

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**"LOOK,
YOUR
KING
IS COMING
TO YOU."**

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29, 2026

10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church sits on the traditional homelands of the people of the Council of Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa nations. This land was also a place of travel and trade to many other tribes, including the Menominee, Ho-Chunk, and Miami tribes. These Native Peoples were forced off their lands with the Second Treaty of Prairie du Chien in 1829. After a series of land transfers, St. Matthew's acquired its current site within this territory in 1906. Today, Cook County is home to tens of thousands of Native Americans from many tribes. We acknowledge and respect our Indigenous neighbors, as we strive to be good stewards of this Native land.

ST. MATTHEW'S EVENTS

Worship Schedule and St. Matthew's Events

- 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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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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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 LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Weather permitting, worship begins outside on the Hartrey Ave. lawn. If the weather is poor, we gather in the Assembly room.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray, saying together.

All **Assist us mercifully with your help, O God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH (50:4-9a)

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens-
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PALMS

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

The plan for the Procession is announced as the Palms are distributed.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE PROCESSION

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

All join in the Procession, as able, waving Palms and making a joyful noise with bells and other instruments.

Weather permitting, we will box the intersection as we head north and cross Lincoln Street, turn west and cross Hartrey Avenue, turn south, crossing Lincoln Street, and back east across Hartrey Avenue as we move into the church.

Upon entering the church, all process to their places. Once in place, all sing the following hymn, continuing to ring bells and noisemakers on the refrain.

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He -avens with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

THE WORD OF GOD

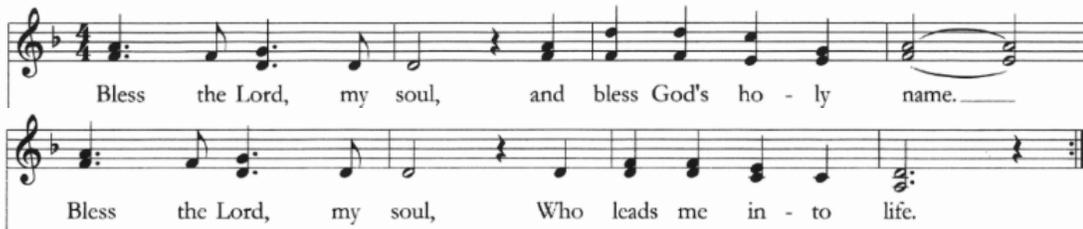
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



¹¹ I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
 a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
 when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹² I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
 I am as useless as a broken pot. **REFRAIN**

¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; *
 they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴ But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
 I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵ My times are in your hand; *
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶ Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
 and in your loving-kindness save me." **REFRAIN**

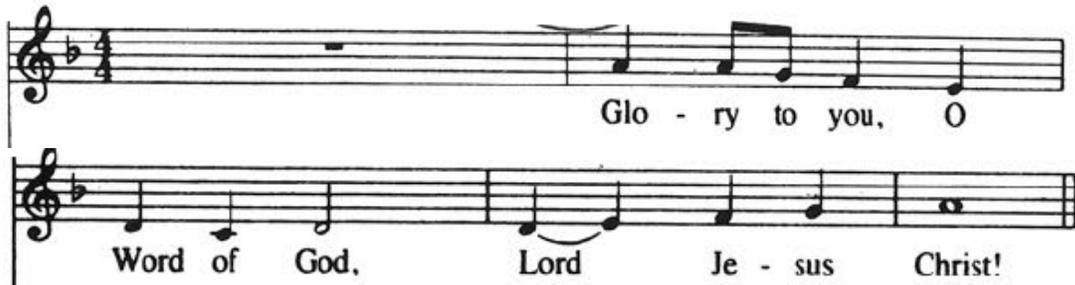
All stand, as able, and sing together.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN W293

Lenten Acclamation

Richard Proulx

Cantor: Terry Bucher



Verse: Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (21:1-11)

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

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

"When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Wayne Houglund, Jr.

The people stand.

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 CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

People Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

strengthen you in all goodness, and

by the power of the Holy Spirit

keep you in eternal life.

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 EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ride on, King Jesus

arr. Moses Hogan

Karlos Piñero-Mercado, tenor

Ride on King Jesus! Ride on the conquering king. No one can a hinder thee. He's the King, Lord of all. No one can a hinder thee. Jesus is the first, and he's the last. Jesus is the Lord, Lord of Lords. Jesus is the prince, prince of peace. No one can a hinder thee. Ride on King Jesus! Ride on, just ride on Jesus! Ride on King Jesus! ride on! Ride on...

All

All stand as able.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #158* Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

Herzliebster Jesu

The musical score is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a staff of music. The lyrics are:

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

The people stand as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER I

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

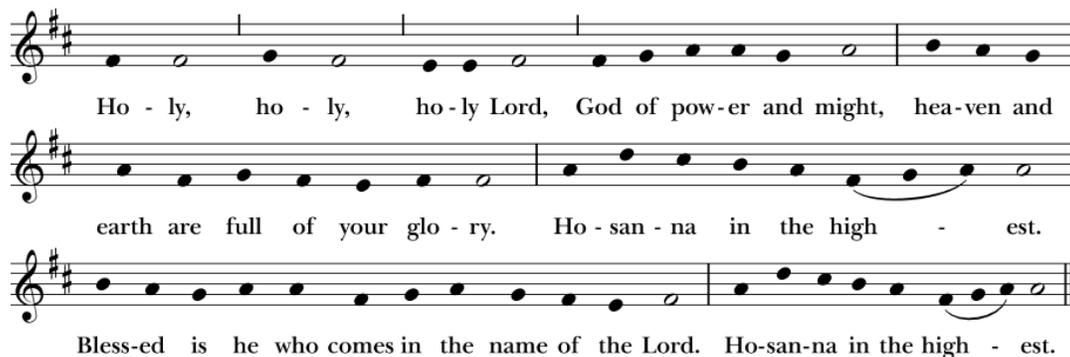
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he become the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 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.**

Presider 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 ANTHEM

Were you there?

arr. Norman Luboff

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified

my Lord? Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? My Lord!

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

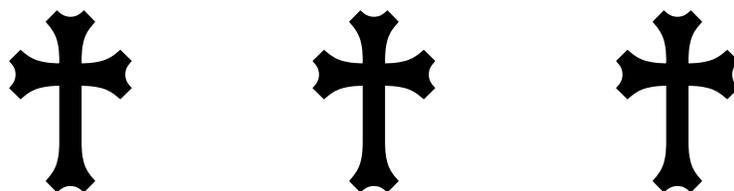
Presider Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, A LITURGICAL INTERPRETATION (SEE INSERT)

*The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at the place that is called The Skull, all stand as able. The congregation reads the parts written **bold** print.*

Following the reading, all may depart in silence.
Our observance of Holy Week has begun.



Leading Our Worship This Morning

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Wayne Houglan, Jr.

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Music Director: Mark Crayton

Greeter: Curt Nilsson

Prayer Leader: Ann Searles

Lectors: Steve Carr, Gary LaBranche

Chalice Bearer: John Searles

Acolytes: Roxanne Myers, Willow Myers,
Bob Purse

Bread Baker: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Altar Guild: Mary Clark

Green Team: Jennie Woodring

Livestream: Volunteer

Passion Readers:

Sally Craige Christensen - Narrator

Francis Lynch - Jesus of Nazareth

Tim Patenode - Peter, Centurion

Ann Searles- A Disciple, Witness 1, Bystander 1

Don Churchill - Judas

Shelia Ahranjani - Young Girl, Bystander 2,
Witness 2

Gary LaBranche - Pilate

Steve Carr - Caiaphas, Priest

Quinn Brann - Tympani

Bernadette Brockman - Cymbals

Mark Crayton - Tambourine, Triangle

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 Rohi***

Brian Pember***

Bass

Terry Bucher*

Steve Carr

Jack Ellis*

*Section Leader

***Substitute Singer

**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

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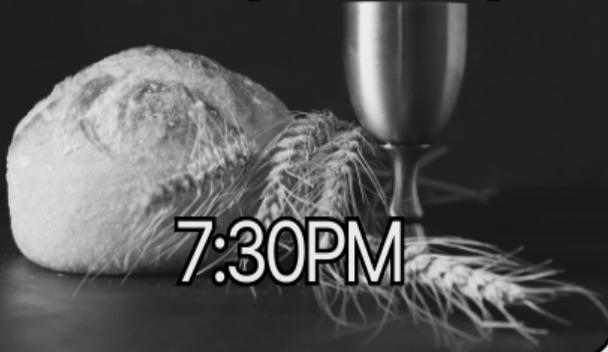
Sermon text can be found on Substack @theritualway or Wayne Houglan, Jr.

HOLY WEEK

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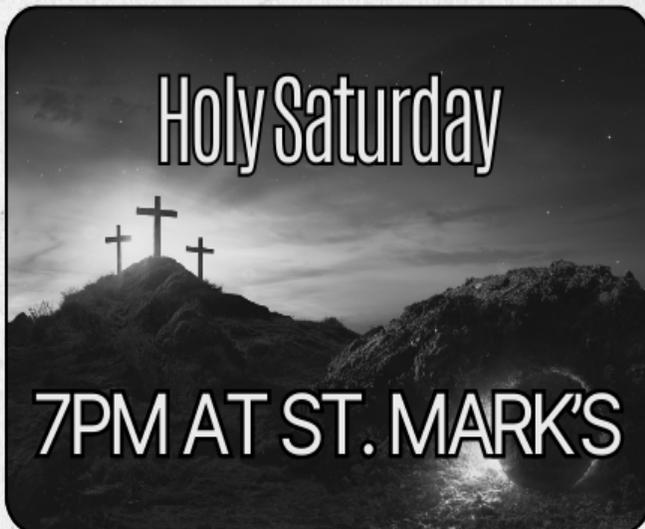
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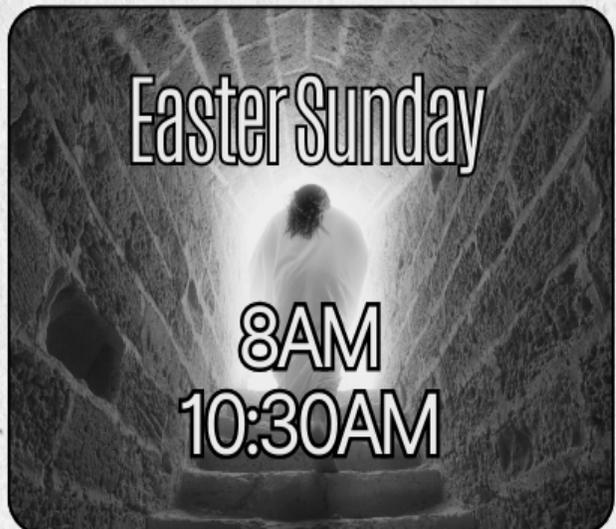
Good Friday



Holy Saturday



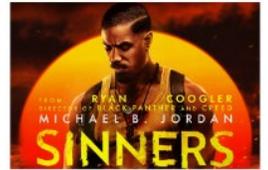
Easter Sunday



Anti-Racism / Loving Our Neighbor

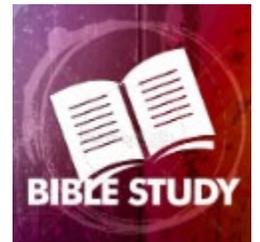
Unraveling the meaning of *Sinners*, the movie: The controversial, award-winning movie *Sinners* was filled with historical, racial, and musical references. For a run-down on the meaning of themes ranging from the Black Church and Chinese Americans in the Delta to Choctaw Natives and Irish Folk Music, see historian Kahlil Greene's post here:

<https://historycanhide.substack.com/p/everything-you-missed-in-ryan-cooglers-6d9>



Bible Study with Rev. Whyne Every Tuesday at Noon | St. Matt's Library

Join Rev. Whyne 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!



Help Us Update the Church's Website with New Photos!

As announced in church last Sunday, the church's website has been renovated and updated. But we need to do more by updating the photos on the website.

Please help us by uploading to the following link your recent photos of the church, the congregation, or the ministries with which you are involved: [PARISHIONER UPLOADS FOLDER](#) (If you are reading this message in the hard copy Sunday bulletin, the link can be accessed in the on-line version of the bulletin located on the church's website. Just click on "Download bulletin". Or you can scan the QR Code below or ask Gregory Peebles, gregory@stmatthewsevanston.org, to send you the link by email.)

Photos are best if in landscape format, because those fit most easily on the website.

Let's bring our website current! Thanks so much to Jennie Woodring for taking the initiative and working so hard on renovating the website!



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. 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 events; and we are looking to have the broadest involvement from the congregation, so that the events are innovative and comprehensive.

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.

Can you help us close the gap?

For 150 years, St. Matthew's has been a place of welcome for all who walks through our doors.



This sesquicentennial season, we are taking meaningful steps to make that welcome even more tangible – renovating our bathrooms to be more accessible to all members or our community.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of several parishioners, we already have lighting, a changing table, vanity stools and other items to make this space special.

But as any renovation goes, new needs have surfaced – ventilation, faucets, comfortable seating for those who need a moment of rest. These finishing touches really matter and turn a functional space into a truly dignified and welcoming one.

Can you help us close the gap? Whether you can give \$25, \$100, or more, every gift moves us closer to a space that honors our history and celebrates our future. Scan the QR Code if you can help.



Volunteering at St Matt's / Lay Eucharistic Leaders

Want to volunteer to help during the Eucharist at St Matt's? Great! We always need more folks! Not sure how? Here's some help.

First, the ways you can volunteer are below:

Greeter (usher) | Lead: Curt Nilsson (curt48@comcast.net)

Lector (reader) | Lead: Deacon Terri (terri@stmatthewsevanston.org)

Intercessor (prayer leader) | Lead: Deacon Terri

Chalice Bearers | Lead: Deacon Terri

Bread Bakers | Lead: Deacon Terri

Livestream | Lead: Diane Senechal (dfairchild25@gmail.com)

Acolytes | Lead: Bob Purse (rasmaster@aol.com)

Once you've decided where you want to serve, connect with the lead for any necessary training so that you're confident in your ability. Next, you'll want to sign up using the digital rota, which you can here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdd7665m>.

Date	Season	Special?	Converting	Presenting	Readings	Chaper (3:30 AM) Lector	Chaper (3:30 AM) Prayer Leader	Bread Baker (3 AM)	Greeter (3:30 AM)	Church (3:30 AM) Reader #1	Church (3:30 AM) Reader #2	Church (3:30 AM) Prayer Leader	Church (3:30 AM) Chalice Bearer	Bread Baker (3:30 AM)	Livestream (3:30 AM)	Acolytes (3:30 AM)	
1/10/26	Christmas		The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rev. Tom J. Maroney	Christmas II					Judy Royal	Tim Paternode	Ann Seales					
1/11/26	Epiphany		The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	Epiphany of Our Lord					Ginger Carr		Ann Seales	Judy Royal				
1/18/26	Epiphany		The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	Epiphany II					Steve Carr	Larkin Myers	Ann Seales					
1/25/26	Epiphany	Ash Wednesday	The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	Epiphany III					Tim Paternode	Judy Royal		Mary Clark				
2/1/26	Epiphany		The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	Epiphany IV					Larkin Myers		Tim Paternode					
2/8/26	Epiphany		The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	Epiphany V					Steve Carr			Mary Clark				
2/15/26	Epiphany	Wayne Awaits	The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	Last Epiphany					Judy Royal	Tim Paternode						
										Greeter (7:30 PM)	Reader #1 (7:30 PM)	Reader #2 (7:30 PM)	Prayer Leader (7:30 PM)	Chalice Bearer (7:30 PM)	Bread Baker (7:30 PM)	Livestream (7:30 PM)	Acolytes (7:30 PM)
2/18/26	Lent	Ash Wednesday	The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.		Ash Wednesday					Steve Carr	Ginger Carr						
2/22/26	Lent		The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	Lent I												
3/1/26	Lent	Wayne Awaits	The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	Lent II					Larkin Myers							
3/8/26	Lent		The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	Lent III					Steve Carr		Tim Paternode					
3/15/26	Lent		The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Hoagland, Jr.	Lent IV						Larkin Myers						
3/22/26	Passover				Annunciation												

I create the “rota” (Latin, “wheel”, because we rotate responsibilities) at the beginning of each quarter. When I’m done creating the rota, I send it out to my current list of volunteers with a request that volunteers consult their calendars and “plug themselves in” as they are available to serve. After that, each week I consult the document to see which volunteer opportunities remain vacant, and I send a request out to the volunteer list I have for that category. Whoever can help responds either by navigating to the sheet to “plug themselves in”, or, if a person feels they are not able to navigate that situation, they can simply respond via email to me, and I will enter their name into the sheet.

As mentioned above, new volunteers in any category are always welcome, but we are particularly in need of Greeters and Livestream helpers at this time.

Thanks to you all for all that you do to keep St Matt's an active, vibrant community.

Gregory Peebles, *Parish Administrator*

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 Melanesia

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Intercessions are offered for the Diocese of Chicago and for our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Paula E. Clark, and for Archbishop Joseph Atem of the Upper Nile Province in South Sudan, and Bishop Simon Chuang Ayok of the Diocese of Renk

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*

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