

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 21, 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 21 Interfaith Earth Day "Prayer for the Planet," 4pm in Raymond Park.
- Apr 27 Create a Native Plant and Pollinator Garden, 10am in St. Matthew's backyard
- Apr 27 Northwestern University - 3rd Annual Pow Wow, 11am at Welsh Ryan Arena
- Apr 28 Kitchen Clean-Up Party, 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 Wridler 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.

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 made holy.

THE PRELUDE

Jennifer Allor, 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 #304* I come with joy to meet my Lord *Land of Rest*

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 **Lord of the sheepfold,
whose love is not for hire,
who calls to himself
the victims of the world:
we thank you that Christ
laid down his life for us
when we could not help ourselves;
in the weakness of his love
give us strength to work for peace
in the world he came to serve,
through Jesus Christ, the good shepherd. Amen.**

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (4:5-12).

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

` the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE HYMN LEVAS #104 The Lord is my Shepherd

Thomas Koschat

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN (3:16-24).

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us~ and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (10:11-18).

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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.

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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 Consoled by the knowledge that the Good Shepherd gives his life for us, let us pray for the needs of our community, our church, and our world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

The earliest Christian community held all things in common, and no one was in need. May we recommit ourselves to hold the goods of this world in common and to work to eliminate hunger and homelessness. For this let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader When we share with one another, we make a new world. May we build a new community on earth which knows God as home. For this let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Following the example of the shepherd who searched for the lost sheep, let us seek out the lost in our community and welcome them in our midst. For this let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Conscious of the Good Shepherd's voice, may we speak God's words of reconciliation and peace to all we meet, and may all in governmental authority receive the joyful message of peace. For this let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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Leader We are called to give up our lives for others. Let us praise God for all in serving professions who work at low pay for the welfare of others. May we give our lives to those in our care. For this let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader In the power of Christ's name we are healed. Let us recall all who need healing, 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.

For this let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, especially those whose witness has strengthened and encouraged us along the way. This week we pray in thanksgiving for the life of Mary Louise Buckmaster: may she rest in peace and rise in glory. For this let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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

The king of love my shepherd is
Soloist: Megan Cook

Edward C. Bairstow

The King of Love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine for ever.
Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.
Perverse and foolish oft I strayed;
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy Cross before to guide me.
Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth.
And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house for ever.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #334* Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing *Alles is Gottes Segen*

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."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

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

Presider Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Matthew and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

THE AGNUS DEI LEVAS #270 Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

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

The Lord is my shepherd

Howard Goodall

Soloist: Rachel Handrick

The Lord is my Shepherd, I'll not want; He maketh me down to lie in green pastures. He leadeth me besides the still waters. Yea though I walk through the valley in the shadow of death. I will fear no evil. For you are with me, you will comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of thy Lord forever.

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.**

A CELEBRATION OF APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. The first system is in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'God grant them many years! God grant them many years!'. The second system is in 8/8 time, with the same key signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'God grant them many years!'. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and a clear melody line.

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 #518* Christ is made the sure foundation *Westminster Abbey*

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

THE POSTLUDE

Jennifer Allor, piano

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: Jennifer Allor
Greeters: Curt Nilsson
Lectors: Andrew Warden, Kristin Jacobsen

Prayer Leader: Mary Jo Deysach
Chalice Bearer: Donald Churchill
Acolytes: Bob Purse, Molly Purse
Altar Guild: Joyce Weber, Mary Clark, Connie Conley, Mary Clark
Green Team: Andy Miles
Livestream: Diane Senechal

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director

Soprano

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

Alto

Scott Bass*
Nancy Churchill
Angela Torres-Kutkuhn**†

Tenor

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

Bass

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

*Section Leader
**Staff Singer
†Choral Assistant

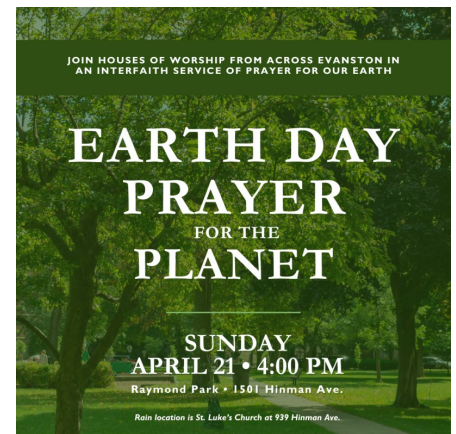
Announcements

Earth Day

All are invited to join faith communities from around Evanston for an interfaith Earth Day Eve for “Prayer for the Planet” from 4 to 5pm on Sunday, **April 21**, in Raymond Park, 1501 Hinman Ave.

Local clergy from congregations including Beth Emet, First United Methodist Church, Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, Northminster Presbyterian Church, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, and the Unitarian Church of Evanston will be leading the “Prayer for the Planet” which will include themed music at the beginning and conclusion of the event.

In case of rain, the gathering will be at St Luke's Episcopal Church at 939 Hinman Ave.



IT'S TIME TO REMOVE THE LEAVES!!

NATIVE PLANT AND POLLINATOR GARDEN UPDATE

Sunday, April 27 at 10am

St. Matthew's Backyard

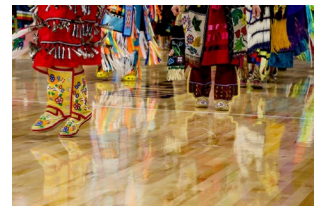


In an effort to help make our property environmentally sustainable and pollinator-friendly, the Green Team began making plans to create a Native Plant and Pollinator Garden in St. Matthew's backyard. The work began in the Fall of 2023 when the Green Team and a group of interested parishioners gathered to begin the process of smothering and removing a portion of the lawn. We started by laying down a layer of cardboard and then added piles of fallen leaves. With the arrival of Spring, it's time to remove the leaves!!

If you are interested in lending a hand, please bring a rake and join us (weather permitting) in St. Matthew's backyard on Saturday, April 27 at 10:00am. The rain date will be Saturday, May 4 at 10:00am.

Northwestern University - 3rd Annual Pow Wow

All are welcome - free admission - at NU's Pow Wow Saturday, April 27, 11:00-5:00 at Welsh Ryan Arena (basketball stadium) on Central Street. The Grand Entry procession is at noon.



Please join the Antiracism Team at the welcome desk at 11:45 (we will get our seats before noon) or go any time on your own to experience Native American culture, dancing, food, and more. For more information see <https://www.northwestern.edu/msa/programs/spring-pow-wow.html> or contact Jennie Woodring at jennywoodring@sbcglobal.net or at 847-370-4518.

Kitchen Clean-Up

April 28, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

We're cleaning up the kitchen! A catering company is interested in using the St. Matthew's kitchen for its food preparation, but we need to prepare the space. We will use junk removal and cleaning professionals, but we need the congregation's help before they arrive. **For an hour or less on April 28, we will move selected tagged items, Green Team supplies, and other things out of the kitchen** to preserve them from the junker. This project will rejuvenate the kitchen, and the caterer will be donating to the church to help with finances. 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!



Hope to see you at 2:00 pm.

Questions? Email Tim at tim.patenode@gmail.com or call him at 847-814-1262.

May Day Celebration

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)

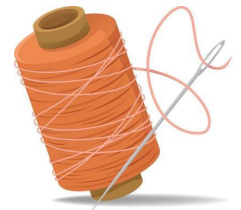


This all-ages event includes a celebration of the blossoming and abundance of all life and a time of worship. Activities include: planting a seedling to take home, materials for wind streamers to take home, an opportunity for contemplation and (weather permitting) a bonfire outdoors.

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

Fighting racism by donating: Many of us wonder how we can do anything about the immensity of the problem of racism. The issue in the United States seems immovable because it is systemic, woven through many levels of society. We can take action, though. One strategy is to put your money to work in the organizations that are making change happen. See “**9 Best Charities That Fight Systemic Racism (Complete 2024 List)**” at <https://impactful.ninja/best-charities-that-fight-systemic-racism/> for suggestions.

- **4/24: Unite Against Racism:** Discussion about solidarity between the Black and White communities, 5:45-8:30 p.m., Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster St., Evanston. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/43cd93sy>.
- **4/27: Pow Wow at NU:** All are welcome at the intergenerational pow wow 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Welsh Ryan Arena, 2705 Ashland Ave. in Evanston. More information see here: <https://www.northwestern.edu/msa/programs/spring-pow-wow.html>
- **5/16: Rebranding Mitchell Museum:** Be part of a focus group for members and partners (St. Matthew's is a sponsor) to think about the Mitchell's efforts to reshape the museum's future, Thurs. May 16, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Zoom. RSVP at https://mitchellmuseum.org/events/members_partners_focus_group/.
- Sat/Sun, 1-4 p.m.: **Native American exhibit:** “Indigenous Edgewater: Exploring Native History,” exhibit at Edgewater Historical Society, 5358 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago. Ongoing.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are encouraged to include these names in your daily prayers.

During Sunday worship, you are encouraged to offer silently or aloud your prayers to God. If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, email info@stmatthewsevanston.org. Names are listed for 4 weeks.

The Prayer List is prayed for weekly by the St. Matthew's Prayer Group and the Rector.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Australia.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in the Elgin Deanery:* Redeemer in Elgin; St. Hugh of Lincoln in Elgin; St. Nicholas in Elk Grove Village; St. Columba of Iona in Hanover Park. *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* St. Mark in Yucatan; St. Luke in Khor Adaar.

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, Cynthia Doucet, 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

Stephen Carr (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

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