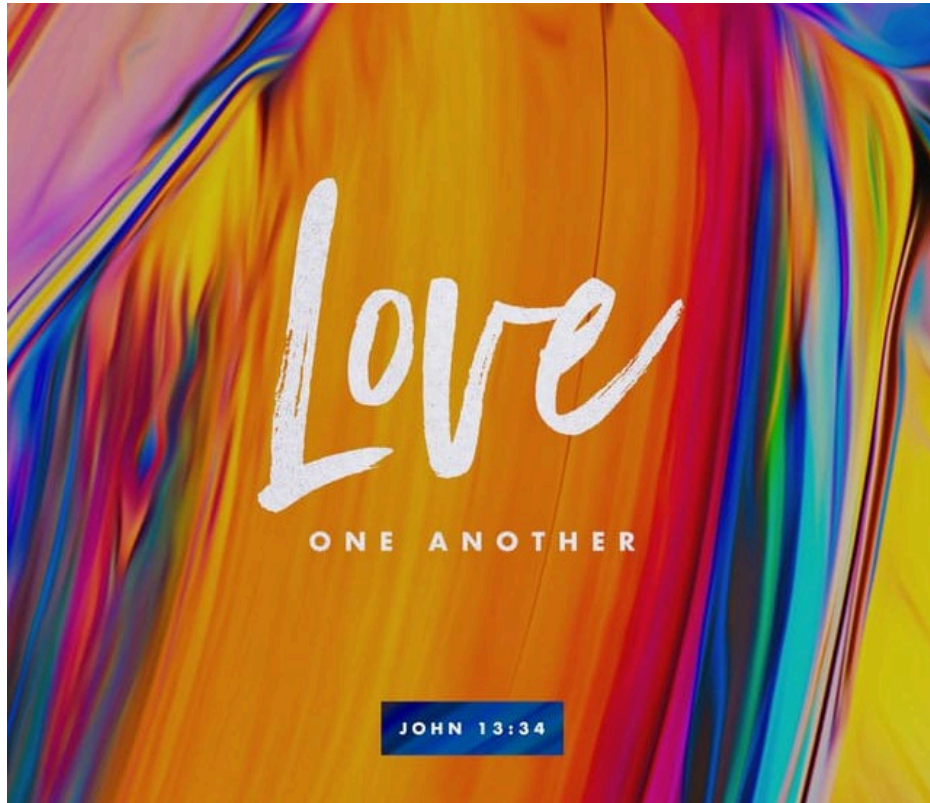


ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Fifth Sunday of Easter

MAY 18, 2025

10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



2120 Lincoln Street | Evanston, IL 60201 | 847-869-4850

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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

- Sundays* **Sunday Forum led by Whayne** 9:15 - 10:15am in the Parlor
- May 31* **Spring Cleaning Day**, 9am, Help wash windows, clean the basement and the second floor classrooms.
- June 10* **Stitching Group**, 7:30pm in the St. Matt's Library
- June 15* **Race Against Hate**, 7:30am in Evanston
- June 22* **Early Chapel Service Begins**, 7:30am in the Chapel
Beach Church Begins, 9:00am at Grosse Point Lighthouse Park (weather permitting; watch for emails if we need to move indoors).

Welcome to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Welcome! If you would like to become a registered parishioner or are just updating your information, please complete as much information as possible. Completed forms may be returned to the Parish Office, placed in the offering plate or mailed to the office. You may also fill out this form online by scanning the QR Code below.

NAME:

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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 made holy.

THE PRELUDE

Soliloquy
Quinn Brann, organ

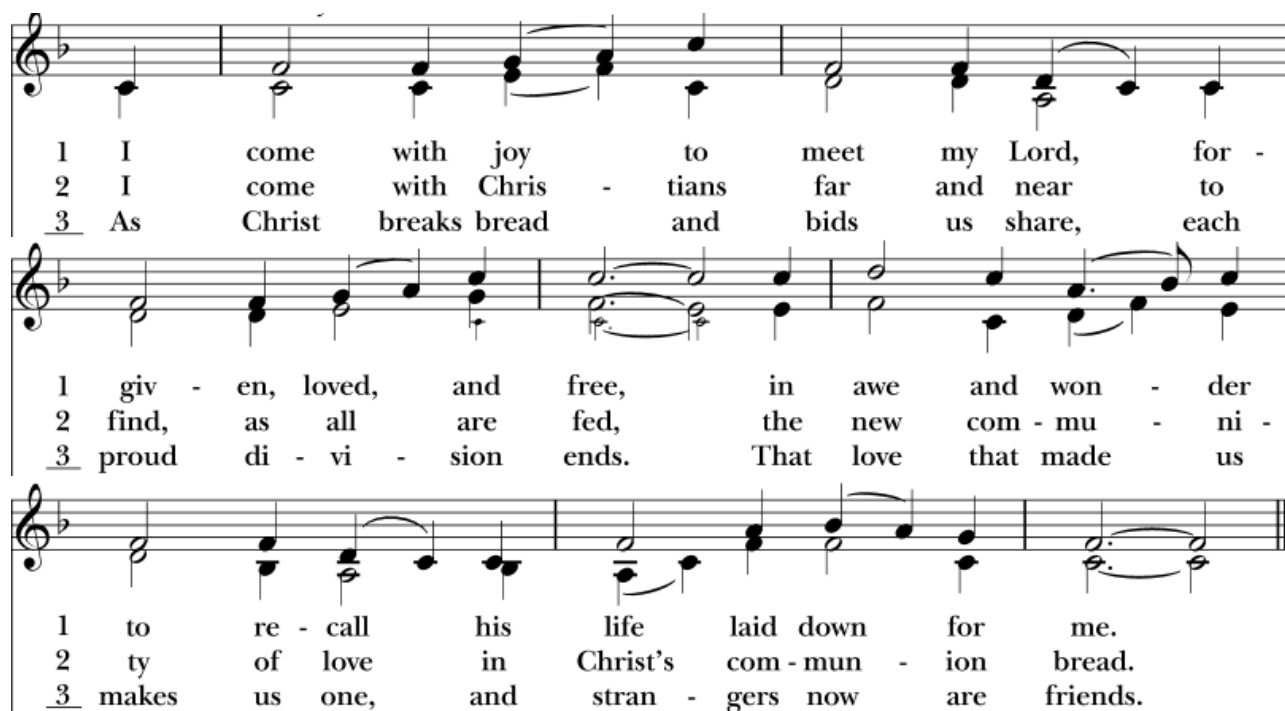
Healey Willan

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #304*

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest



1 I come with joy I to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.

All stand.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

The people may sit.

THE GLORIA

James Janssen

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther. Lord God, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The people stand.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (11:1-18).

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 148 *Laudate Dominum*



- ¹ Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- ² Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
- ³ Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- ⁴ Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
- ⁵ Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- ⁶ He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸ Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹² Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- ¹³ Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN (21:1-6).

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
 He will dwell with them as their God;
 they will be his peoples,
 and God himself will be with them;
 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
 Death will be no more;
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
 for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

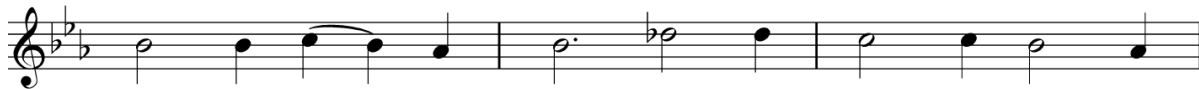
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #487* Come, my way, my truth, my life *The Call*



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys _____ in love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (13:31-35).

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

Leader Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed. God of life, in gratitude and great joy we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. On this day give us hope, for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader On this feast which brings joy to all Christian believers, may we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; be with those whose names we bring before you both out loud and in our hearts: especially we pray for Janice, Gina, Dorothy, Jeremy, Tobin, Kaden, Larry, Beth, Brad, Ann, Bob, Sue, Becky, Ramona, Harriet, Paige, Kate, Benjamin, Bob, Ralph, Jessica, Maeve, John, Cathy, Donna, Carol, Will and for the Congolese family we've been matched with in partnership with RefugeeOne:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Members of the congregation are encouraged to add their own intercessions silently or aloud.

Leader For all our siblings, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader For all who suffer and all who mourn, that today God will wipe away every tear, for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be God's sign of life in our world, for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader We pray for all your children here at St. Matthew's, that we may faithfully live into your mission in the world. May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for our life is hid with Christ in God; for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Presider God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people sit.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *God help the outcasts* Steven Schwartz / Arr. Audrey Snyder
Angela Torres-Kutkuhn, soloist

I don't know if You can hear me
Or if You're even there
I don't know if you would listen
To a humble prayer
They tell me I am just an outcast
I shouldn't speak to You
Still I see Your face
and wonder
Were you once an outcast too?
God help the outcasts,
Hungry from birth,
Show them the mercy
They don't find on earth
The lost and forgotten,
The look to You still.
God help the outcasts
Or nobody will.
I ask for nothing, I can get by,
But I know so many less lucky
than I.
God help the outcasts,
The poor and down trod.
I thought we all were the children of God.
I don't know if there's a reason
Why some are blessed, some not,
Why the few You seem
to favor,
They fear us, flee us,
Try not to see us,
God help the outcasts,
The tattered, the torn,
Seeking an answer to why they were born,
Winds of misfortune have blown them about.
You made the outcasts,
Don't cast them out.
The poor, the unlucky,
The weak and the odd,
I thought we all were
The children of God.



1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
 2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain
 3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood
 4 Al - rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair:



with - in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
 in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,
 too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,
 lo, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare—



and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
 and bit - ter lips in blind de - spair cry, "Christ hath died in vain!"
 and where the sun that shin - eth is God's grace for hu - man good.
 yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

The people stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER 3

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.

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

James Janssen

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -
 5 - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are
 9 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 14 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
 18 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. *rit.*

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.

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 people are seated for the Agnus Dei

THE AGNUS DEI

James Janssen

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on_ us." The second staff continues the melody and lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us." The third staff concludes the piece with the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us_ peace." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests. There are also performance markings like a triplet of eighth notes and a *rit.* (ritardando) marking.

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

In the Garden

C. Austin Miles / arr. Mark Hayes

Mark Crayton, countertenor

Quinn Brann, piano

I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses; And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses. **Refrain:** And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing; And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing. **[Refrain]** I'd stay in the garden with Him Tho' the night around me be falling; But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling. **[Refrain]**

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

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 EASTER BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us
and made us his children
through the resurrection of his Son our Lord,
bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism
has raised us from sin into newness of life,
make you holy and worthy
to be united with Christ for ever.
Amen.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin
into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer,
bring you to your eternal inheritance.
Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #623*

O what their joy and their glory must be

O quanta qualia

1 O what their joy and their glo - ry must be,
2 Tru - ly "Je - ru - sa - lem" name we that shore,
3 There, where no trou - bles dis - trac - tion can bring,

1 those end - less Sab - baths the bless - ed ones see;
2 ci - ty of peace that brings joy ev - er - more;
3 we the sweet an - thems of Zi - on shall sing;

1 crown for the val - iant, to wea - ry ones rest:
2 wish and ful - fill - ment are not sev - ered there,
3 while for thy grace, Lord, their voic - es of praise

1 God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest.
2 nor do things prayed for come short of the prayer.
3 thy bless - ed peo - ple e - ter - nal - ly raise.

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

Sunshine in my soul
Quinn Brann, *piano*

arr. Mark Hayes

Leading Our Worship This Morning

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Whayne Houglan, Jr

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Music Director: Mark Crayton

Greeter: Volunteer

Lectors: Don Churchill, Kristin Jacobsen

Prayer Leader: Kristin Jacobsen

Chalice Bearer: Don Churchill

Acolytes: Bob Purse, Harper Olsen,
Quincy Senechal

Bread Baker: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Altar Guild: Connie Conley, Kate

Lauderbaugh, Jennie Woodring, Pat Egan

Green Team: Volunteer

Livestream: Volunteer

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director

Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist

Soprano

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

Alto

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

Tenor

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

Bass

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

*Section Leader

**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

Spring Cleaning Day Saturday, May 31 | 9am St. Matt's Church

Join us at 9am on Saturday, May 31 for an all-morning cleanup at the church. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. We aim to recover spaces that have gotten very cluttered and some that are in need of repair. A dumpster will be there, and we hope to fill it!

For further information, contact Steve Carr, Senior Warden, at s-carr@northwestern.edu.



St. Matthew's Stitching Group

Tuesday, June 10

7:30pm in the Library



This is a purely social group, gathering for fellowship and conversation. Join us while you knit, embroider, quilt, or just do mending...or nothing! All are welcome! For information, contact Mary Jo Deysach at mjdeysach@gmail.com.



Beach Church Season Begins Soon!

June 22 - September 14 | Grosse Point Lighthouse Park

Join us for another season of St. Matt's Beach Church starting Sunday, June 22. Sunday service is at 9am on the lakefront at Grosse Point Lighthouse Park (weather permitting; otherwise, and email will be sent out to all those on our email list that we will be worshipping in the church).

For those who prefer to worship indoors, please join us at our 7:30am service in the chapel at St. Matt's.

Summer Concierge Needed!

The summer concierge moves supplies and assists with the practicalities of Beach Church worship. **This is a paid position for someone with access to a larger vehicle and able to carry up to 50 lbs.** Tasks involve loading all worship supplies at church, stopping at Backlot Coffee to pick up our order, conveying all supplies to our worship spot, setting up for worship and then clean up and returning all materials back to church for cleaning and replenishment.

Work hours are roughly 7:30am - 11:00am every Sunday morning from June 22 - September 14. This task could be done by several different parties on a rotating basis if one single person cannot do it alone.

Please contact Gregory at gregory@stmatthewsevanston.org if you are willing and able to fill this role!

Anti-Racism Team

Help raise more for the YWCA than any other team: Episcopalians United Against Hate is currently number two among teams in the Race Against Hate. Our overall purpose is to support the YWCA mission of eliminating racism and empowering women, and hopefully the friendly competition will help us raise even more towards that goal. See related flyers for information on donating and volunteering, or go to the team page at <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/raceagainsthate2025/team/989979/>. Thanks to all who have very generously donated already!



Support the YWCA with Episcopalians United Against Hate

Join us at the Race Against Hate. You can run, walk, or just donate. Your participation will further the mission of the YWCA Evanston/North Shore: eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. Thank you!

To walk or run:

- Go to the team page at <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/raceagainsthate2025/team/989979/>
- Click on the white button (right side of page) that says, "Register for the Race," and fill in the form.
- Go back to the team page. Click on the orange box (right side of page) that says, "Join Our Fundraising Team," and fill in the form.
- Share and ask for donations for the team on social media and via email, text, and word of mouth!

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

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

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in the Joliet Deanery:* St. Joseph & St. Aidan in Blue Island; St. John the Evangelist in Flossmoor; St. Clement in Harvey; St. Edward and Christ in Joliet; *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* San Juan Evangelista in Acayucan; St. James in Lathbior

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 May: Christina Burt, Stephen Creech, Catherine LaBranche, Kate Lauderbaugh, Jack Lerman, Francis Lynch, Kathy Riley, Susan Rundle, Xander Senechal, Sarah Skidmore, Steve Steiber and Dorothy Wyandt.

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in May: Karen & Gary LaBranche, Dorothy & John Lloyd-Still, Ginny Voedisch & Bill McSweeney, Gina & Bob Purse.

We pray for equal opportunity and equal treatment under the law for all people; that we may be agents of God's kingdom, dismantling systems of injustice wherever and whenever we can, and for the will to enact common sense gun control laws.

We pray for those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf: Cobe Layag, Jeremy Garrett, Aaron Grant, Thomas Greenwich, Lee Henderson, Tyler Howland, Peter Marks, Ian McGuffin, Joseph Sanford, Emma Seckinger, Thomas Garbee, and the members of our city's fire and police departments, and for their families.

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit or who have asked for our prayers: Jancie Dark, Gina Purse, Dorothy Wyandt, Jeremy Herschaft, Tobin Hudgins, Kaden Brown, Larry Anderson, Beth Swigart, Brad Swigart, Ann Wilson Wesley, Bob Baker, Sue Zundel, Becky Wilson, Ramona Frederickson, Harriet Brandt, Paige D, Kate Martin, Benjamin Ticobay, Bob Teska, Ralph Motogawa, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, John Wagner, Cathy Fiala, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner, Will Widmer 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 Raymond La Russo, brother of Ramona La Russo – Frederickson and Alan Simons.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

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

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

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

St. Matthew's Vestry

Stephen Carr, *Senior Warden*

Tim Patenode, *Junior Warden*

William Widmer, Kelsey Davies, Jim Kelly (2026)

Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers (2027)

Roberta Buchanan, Karen Hertel, David Parks (2028)

Clerk of the Vestry, Larkin Myers (2028)

Christopher Motogawa, *Treasurer* (2026)

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

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

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

ONLINE - All Day, Saturday, November 22, 2025

Delegates: Mary Clark, Ann Searles, Julia Green

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

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

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

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