

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



MARCH 15, 2026
10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



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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
- Mar 20* **Friday Night Coffeehouse, 7pm** at St. Matt's
- Mar 29* **Palm Sunday, 8am** gather outside of the chapel (inside of the chapel if weather is poor); 10:30am gather outside of the sanctuary (inside of the assembly room if weather is poor). **Bring Bells & Noisemakers!**
- Apr 2* **Maundy Thursday Liturgy, 7:30pm** in the Church
- Apr 3* **Good Friday Worship, 7:30pm** in the Church
- Apr 4* **The Great Vigil of Easter, 7pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.** If you would like to participate in this service (Reader, Intercessor, Eucharistic Minister, etc.), please contact rector@stmarksevanston.org.
- Apr 5* **Easter Eucharist with Sermon, 8am** in the Chapel
Easter Eucharist with Choir, 10:30am in the Church

Welcome to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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

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WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S

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

† THE WORD OF GOD †

All stand as able as the Choir sings

THE OPENING CANTICLE

The song of Zechariah

Nettleton



1. Blest be God, the Lord of Is - rael; he has come to set us free!
2. God has come in might to save us from the ha - tred of our foes.
3. God has sworn to grant de - liv - 'rance and re - store us to our place:
4. Bring the knowl - edge of sal - va - tion to God's peo - ple in their sin.



And a horn of full sal - va - tion he has raised from Da - vid's seed.
From their cru - el hand he frees us, and his ten - der mer - cy shows
serv - ing bold - ly in his pres - ence, just and ho - ly all our days.
Preach that God is ten - der - heart - ed, and by him are sins for - giv'n.



God has vis - it - ed his peo - ple to re - deem them as fore - told
mer - cy prom - ised in his cov - 'nant to our fa - thers whom he chose.
You, my child, will be his Pro - phet, called and sent by God Most High.
His great mer - cy, like the sun - rise, bright - ly shines in deep - est night,



in the prom - ise he had spo - ken thro' his pro - phets from of old.
He will keep his oath to A - br'am to re - lease us from our woes.
You must go be - fore the Lord now to pre - pare his ways a - right.
guid - ing those who sit in dark - ness to the way of peace and light.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

The people kneel as able, and a period of silent reflection is observed.

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and
with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor
as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy,

All **we confess that we have sinned against you,**

opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves,

and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL (16:1-13)

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

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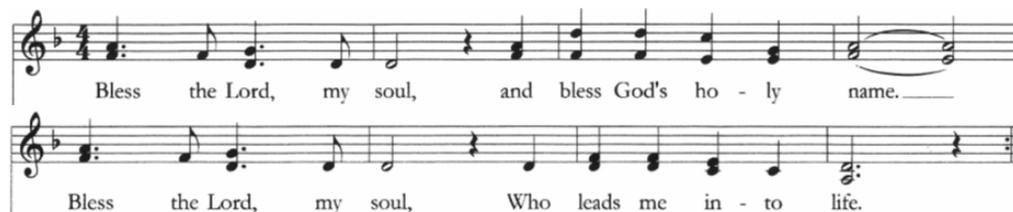
When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 23 *Dominus regit me*

The congregation joins the choir in the refrain.



- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters. **REFRAIN**
- ³ He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **REFRAIN**
- ⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **REFRAIN**

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS (5:8-14)

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

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 W293 Lenten Acclamation

Richard Proulx

Cantor: Zachary Schwartz

Glo - ry to you, O
Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Verse: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (9:1-41).

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept

saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came

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into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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, the people are invited to stand, as able, and together say

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 In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Paula, our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those in positions of public trust, especially Daniel, our mayor; J.B., our governor, and Donald, our President, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those on our parish prayer list, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed St. Matthew, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant Prayer for the War in the Middle East

God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Hagar and Ishmael,
God of Isaac and Rebekah—
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the maker of every people and the lover of every soul.
We bring before you the anguish of war in the Middle East:
the cries of children, the fear of families, and the grief of those who mourn.

Hold close those who live under threat.
Shelter the displaced.
Tend the wounded.
Strengthen those who bring aid and those who seek peace.
Grant wisdom and restraint to leaders.

Break the cycle of hatred and violence.

Turn hearts from vengeance toward mercy, and plant seeds of hope where there is devastation.

Make us instruments of your peace, faithful to your dream of justice and flourishing for every child of yours.

Through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I want to walk as a child of the light

Mark Hayes

Soloist: Kaylie O'Dell, soprano

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

Note:

Mark Hayes is an award-winning concert pianist, composer, arranger and conductor of international renown. His personal catalog totals over 1,500 published works of all kinds. Mark received a Bachelor of Music degree summa cum laude in Piano Performance from Baylor University in 1975. He has conducted the SWACDA & MCDA Community & Church Honor Choir and has served as a frequent guest conductor at Lincoln Center, the National Cathedral and Carnegie Hall, featuring works such as his *Te Deum*, *Magnificat*, *Gloria* and *International Carol Suites*. He conducted the world premiere of his *Requiem* in Lincoln Center in May 2013. In October 2014 Hayes conducted his *Requiem* at St. Ignatius Basilica in Rome, Italy as part of *The Festival Pro Musica E Arte Sacra*, sponsored by the Vatican. Whether concertizing on the other side of the globe or composing at his home in Kansas City, Missouri, Mark is blessed to live out his mission "to create beautiful music for the world".

Verses 1, 2 & 4



1. Be not dis-mayed_ what - e'er be - tide, God will take care of you;—
 2. Through days of toil___ when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;—
 3. All you may need___ He will pro-vide, God will take care of you;—
 4. No mat - ter what___ may be the test, God will take care of you;—



1. Be - neath His wings_ of love a - bide, God will take care of you.____
 2. When dan - gers fierce_ your path as - sail, God will take care of you.____
 3. Noth - ing you ask___ will be de - nied, God will take care of you.____
 4. Lean, wea - ry one,___ up - on His breast, God will take care of you.____



God will take care of you, Through ev - 'ry day, O'er all the way;



He will take care___ of you, God will take care___ of you.____

The people stand as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER I

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

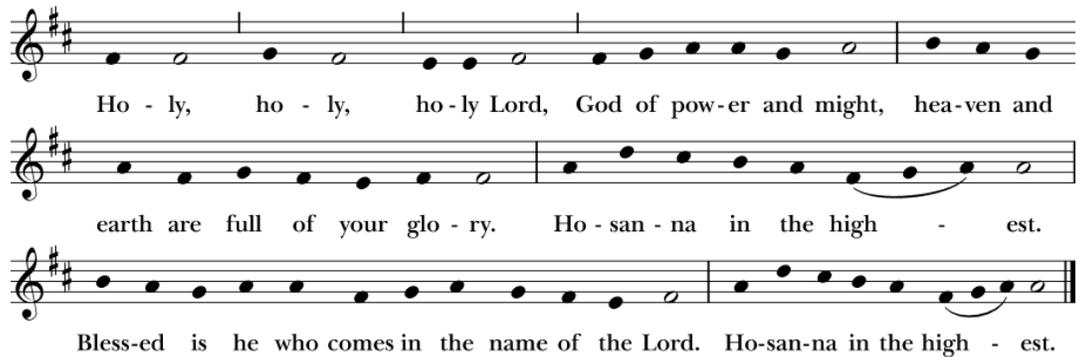
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



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The people stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Matthew, and all

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your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to
you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

Give us this day our daily bread.

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

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

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

THE COMMUNION HYMN WLP #773

Heal me, hands of Jesus

Sharpe



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



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

After all who desire communion or a blessing have received, all stand, as able.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

All stand to sing.

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #645* The King of love my shepherd is *St. Columba*
Verses 1, 2, 5 & 6



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Leading Worship This Evening

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Wayne Hougland, Jr

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Music Director: Mark Crayton

Greeter: Curt Nilsson

Lectors: Francis Lynch, Larkin Myers

Prayer Leader: Gary LaBranche

Acolytes: Bob Purse, Harper Olsen

Chalice Bearers: Mary Clark

Bread Baker: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Altar Guild: Joyce Weber, Roberta Buchanan

Green Team: Roberta Buchanan

Livestream: Volunteer

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director and Conductor

Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist/Percussion

Soprano

Monique Austin

Charlotte Bishop

Ginger Carr

Alice Dolan

Chloe Beal**

Kaylie O'Dell**

Michaela Bateman***

Alto

Bernadette Brockman*

Nancy Churchill

Allyn Rawling

Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*†

Tenor

Francis Lynch

Karlos Piñero-Mercado*

Zachary Schwartz*

Anthony Rohr***

Brian Pember***

Bass

Terry Bucher*

Steve Carr

Jack Ellis*

*Section Leader

***Substitute Singer

**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

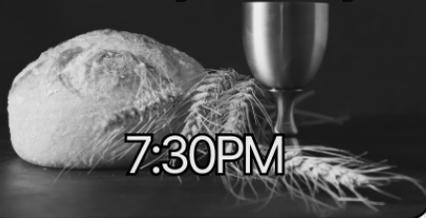
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HOLY WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday



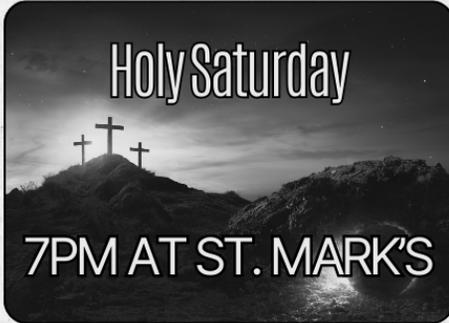
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Good Friday



7:30PM

Holy Saturday



7PM AT ST. MARK'S

Easter Sunday



8AM
10:30AM

A Call to Join the 150th Anniversary Committee

As many of you know, St. Matthew's will be celebrating its 150th anniversary as a congregation in September 2026. The vestry has decided that the congregation should host a year-long series of monthly events to re-introduce ourselves to the community and to invite that community in to see who we are and what we are all about.

The 150th Anniversary Committee will be responsible for planning six of those twelve monthly events. (The bi-monthly coffeehouses will be counted as the other six.) There is a lot of room for creativity in the planning of these remaining six events; and we are looking to have the broadest involvement from the congregation, so that the events are as innovative and comprehensive as possible.

If you are interested in joining, please email the committee chair Steve Carr at s-carr@northwestern.edu. Only six months remain before the anniversary year starts, so join today! Thanks so much.



WHO WILL WIN THE GOLDEN HALO?

Lent Madness 2026

As our journey through Lent approaches, please take some time to consider participating in Lent Madness and taking on the joyful practice of learning from the saints. Lent Madness is modeled on bracket-style sports competition (e.g. March Madness), and begins with a slate of 32 saints culminating in The Golden Halo. Unlike past years, there will be no Saintly Scorecard published in advance. Bios of the saints will be posted in each day's matchup. Matchup posts will begin the first week of Lent, on Thursday, February 19. There are two ways to participate - you can play along each day and record your progress - or fill out your bracket in advance!

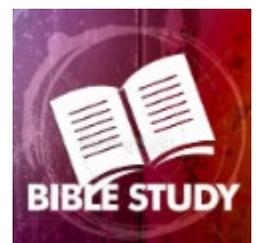
Questions?? Contact Deacon Terri at terri@stmatthewsevanston.org to find Lent Madness resources, which include a printable bracket, visit www.lentmadness.org and click on the Menu in the upper right corner. Additional information about the saints is available from the following resources: Lesser Feasts and Fasts - www.episcopalcommonprayer.org; Wikipedia - visit The Calendar of the Church Year (Episcopal); Saints and Commemorations of the Episcopal Church - www.satucket.com

Anti-Racism / Loving Our Neighbor

Program on gratitude with Indigenous Episcopal leaders: Sign up for a Lenten webinar on gratitude and reciprocity with Indigenous Episcopal leaders. It will be on Tuesday, March 24, at 11 a.m. Find more information at <https://unitedthankoffering.com/lent/>. Register at <https://bit.ly/3N5JboO>. Panelists will include the Rev. Isaiah Shaneequa Brokenleg, the Rev. Mary Crist, Forrest Cuch, and the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton.

Bible Study with Rev. Wayne Every Tuesday at Noon St. Matt's Library / Gallery

Join Rev. Wayne for Bible Study every Tuesday. We will meet at Noon in St. Matt's Library / Gallery. Bible Study will last around an hour. Bring your lunch - and a friend!



FRIDAY NIGHT COFFEEHOUSE



Perform. Listen. Be Heard.



MARCH 20
ST. MATTHEW'S
7:00 - 9:30PM



Special Guest:
Michael Clabby



Open Mic
Live Music
Snacks
BYOB



ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CORNER OF HARTREY & LINCOLN
2120 LINCOLN ST

Easter Music & Flowers

Remember someone special this Easter by contributing to the flowers in the sanctuary or supporting our music program.

EASTER MUSIC / FLOWERS DONATION

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In Memory Of: _____

In Thanksgiving For: _____

Other: _____

Given by: _____

Email: _____

Amount Donated: _____

Deadline for listing in the Easter bulletin is Friday, March 27.

Return this form to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church:

2120 Lincoln Street, Evanston, IL 60201. Please make checks out to St. Matthew's with "Easter Music/Flowers" in the memo.

To donate online, scan the QR code below or go to:
onrealm.org/stmatthewsevanston/-/form/give/now
and choose the flower or music fund.



Terri Has Been our Deacon for 5 years Already!

Terri Morrissey was ordained as a deacon on February 27, 2021. The Episcopal Church's definition of a deacon mentions that "since ancient times, the liturgical functions of deacons have suggested the activity of angels." Terri has indeed given St. Matthew's five years of angelic service: she has restored nature to our backyard; she has provided tender pastoral care to several in our congregation; she has diligently proclaimed the gospel and shared her deep knowledge of the gospel and church history; and two summers ago, she carried the church through a difficult time of transition, arranging to keep our services going.



Please congratulate Terri on this significant milestone and thank her for her devotion to St. Matthew's.

EVANSTON FOOD FRIDGES

Food insecurity is something many in our community deal with. Since Covid, Evanston Food Fridges, along with many in our community, have been doing their part. How does it work? Food pantries and refrigerators are located in 4 places in Evanston where you can drop off food for those in need. Fresh foods are most appreciated. Those in need can come, get food, no questions asked. Soul and Smoke, Northwestern, and Starbucks all donate regularly. Feel free to drop off food or you can donate money directly to them.



<https://www.evanstoncommunityfridges.com>

Food fridges are located at:
1601 Payne Street next to Soul and Smoke
1335 Dodge Street
619 West Howard Street
602 Madison Street

Wednesday Lunches

As part of our outreach, St. Matthew's partners with St. Mark's, through Interfaith Action of Evanston, to provide lunch every Wednesday to those in need and has been doing so since 2015. We prepare and serve a nutritious lunch meal at St. Mark's Cunningham Hall, 1519 Ridge, Evanston. Lunch is prepared by volunteers in the St. Mark's kitchen. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please click on tinyurl.com/wedsack for the SignUp Genius which includes further information on what is involved and how it works. If you have any questions, please email Karen Hertel at klchivas@aol.com.

Evanston Interfaith
PRAYER
& ACTION
FOR EARTH DAY

Sunday, April 26
3:00 – 5:00 pm

Evanston Ecology Center
2024 N McCormick Blvd

3:00 – Popup Choir Rehearsal
3:30 – Trash Pickup Along the Canal
4:30 – Interfaith Prayer for the Planet Liturgy

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

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

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Kenya

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in the Chicago-South Deanery:* St. Martin in Chicago; St. Margaret of Scotland in Chicago *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* Holy Trinity in Oaxaca; St. John in Melut

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 March: Mark Austin, Philip Castillo, Judith Creech, Andrew Davies, Patty Dreibelbis, Drew Kelly, Andrew McDermott, Daniel Meyer, Chris Motogawa, Grace Motogawa, Joyce Weber, Allison Zidek

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in March.

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, 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: Steve Goranson, Jason, Maggie, David Kelson, Carol Imperial, Jim, Timmy Arondale, David Julian, Juliette, Jancie Dark, Jeremy Herschaft, Tobin Hudgins, Larry Anderson, Beth Swigart, Brad Swigart, Ann Wilson Wesley, Bob Baker, Becky Wilson, Ramona Frederickson, Harriet Brandt, Paige D, Kate Martin, Benjamin Ticobay, Bob Teska, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner, Will Widmer and for Maua and her 5 daughters.

We pray for all in need: those struggling with the Coronavirus, all victims of this pandemic, organ donors and those awaiting transplant, the lonely and isolated, our nation, especially those oppressed by our current systems, those protesting racial injustice, all elected officials seeking to lead communities in this challenging time, the unemployed and under-employed.

We pray for those suffering from acts of violence – including warfare, gun violence and sexual violence – as well as from natural disasters, and their aftermaths.

We pray for all who have died.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

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

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

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St. Matthew's lay leaders duly elected and appointed at
The 150th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 25, 2026

St. Matthew's Vestry

Tim Patenode, *Senior Warden*

Karen Hertel, *Junior Warden*

Kelsey Davies, Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers (2027)

Roberta Buchanan, David Parks (2028)

Charlotte Bishop, Don Churchill (2029)

Clerk of the Vestry, Larkin Myers (2027)

Christopher Motogawa, *Treasurer* (2026)

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

Steve Carr (2028) William Widmer (2028) Rick Worden (2028)

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

Ann Searles, Steve Carr

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

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

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

The Rt. Rev. Wayne M. Hougland, Jr., *Priest-in-Charge* | whayne@stmatthewsevanston.org

The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey, *Deacon* | terri@stmatthewsevanston.org

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