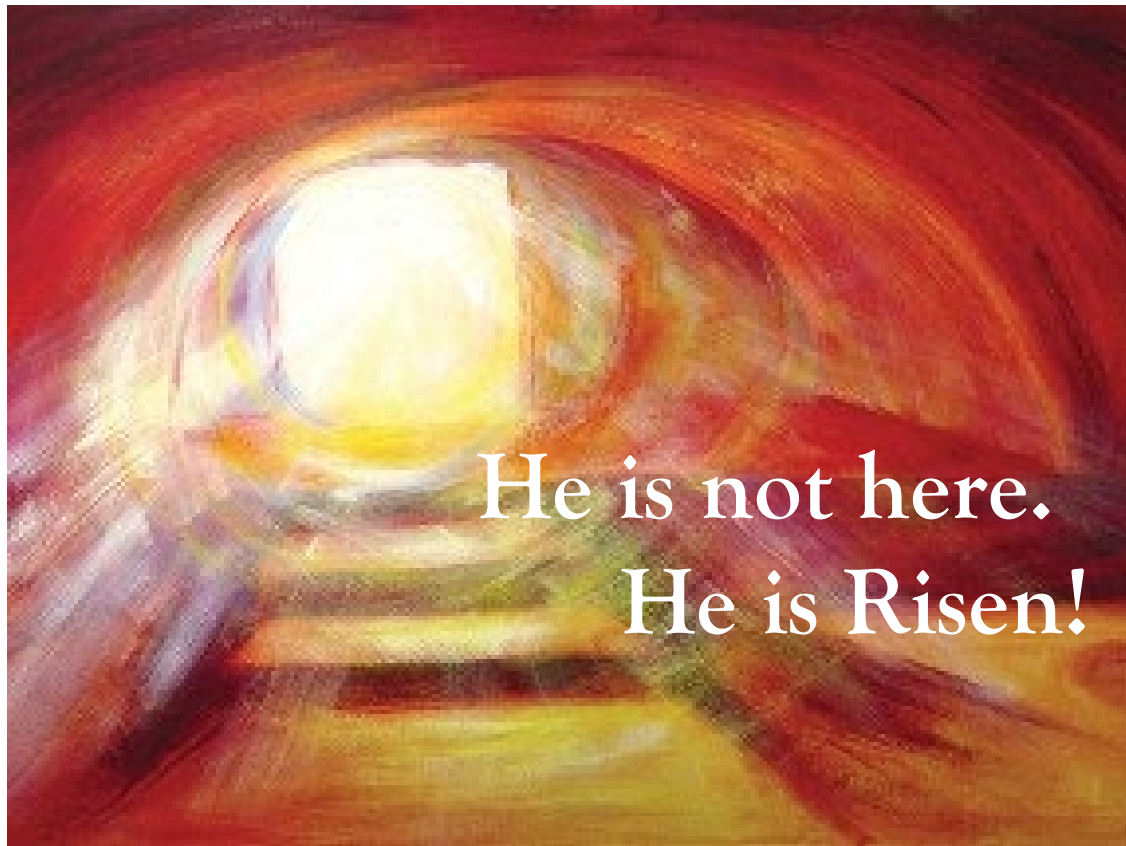


# ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## EASTER DAY

### The Feast of the Resurrection



10:30AM IN THE CHURCH

APRIL 5, 2026



*Welcoming all in community;*

*Joyfully doing God's work  
in the world.*

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

May 8      Friday Night CoffeeHouse, 7:30pm at St. Matt's

### 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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# 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.

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## THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*Presider* Dear friends in Christ:

On this most holy night, in which our Savior Jesus passed over from death to life,  
the Church invites us, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer.  
For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing God's Word and  
celebrating God's Sacraments, we share in Jesus' victory over death.

Let us pray, saying together:

*People* **O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people  
the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire,  
and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires,  
that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The Paschal Candle is lit and carried as the light is announced three times.*

*Cantor* The light of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PRELUDE

## THE WORD OF GOD

*All stand.*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him. all ve heaven - ly host. Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

**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 as needed.*

## THE GLORIA

Belfast Centenary Eucharist

Philip Stopford (b.1977)

*Soloists: Chloe Beal, Alto – Bernadette Brockman, Tenor – Zachary Schwartz, Bass – Terry Bucher*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*The people stand.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## A READING FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH (31:1-6).

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:  
The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,  
the Lord appeared to him from far away.  
I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.  
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!  
Again you shall take your tambourines,  
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.  
Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant,  
and shall enjoy the fruit.  
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:  
“Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the Lord our God.”

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24** *Confitemini Domino*

*The congregation joins the choir in the refrain.*

On this day the LORD has act - ed; we will re - jice and be glad in it.

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."      **REFRAIN**

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

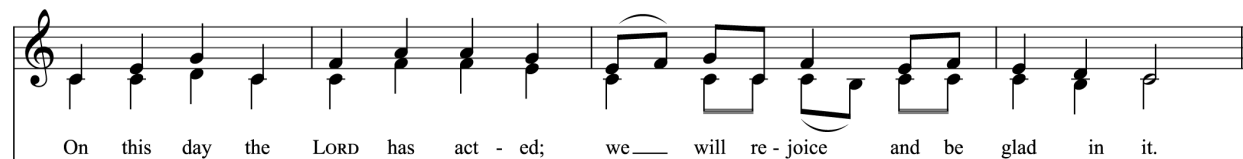
<sup>15</sup> There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:

<sup>16</sup> "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"      **REFRAIN**

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.

## THE PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

*The congregation joins the choir in the refrain.*



<sup>18</sup> The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death. **REFRAIN**

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup> I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation. **REFRAIN**

<sup>22</sup> The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes. **REFRAIN**

## A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (10:34-43).

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Antiphon (at the end)*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (28:1-10).

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

*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.**

*(Continued on the next page)*

*Leader* On this feast day 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:

*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.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people sit.

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*I know that my redeemer lives*

arr. Dan Forrest

*Quinn Brann, Ervino Rieger Duarte; Piano 4-hands*

I know that my Redeemer lives, glory, hallelujah. What comfort this sweet sentence gives, glory, hallelujah. Shout on, press on, we're gaining ground, glory, hallelujah. The dead's alive, and the lost is found, glory, hallelujah. He lives to bless me with His love, glory, hallelujah. He lives to plead my cause above, glory, hallelujah. Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, glory, hallelujah. The dead's alive, and the lost is found, glory, hallelujah. He lives to crush the fiends of hell, glory, hallelujah. He lives and doth within me dwell, glory, hallelujah. Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, glory, hallelujah. The dead's alive, and the lost is found, glory, hallelujah.

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #179* "Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say

*Fortunatus*

*Verses 1, 4 and 5*

1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say:  
\*2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,  
\*3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length - ening light,  
4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,  
5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,

1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!  
2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King:  
3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.  
4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,  
5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!  
2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,  
3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,  
4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,  
5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,

1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!  
2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.  
3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.  
4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.  
5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

*Refrain*  
"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say.

*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 people may sit as needed.*

## THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS Belfast Centenary Eucharist *Philip Stopford (b. 1977)*

Soloists: Soprano - Kaylie O'Dell, Alto - Angela Torres-Kutkuhn, Tenor -  
Karlos Piñero-Mercado, Bass - Jack Ellis

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest**

*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 may sit as needed.*

## THE AGNUS DEI

Missa Festiva

John Leavitt

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us peace.

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

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Gaelic Alleluia*

arr. Craig Courtney

*Quinn Brann, Ervino Rieger Duarte; Piano 4-hands*

14th Century Latin Carol

Joy dawned again on Easter-Day, The sun shone out with fair array, When, to their longing eyes restored, The apostles saw their risen Lord. Alleluia! O Jesus, King of gentleness, Do thou thyself our hearts possess; That we may give thee all our days, The willing tribute of our praise. Alleluia! O Lord of all with us abide, In this our joyful Eastertide; From every weapon death can wield, Thine own redeemed forever shield. Alleluia! O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing; Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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 #180* He is risen, he is risen *Unser Herrscher*

Verses 1-2 & 4

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
\*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened  
joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,  
let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,  
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion  
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the  
ris - en to a ho - lier state: and a bright - er  
we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

## THE DISMISSAL

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

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

## THE POSTLUDE

### Leading Our Worship This Morning

*Celebrant:* The Rt. Rev. Whyne Hougland, Jr

*Deacon:* The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

*Choir Director:* Mark Crayton

*Greeter:* Curt Nilsson

*Lectors:* Ginger Carr, Gary LaBranche

*Prayer Leader:* Ann Searles

*Chalice Bearer:* Don Churchill

*Acolytes:* Bob Purse, Molly Purse, Quincy Senechal, Harper Olsen, Roxanne Myers, Willow Myers

*Bread Baker:* The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

*Altar Guild:* Deborah Williams

*Green Team:* Jennie Woodring

*Livestream:* Diane Senechal

### 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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## 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](mailto: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 walk through our doors, and this anniversary year invites us to renew that welcome for the next 150 years.



This sesquicentennial season, we are undertaking important renovations (as you can see) so that our space is more accessible, comfortable, and hospitable for everyone in our community. Thanks to the generosity of several parishioners, we already have updated lighting, bathrooms, common areas and other details that will help our space feel warm and inviting.

As the work has progressed there are additional items that have come up. These finishing touches transform a merely functional space into one that is truly dignified and welcoming, reflecting the care we show to all who enter.

Will you help support these 150th-anniversary renovations and invest in the future of St. Matthew's? Whether your gift is \$25, \$100, or more, every contribution brings us closer to creating a space that both honors our history and points toward a more gracious future; please scan the QR code if you are able to help



## 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](mailto: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:** La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** *Congregations in the Elgin Deanery:* St. Simon in Arlington Heights; St. Michael in Barrington; St. Mark in Barrington Hills; *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* San Andrés in Veracruz; St. Michael in Paloch

**For the congregation at St. Matthew's** as we embrace our mission to be welcoming all in community; joyfully doing God's work in the world: welcoming our neighbors near and far.

**We pray for all those who celebrate birthdays in April:** Maribeth Allen, Monique Austin, Connie Conley, Matthew Davies, Ramona Frederickson, Jim Kelly, Bobby McSweeney, Kati Olsen, Tim Patenode, Calvin Pennisi, Walker Pennisi, Quincy Senechal, Robert Woodring,

**We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in April:** Kristin Jacobsen & Allan Champine.

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

**We pray for those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf:** 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:** Ethan Muffett, Glen Teager, 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 Champine, 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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 187<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago**

Ann Searles, Steve Carr

### **Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff**

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, 28<sup>th</sup> *Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church*

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