racism Team / Loving Our Neighbor

Next George Floyd book discussion on 11/17. Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 17 to continue discussing *His Name is George Floyd*. We'll be talking about chapter three. Don't worry if you haven't read the book, as we will summarize what we've read so far. Come to St. Matthew's Parlor at 7:30 on the 17th to talk about the person, not just the symbol, who was killed when a police officer kneeled on his neck for nine minutes. For questions, contact Joyce Weber, Ginger Carr, or Kristin Jacobsen.



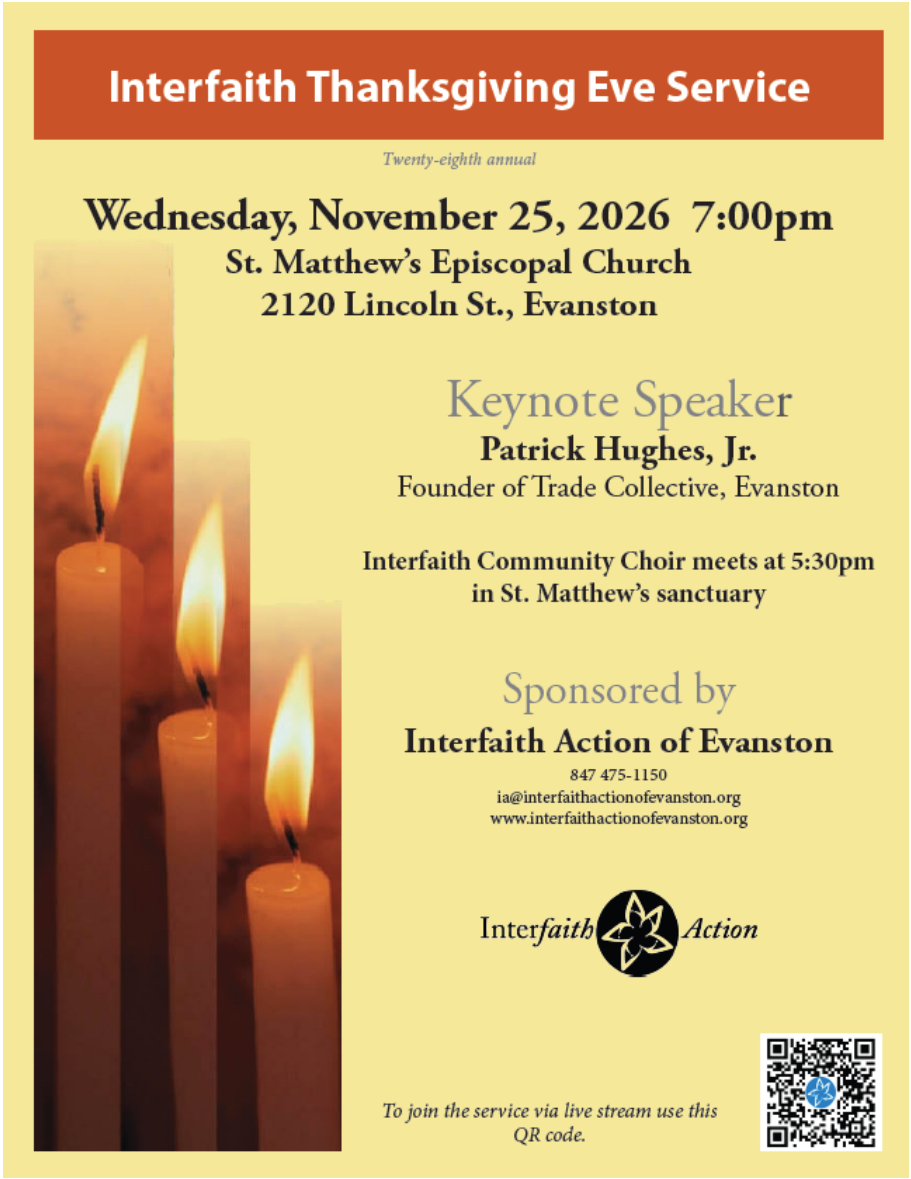
Shop for Christmas while supporting Native American artists: Get a jump on your Christmas shopping on Saturday, Nov. 28, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Dagwaagin (Fall) Artist Market at the Gichigamiin Museum (3001 Central St., Evanston). You'll find unique art and handmade goods, and you'll support local Native artists. For other ways to observe Native American Heritage Month, see events at **Northwestern (https://tinyurl.com/3f9bfzw3), Evanston Public Library (https://tinyurl.com/2bu4pddz), Skokie Public Library (https://tinyurl.com/4538ktuu), and the Village of Wilmette (https://tinyurl.com/mr2tcu6k).**



Fridge and Pantry

Three ways to help new fridge and pantry: An immense need is being filled at the new Hearts & Hands fridge and pantry at St. Andrew's Pentecost Episcopal Church (1928-1930 Darrow in Evanston). Food goes out immediately to those who are food insecure, so we always need donations. If you'd like to support this effort, see below for three opportunities.

1. **Give money:** Go to the website (stmatthewsevanston.org) and click on the "GIVE" button. Select United in Welcome from the drop-down menu.
2. **Give food:** Bring food items to the church and put them in the green bin at the back, near the entrance off Hartrey.
3. **Volunteer:** Sign up to clean the fridge and pantry or shop for food. See the Sign Up Genius website at https://tinyurl.com/swktccet.



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: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For our annual Diocesan Convention. Clergy and lay delegates attending our Diocesan Convention
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 November: Shelia Ahranjani, Charlotte Bishop, Alexander Burt, Sally Craige Christensen, Dudley Conley, Cynthia Doucet, Samuel Frederickson, Joe Kelly, Terry McDermott, Pete Meyer, Andy Miles, Terri Morrissey, Hannah Motogawa, Chad Pennisi
We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in November.
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: Penny Whiteside, Cobe Layag, Jeremy Garrett, Aaron Grant, Thomas Greenwich, Lee Henderson, Tyler Howland, Peter Marks, Ian McGuffin, Joseph Sanford 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: Penny Whitesides, Cathy Conley Schiltz, Connie Conley, Alison Widmer, Jan Dark, 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.
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St. Matthew's
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EVANSTON

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

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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)*

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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*
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