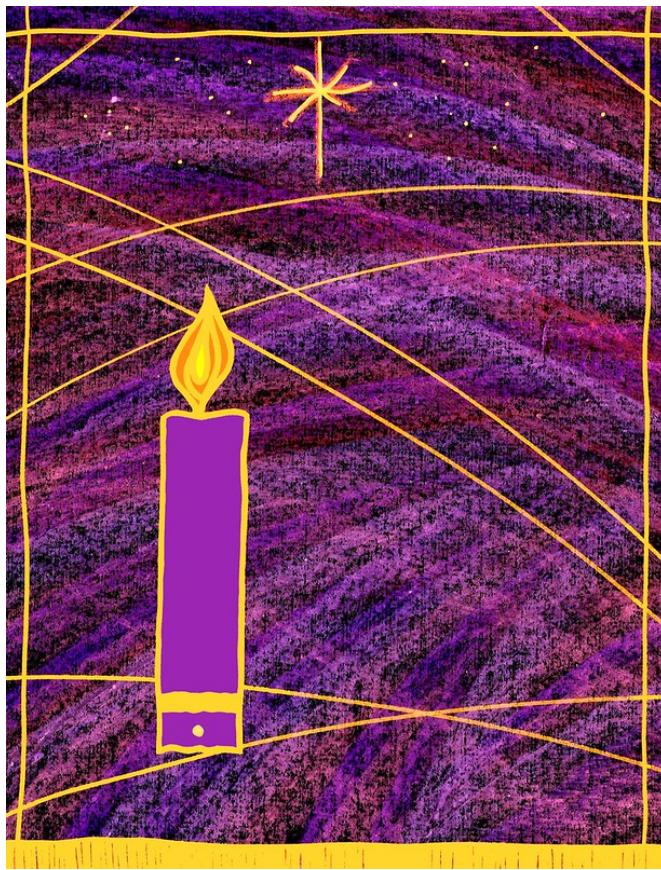


ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30AM
November 27, 2022



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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

As of September 11, our Covid protocols have eased. Please be attentive to the following:

- Vaccines are recommended when gathering with others.
- Masks are optional in the building. Please respect the choices others make in this regard.
- Follow communion guidelines as given.
- Follow any additional instructions given by the Rector or those designated (such as ushers).
- If being in person under these guidelines is difficult or uncomfortable for you, please join us from home at 10:30am using the livestream link at www.stmatthewsevanston.org.

Thank you for recognizing our need to continue to protect each other.

Worship Schedule and St. Matthew's Events

Nov 27	The First Sunday of Advent, services at 8 and 10:30am
Nov 30	Lectio Divina with Charlie (Zoom), 7:30am Movie Night Discussion, St. Matthew's Gallery, 7pm
Dec 4	The Second Sunday of Advent, one service only at St. Andrew's Pentecost Episcopal Church, 11am
Dec 10	Wedding of Molly Purse and Sean Mennecke, 2:30pm
Dec 11	The Third Sunday of Advent, one service only, Advent Lessons and Carols 10:30am
Dec 18	The Fourth Sunday of Advent, services at 8 and 10:30am
Dec 19	Vestry meets, 7pm
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Family Service 4:00pm Christmas Eve Prelude: <i>This Christmas Night</i> by Chilcott 10:30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist 11:00pm
Dec 25	Christmas Day Eucharist 9:00am
Jan 7	Annual Reports Deadline
Jan 30	Annual Meeting, 11:30am

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 altar flowers are given this morning by Judith Berry Stasik and Jeane Berry to the glory of God and in memory of their parents, Donald and Helen Berry, on their October 30th wedding anniversary.

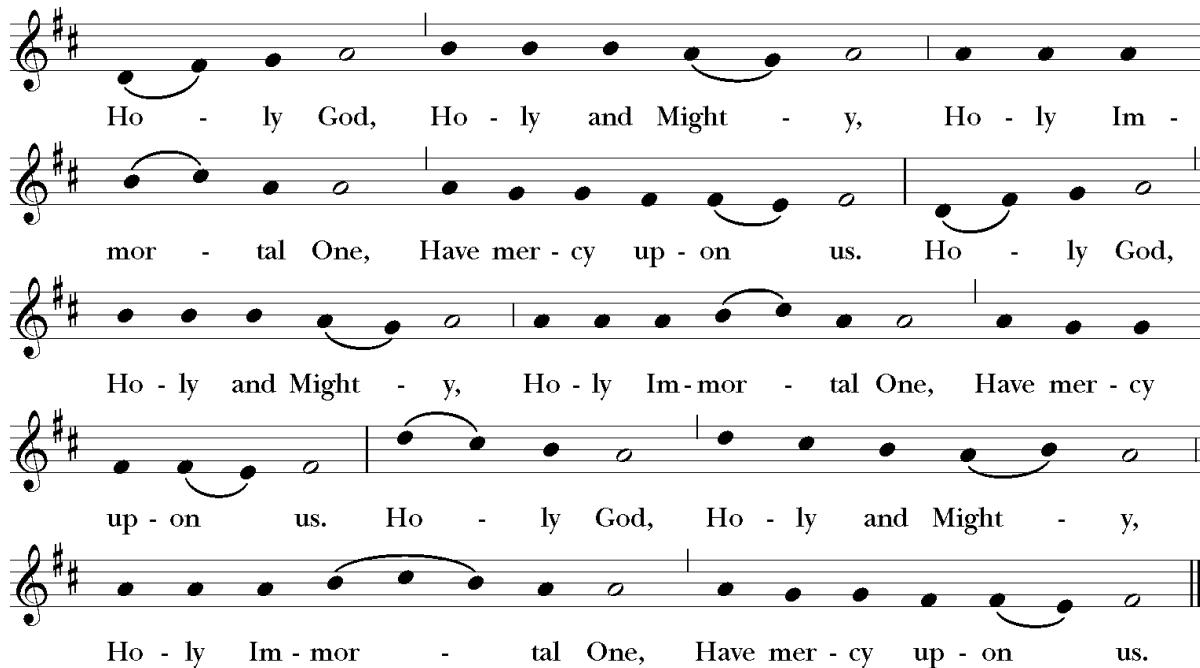
THE PRELUDE

Saviour of the Nations, Come
Robert Woodworth, organ

Charles W. Ore

The congregation stands as able as a handbell is rung.

THE TRISAGION



The musical notation consists of five staves of music in common time, treble clef, and G major (one sharp). The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a staff. The lyrics are:

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
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up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Presider People of God: awake!
The day is coming soon
when you shall see God face to face.
Remember the ways and the works of God.
God calls you out of darkness
to walk in the light of his coming.
You are God's children.

People Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and for ever. Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Presider Creator God,
you have created a universe of light:
forgive us when we return to darkness.
Lord, have mercy.
People Lord, have mercy.

Presider Lord Jesus,
you are the light of the world:
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.
Christ, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Presider Holy Spirit,
you give us light in our hearts:
renew us in faith and love.
Lord, have mercy.

People Lord, have mercy.

All stand, as able, and sing together.

THE OPENING HYMN 59

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

Descant

2 Wak-en ed by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-en ed by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
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2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
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THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray, saying together

People Holy Thief,

stealing away

our false securities

and idle vanity:

awaken us

from the dull sleep

that clings to empty fear

and vacant routine;

unfold on us the time of crisis

when love of truth

floods a thirsty world;

through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come.

Amen.

All sit.

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH (2:1-5).

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122

All are encouraged to join the choir in singing the psalm.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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¹ I was glad when they said to me, *
 "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

² Now our feet are standing *
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is built as a city *
 that is at unity with itself;

⁴ To which the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the LORD, *
 the assembly of Israel,
 to praise the Name of the LORD.

⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, *
 the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
 "May they prosper who love you.

⁷ Peace be within your walls *
 and quietness within your towers.

⁸ For my brethren and companions' sake, *
 I pray for your prosperity.

⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
 I will seek to do you good."

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS (13:11-14).

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

People Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able, and sing together.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 601

O day of God, draw nigh
All sing verse 1-4 before the Gospel, then verse 5 after

St. Michael

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

(24:36-44).

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

After a brief time of silent reflection, all are asked to stand as able and say:

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Source: Church of England)

Presider Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Creator,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM I

Leader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to God, saying "God, have mercy."
For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls,
let us pray to God.

People God, have mercy.

Leader For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai; for the organizations of Episcopal Charities & Community Services, specifically for: Bishop Anderson House, Cathedral Counseling Center, ReVive Center, Lawrence Hall, the Church Home at Montgomery Place, and Primo Center for Women & Children; for the organizations of our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk, the Republic of South Sudan; and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to God.

People **God, have mercy.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Bishop; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to God.

God, have mercy.

For Joseph, our President, for the leaders of the nations, for all in authority, and for those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf, let us pray to God.

God, have mercy.

Leader For the cities and towns of Evanston, Skokie, and Wilmette, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to God.

People **God, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to God.

God, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to God.

God, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to God.

God, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those we name in aloud or in our hearts.

The leader pauses as the people offer the names of those in need.

Leader For all of these, let us pray to God.

People **God, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to God.

God, have mercy.

Leader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, let us pray to God.

People **God, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to God.

God, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to God.

God, have mercy.

Leader In the communion of Mary, Matthew, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to our God.

People **To you, O God.**

Silence

Presider Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFSSION OF SIN

Presider God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent,
turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

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

Let us confess our sins.

People **Merciful God,**
we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.

We have sinned in ignorance;
we have sinned in weakness;
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry.

We repent and turn to you.

Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.

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 the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem

Kari Sorenson, soprano

John Blow

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, They shall prosper, shall prosper that love thee. Peace, peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek, will seek, I will seek to do thee good. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek, I will seek to do thee good, I will good, I will seek to do thee good.

All stand, as able, and sing together.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 454

Jesus came, adored by angels

Lowry

Unison or harmony

1 Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels, came with peace from
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, bring - ing news of
 4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant, when the heavens shall

realms on high; Je - sus came for our re - demp - tion,
 bowed with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
 sins for - given; Je - sus comes in sounds of glad - ness,
 pass a - way; Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;

low - ly came on earth to die: Al - le - lu - ia,
 to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia,
 lead - ing souls re - deemed to heaven; Al - le - lu - ia,
 let us then our hom - age pay: Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 al - le - lu - ia! comes to save us from de - spair.
 al - le - lu - ia! now the gate of death is riven.
 al - le - lu - ia! till the dawn of end - less day.

The people stand as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give God our thanks and praise.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Jesus of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and
might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are
full,
full of your glory. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, common time. The top staff is soprano, the middle staff is alto, and the bottom staff is basso continuo. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines:

in the high - est. Bless - ed 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 as able.

Presider Holy God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Matthew and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All **AMEN.**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for 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

Franz Schubert

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, common time. The top two staves are for the soprano voice, and the bottom two are for the basso continuo. The lyrics are as follows:

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

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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 made holy.

Communion is distributed.

Please follow the instructions for receiving communion, which are subject to change as conditions change.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 615

"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee

St. Flavian

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in G clef, common time, and the bottom staff is in F clef. Both staves have a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are numbered 1 through 5, corresponding to the notes in the music. The melody is simple, with most notes being quarter notes or eighth notes.

1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
 2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
 3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
 4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
 5 when know-ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king-dom's day.
 2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
 3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near:
 4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
 5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929). Music: St. Flavian, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

After all have received communion or a blessing, all stand.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Creator,
 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 Savior.
 Amen.

THE BLESSING

Presider May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you
 and scatter the darkness from before your path;
 and the blessing of God Almighty,
 the Creator, the Savior, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand, as able, and sing together.

THE CLOSING HYMN 68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying
Robert Woodworth, organ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Leading Our Worship This Morning

Preacher and Presider: The Rev. Charles A. de Kay

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Guest Organist/Choir Director: Robert Woodworth

Usher: Curt Nilsson

Acolytes: Lynne Gordon

Lectors: Bill Siegfriedt, Penny Whiteside

Intercessor: Lynne Gordon

Altar Guild: Kati Olsen, Kate Lauderbaugh,
Sarah Muyres

Green Team: Mary Jo Deysach

Livestream: Diane Senechal

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Soprano

Monique Austin

Charlotte Bishop

Ginger Carr

Megan Cook*

Alice Dolan

Haven Honermann**

Kari Sorenson*

Alto

Scott Bass*

Nancy Churchill

Amy Shuldiner+

Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*

Tenor

Francis Lynch

Karlos Piñero-Mercado*

Jonathan Weyant*

Bass

Terry Bucher*

Steve Carr

Zachary Mendenhall**

Jeremiah Strickler*

*Section Leader

**Staff Singer

+Choral Assistant

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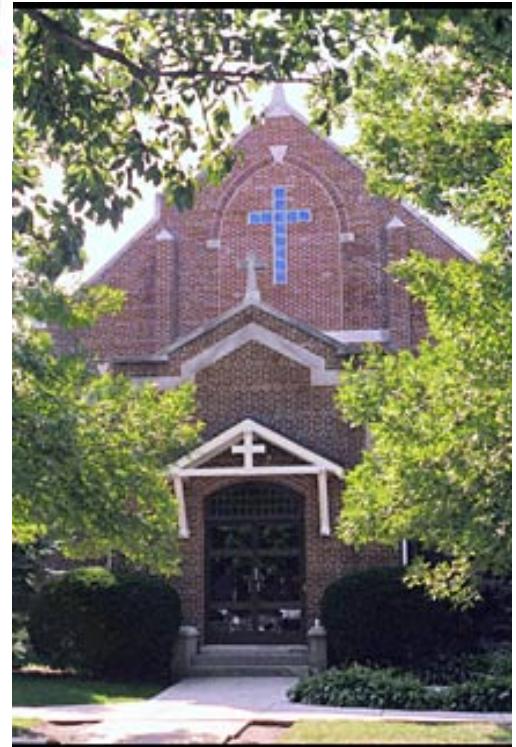


The St. Matthew's Movie Group and the Anti-Racism Team will partner for a discussion of the movie *Till*, the true story of Mamie Till-Mobley's relentless pursuit of justice for her 14-year-old son, Emmett Till, who was brutally lynched in 1955 while visiting his cousins in Mississippi.

Please see the movie in local theaters and join the discussion at **7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 30** in the Gallery at St. Matthew's. Please enter the building from the Lincoln St. door. All are invited to join in the discussion but a reply is requested to Ann Searles at 847-679-2372 or searlesil@yahoo.com.

Light refreshments will be provided by members of the movie group.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 at 11:00am
St. Matthew's worships at St. Andrew's Pentecost Episcopal Church

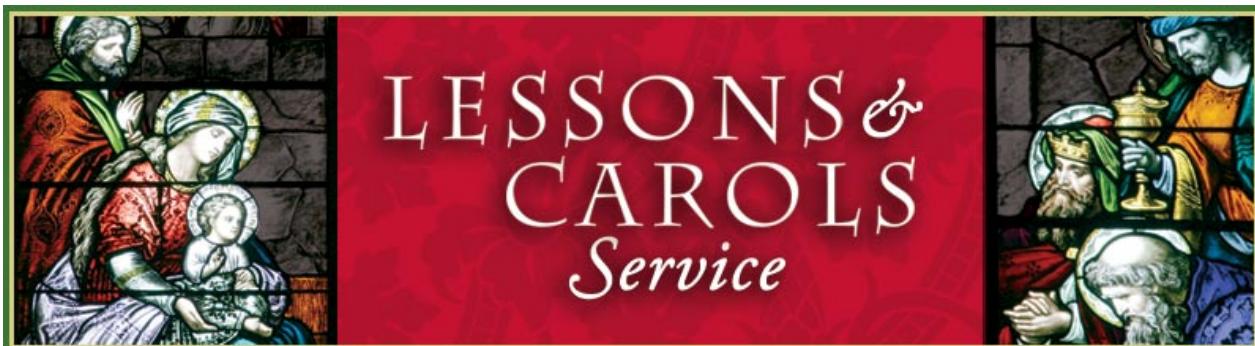


Join us as we visit our siblings in Christ
at our partner church on their patronal
feast day, celebrating St. Andrew!

1928 Darrow Avenue
Evanston, Illinois 60201

This will be our only service this day;
there won't be another service at
St. Matthew's.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 at 10:30am
ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS



One Service Only

Invite your friends and neighbors to a wonderful
and worshipful Advent celebration.

Living Well Through Advent 2022: Practicing Simplicity With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind

We have purchased copies of the *Living Well Through Advent 2022* devotional for your use on your journey through Advent. This popular 60-page guide provides a foundation for seeking a deeper experience of Advent, an experience that will help prepare us for the true meaning of Christmas.



Includes reflections from:

- Robbin Brent
- The Rev. Jane Johnson
- The Very Rev. Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, ThD
- The Rev. Jan Kwiatkowski
- The Rev. Gary B. Manning
- The Very Rev. Amy McCreath
- The Rev. Dr. Scott Stoner

You can find copies of the devotional in the church, chapel and outside the office.



The Gala's over but parties are still on!

There are still spaces left in the events below. If you're interested in purchasing a ticket, contact Kristin Jacobsen (kejcat@gmail.com). Buy-in parties are a great way to connect with old St. Matt's friends or make new ones. Check out these buy-in parties with vacancies:

- Bill Siegfriedt: Cars You Knew and Loved (date TBD)
- Dave Frederickson: Poker and Pizza at Dave Fred's house (date TBD)
- Ginny Voedisch: You Can Yoga Workshop (date TBD)
- Katie Kelly and Melissa Dakich: 3rd Annual Ladies' Golf Outing (TBD 2023)
- Penelope Boardman: Visions of Sugar Plums dancing in your head? Build your dream house! (A candy decorated Gingerbread House!) (December 4, 2:00 p.m.)
- Stephen Carr: NU Walking Tour with Focus on Potawatomi (date TBD)
- Steve Steiber and Charlotte Bishop: International wine and cheese pairing party (January 28 at 7pm)
- Terri Morrissey and Mary Jo Deysach: Calligraphy Lesson (January 15)



Green Team Tip for Sustainable Living:
Use Water Bottles

Stop buying bottled water! We don't need to open up a new bottle every time we want a drink. Reducing our plastic consumption helps clean up our planet by lowering our dependence on single-use plastics that end up in landfills.

Antiracism Learning

The Diocese of Chicago took another step last weekend in its commitment toward a more just society. Delegates at the diocesan convention passed a resolution requiring area Episcopal congregations to join in antiracism efforts. Resolution F-185, “Commitment to Antiracism Work in Congregations,” states that the faith community is best positioned to work for racial change because other areas of society have failed in this effort. The resolution explanation says “it is clear that neither the political system nor the business community are willing or able to consistently address these inequities. The education system has made some efforts but is locked into the legacy of residential segregation by school district, and attempts to desegregate schools have been stymied by patterns of housing and economic separatism.”

The resolution affirms the diocesan commitment to antiracism efforts and lays out steps that congregations shall take:

- Form an antiracism team of lay leaders and clergy.
- Create and execute annual antiracism programs using curricula and resources from the diocese.
- Include vestry support of antiracism efforts in each congregation’s budget.
- Write an antiracism report for the annual meeting that is also sent to the Bishop.

For more information, see the convention resolutions page at <https://episcopalchicago.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/185th-Convention-Final-Resolutions-as-amended.pdf>.

From the Core Mentor Team

A Thanksgiving Prayer / Sala ya Kushukuru

Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude to God, our Creator and Provider, whose guidance and care go before us... and whose love is with us forever.

Thanksgiving is a time of changing seasons, when leaves turn golden in Autumn's wake and apples are crisp in the first chill breezes of fall.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the changes, to remember that we, too, grow and change from one season of life to another.

Let us remember the true meaning of Thanksgiving. As we see the beauty of Autumn, let us acknowledge the many blessings which are ours... let us think of our families and friends.. and let us give thanks in our hearts.

Shukrani ni wakati wa kumshukuru Mungu, Muumba na Mpaji wetu, ambaye mwongozo na utunzaji wake uko mbele yetu... namo ambaye upende wake uko pamoja nasi milele.

Shukrani ni wakati wa mabadiliko ya majira, wakati majani yanageuka dhahabu katika kuamka kwa Autumn na apples ni crisp katika upopo wa baridi wa kwanza wa vuli.

Shukrani ni wakati wa kutafakari juu ya mabadiliko, kukumbuka kuwa sisi pia tunakua na kubadilika kutoka msimu mmoja wa maisha hadi mwininge.

Tukumbuke maana halisi ya Kushukuru. Tunapoona uzuri wa Autumn, tutambue baraka nyangi tulizo nazo... tuwasifiki jamaa na marafiki zetu.. na tushukuru miyoni mwetu.

Psalm 98 and a Thoughtful Pledge...



Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.



- ¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- ² The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!
- ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together
⁹ before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

When the Psalmist imagined the world giving praise to God, she imagined each thing praising in its own way. The sea roaring, the earth breaking out into harmony, the waves of the ocean clapping against the shore. Each thing does what it does, in its own way, to praise God. And the people? The people do what people do. They raise their voices in song, they make music with harps and horns. And we can talk about what else in the coming days.



The time has finally come for the Land Use Commission meeting—**Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 7pm in the City Council Chambers**—when the special use permit for Connections for the Homeless to continue operating the Margarita Inn will be discussed. Interfaith Action is inviting any and all to join us in supporting Connections at this critical moment. The petition with 600 signatures, developed earlier this year, has already been submitted to the Land Use Commission, the Mayor, and all City Council members.

All that is needed is to show up! There will be a public comment period when an Interfaith Action board member and many others will speak on behalf of the Margarita, backed up by supporters like you. There will be people who speak against it, which is why we want to show our support in large numbers. We believe the visual effect of so many people standing up for the Margarita will make a powerful statement.

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: We pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Intercessions and thanksgivings are offered today for the lay members and leaders of our Diocese: governing bodies and committees of our congregations. And for leaders in our Companion Diocese of Renk, the Republic of South Sudan and SE Mexico.

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.

We pray for those who celebrate wedding anniversaries in November.

We pray for those preparing to be married: Molly Purse and Sean Mennecke (December 10).

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, Jeremy and Molly Robinson, Joseph Sanford, Daniel Seckinger, Emma Seckinger, Dan Teska, 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: Judy Sellar, Michael Merdinger, Terry Ling, Uwase Bionce, Brigitte, Clemence, Nancy Ferguson, Maurine Bohne, Sid Simpson, Norbert Dishaw, Betty Stafford, Jessica Mueller, Mark Austin, Maeve Shampine, Fame Brooks, Emily Dyer, Mike Wagner, Cathy Fiala, Nancy Trimble, the Rev. Canon Paula Clark, Maggie, Mark Jacobsen, Corky Siegfriedt, Jim Jacobsen, Sharon Wagner, Donna Wagner, Angela Escobar, Sharon Filipsik, Will Widmer, Don Gabouser, Michael Merdinger, Manuel Aleman-Padilla, and for the Ticobay, Moffett, Janssen, Crayton/Wagner, Bucher, Bass, Thompson families, and 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 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 Opening Acclamation and the Nicene Creed come from *Enriching Our Worship I*. The Collect of the Day is taken from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* by Steven Shakespeare. The Prayers of the People are adapted from the book *Intercessions for the Christian People*, edited by Gail Ramshaw. Scripture readings are taken from the *New Revised Standard Version* of the Bible.



St. Matthew's lay leaders duly elected and appointed at
The 146th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 30, 2022

St. Matthew's Vestry

Melissa Warden, Senior Warden
Damon Doucet, Junior Warden

Penelope Boardman, Karen LaBranche, Molly Purse, Steve Steiber (2023)
William Siegfriedt, Penelope Whiteside (2024)
Curtis Nilsson, William Widmer, Deborah Williams (2025)
Virginia Voedisch, *Clerk of the Vestry* (2023)
Christopher Motogawa & Allison Zidek, *Co-Treasurers* (2023)

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

Tim Patenode (2023) Damon Doucet (2024) Stephen Carr (2025)

**St. Matthew's Lay Delegation to the
185th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago
Virtual (Zoom), November 19, 2022**

Damon Doucet Sally Craige Christensen Kristin Jacobsen

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, *27th Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church*

The Rt. Rev. Paula E. Clark, *Thirteenth Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago*

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