

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BY WHAT AUTHORITY?

Matthew 21:23-32

THE EIGHTEENTH AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



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

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

<i>Sundays</i>	Sunday Forum led by Whayne Youth Group , 6pm at Church of the Holy Comforter
<i>Tuesdays</i>	Bible Study led by Whayne
Oct 4	Pet Blessing and Open House , 2:30pm at St. Matt's
Oct 27	Vision Keeper Dinner , 5:30pm at the Orrington Hotel, downtown Evanston

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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ONLINE FORM

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 and wine made holy.

THE PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able.

THE OPENING HYMN

Come thou font of every blessing

Nettleton

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:
Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to
flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and
on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

All say together:

THE SONG OF PRAISE

Mass for St. Columba

Francis Lynch

(Organ) (All Voices)

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) in the second, third, fourth, and seventh lines of music. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord

God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly son of the

Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS (17:1-7).

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." he Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16 *Attendite, popule*

- ¹ Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- ² I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- ³ That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- ⁴ We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- ¹² He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- ¹³ He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- ¹⁴ He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- ¹⁵ He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- ¹⁶ He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

The people sit.

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS (2:1-13).

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

People

Thanks be to God.

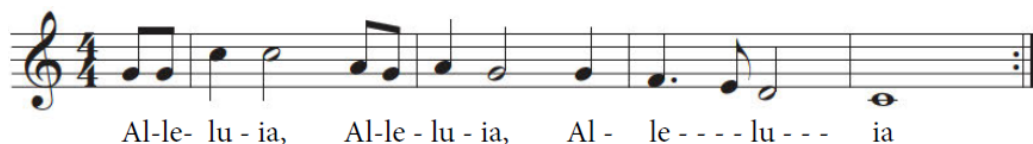
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Mark Crayton

Verse sung by Karlos Piñero-Mercado

We will repeat the Alleluia 2 times before the verse and 2 times after verse



Verse: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

(21:23-32)

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr.

After a time of silent reflection, all are invited to stand, as they are able, and say together:

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Form III, adapted)

Leader Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that our wardens and vestry, other St. Matthew's leaders, and every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Paula, our Bishop; for Whayne, our priest-in-charge, and for Terri, our deacon;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially for Donald, our President; J.B., our governor; Daniel, our mayor; for the leaders of our neighboring communities, and for all those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader We pray for equal opportunity and equal treatment under the law for all people; and for the will to enact common sense gun control laws. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake, that we may be agents of God's kingdom, offering radical welcome and committed to dismantling systems of injustice;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, we pray especially for Cathy, Connie, Alison, Jan, Jeremy, Tobin, Becky, Bob, Steve, Bill, Jack, Ethan, Carol, Timmy, David, Larry, Harriet, Kate, Bob, Jessica, Maeve, Donna, Carol and for Maua and her 5 daughters;

People **That they may be delivered from any distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Members of the congregation are encouraged to offer their intercessions, either silently or aloud.

Presider Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant 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 people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† THE HOLY COMMUNION †

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

K'dusha
Aliyah Necaice, *soprano*

Michael Skloff

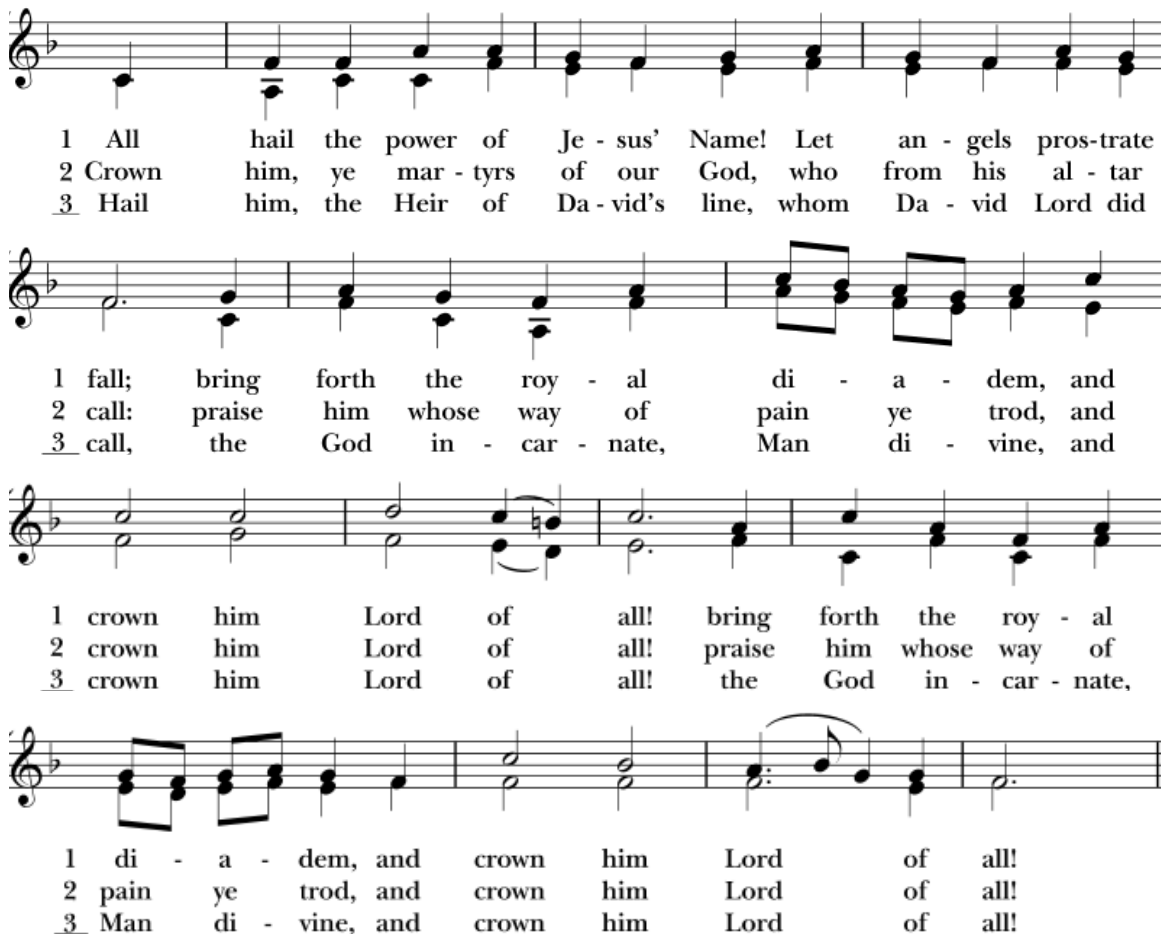
We sanctify Your name in the world, As celestial song sanctifies You in realms beyond our world, In the words of Your prophet: Holy, Holy, Holy is the God of heaven's hosts. The whole earth is God's glory. God of strength, who gives us strength, God of Might who gives us might, How magnificent the signs of Your Being throughout the earth. Blessed is the splendor that shines forth from the Eternal. Our God is one. Our Ruler and our Helper; sovereign Source of life and liberation, Revealing with mercy to all who live: "I am Adonai your God!" Adonai shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, from generation to generation, Hallelujah!

This prayer is the third blessing of the "Amidah" (meaning "standing, because Jews stand when saying the prayers of the Amidah and face Jerusalem). It is a part of all daily prayers, but this arrangement is very popular during the observances of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, which just ended. Michael Skloff, a renowned Jewish composer and musician best known in popular culture as the composer of the Friends television theme song, wrote it.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #450*

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Coronation



1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros-trate
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyr - s of our God, who from his al - tar
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

The people remain standing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER 3

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

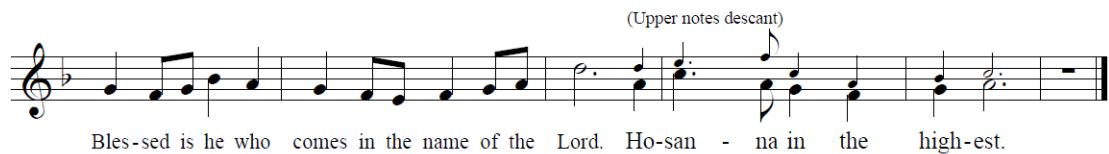
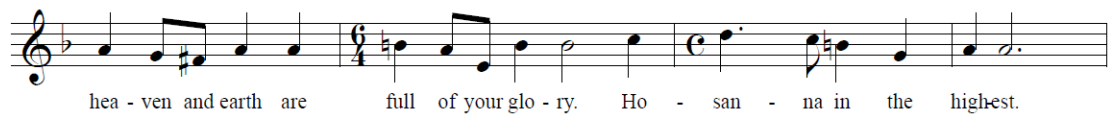
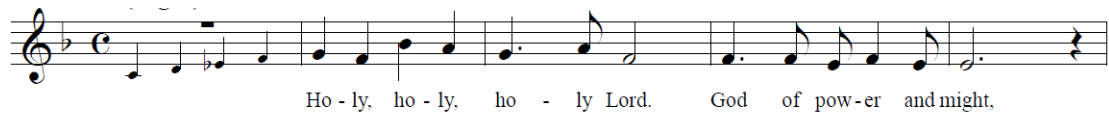
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Celebrant Let us give our thanks to Almighty God.

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

Celebrant 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 sing (say),



The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call 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 have Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your 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, he broke it, gave 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."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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:

People **Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

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,

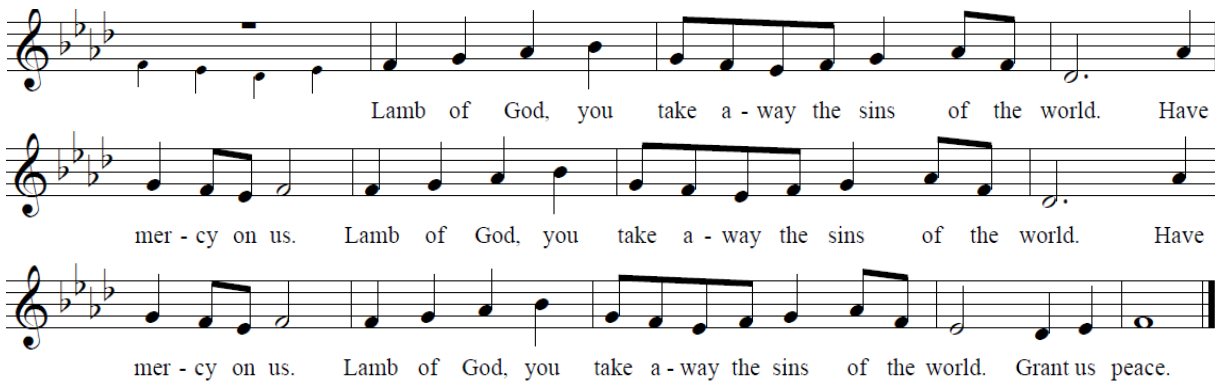
People **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Alleluia.



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

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

He's got the whole world in His hands arr. Moses Hogan

He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got all the power in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got you and me, brother, in His hands. He's got you and me, sister, in His hands. He's got the little baby in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got mother and father in His hands. He's got the stars and moon right in His hands. He's got everybody in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.

Some African American spirituals have crossed cultural and social boundaries and found their way into many musical settings. "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" is a good example, appearing in recital halls, Civil Rights protests, folk and popular music, and worship services. Its simple, inclusive message and flexible text make it especially adaptable. The earliest known publication is Spirituals Triumphant Old and New (1927), collected and arranged by Edward Hammond Boatner (1898–1981). Boatner recalled hearing spirituals at his father's prayer meetings from an early age, suggesting that the song was already being sung well before he published it.

Source: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/history-of-hymns-hes-got-the-whole-world-in-his-hands>, accessed 9/23/2026

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

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 BLESSING

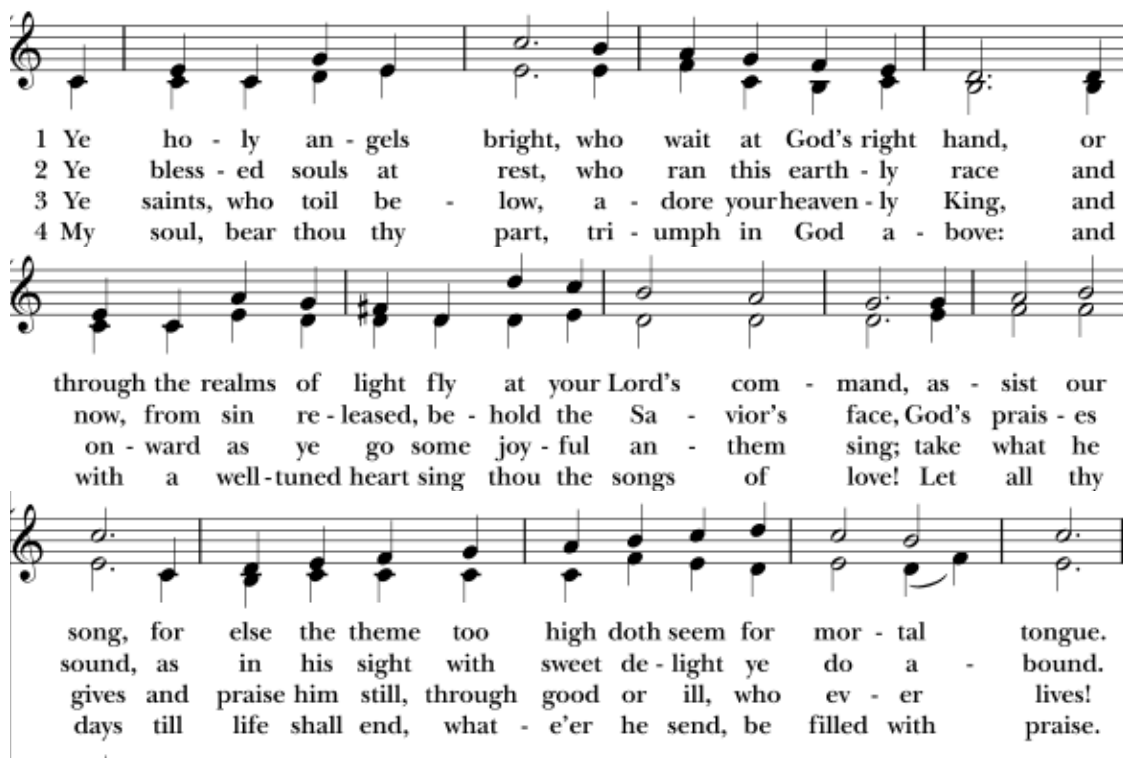
THE CLOSING HYMN

Ye holy angels bright

Darwall's 148th

Mark Crayton, countertenor Quinn Brann, piano

Verses 1, 2 and 4



1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and
3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and
4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es
on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he
with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Leading Our Worship This Morning

Celebrant: The Rt. Wayne Hougland, Jr.

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Music Director: Mark Crayton

Organist: Quinn Brann

Greeter: Don Churchill

Lectors: Steve Carr, Gary LaBranche

Prayer Leader: Volunteer

Chalice Bearers: Volunteer

Acolytes: Bob Purse, Willow Myers

Bread Baker: Volunteer

Altar Guild: Volunteer

Green Team: Deborah Williams

Livestream: Volunteer

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director and Conductor

Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist

Soprano

Monique Austin

Charlotte Bishop

Ginger Carr

Alice Dolan

Michaela Bateman*

Aliyah Necaie*

Alto

Bernadette Brockman*

Nancy Churchill

Angela Torres-Kutkuhn**†

Tenor

Francis Lynch

Karlos Piñero-Mercado*

Zachary Schwartz*

Bass

Terry Bucher*

Steve Carr

Samuel Orsi-Weiser*

*Section Leader

**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

Follow Rev. Wayne
on Substack

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

Open House & Pet Blessing

Sunday, October 4, 2:30pm St. Matthew's Church

Join us for St. Matthew's Open House and Pet Blessing on Sunday, October 4 Starting at 2:30pm. Pet Blessing begins at 3pm. Enjoy Fall treats and visit our newly renovated Parish home. All are welcome - including our furry friends! **Please have all four-legged pets on leashes and any other pets in an appropriate enclosure.** Neighbors and friends are invited to bring their pets, too!



Recognizing Vision Keepers Sunday, October 27 at 5:30 p.m. Hilton Orrington Hotel's Grand Ballroom Celebrating Judy Royal

Each year Interfaith Action of Evanston's (IAE) 40 faith communities and member organizations select their Vision Keepers and celebrate them at the annual Vision Keepers Dinner. These individuals who go above and beyond for their work within their faith communities and the broader community.

Judy Royal has been selected as St. Matthew's Vision Keeper for 2026. Judy has done so many things around St. Matthews so it was an easy choice. Here is what makes Judy really stand out...Last year she found out that local families were getting much needed housing but she also found out that furnishing the apartments was not part of the program. That's when Judy sprang into action. She initial called on the folks at St. Matthews to donate for mattresses and then arrange to have those delivered. That went very well and she soon had an entire operation of furniture and household goods available for families to set up their new homes. She also arranged for movers to move the furniture to their apartments. This has been happening now for over a year and the word is out about Judy's ad hoc operation. Not only are all these families benefiting but the furniture and other items are getting a second life. Thank you Judy!

Come celebrate Judy at The Vision Keepers dinner and fundraiser. It will be held at the Hilton Orrington Hotel's Grand Ballroom in downtown Evanston on Sunday, October 27 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$90. Reserve your spot by Friday, Oct. 2 by emailing Karen Hertel at klchivas@aol.com.

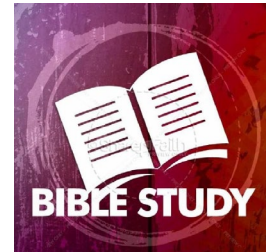
Sunday Forum Led by Rev. Wayne

9:15am in St. Matt's Parlor

Join Rev. Wayne this morning for an instructed Eucharist in the Chapel.

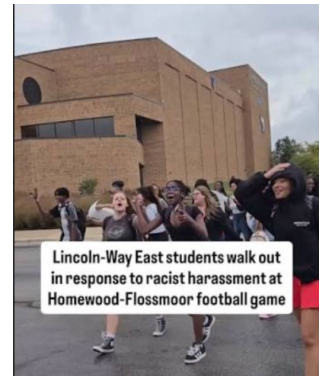
Bible Study with Rev. Wayne Tuesdays at 12 Noon, St. Matt's Library

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!



Anti-Racism Team / Loving Our Neighbor

Recent racism among suburban young people: Students from Lincoln-Way East high school ridiculed students from Homewood-Flossmoor at a Sept. 4 football game, making monkey noises and gestures and calling out racial slurs (<https://tinyurl.com/yijt2s26>). The offending Lincoln-Way East students were removed from the game. Other students at Lincoln-Way East later protested these actions, and the school started an investigation. Last week, the students who made the gestures were allowed to withdraw rather than be expelled, sparking criticism that the young people did not have to face consequences for their racial behavior (<https://tinyurl.com/mr2a7e45>).



Tree planting season (September–March) is coming. Now is the time to **investigate potential tree sources** and planting services, including local government, nonprofit foundations, and nursery businesses. Trees pull down carbon from the atmosphere and nourish the soil, provide habitat and food for birds and other pollinators, and give shade in the summer and allow sun in the winter, reducing the need for fossil fuel energy.

Hearts & Hands Fridge & Pantry Needs YOU!



Food donation bin now at the back of the church: On your next trip to the grocery store or Costco, pick up a few extra items for the Hearts & Hands fridge and pantry outside of St. Andrew's Pentecost. Bring them to church and put them in the green bin at the back near the entrance. You can also take them to Hearts & Hands (1928-1930 Darrow in Evanston) yourself. Thank you very much to those who have already donated. The need is incredible. For more information or to volunteer, contact Roberta Buchanan (robertabuchanan@comcast.net).

What to buy for Hearts & Hands fridge and pantry:

- **Easy-open cans with pull tabs: proteins** (canned tuna, chicken, beans, chili, tofu), **fruit** (applesauce, large cans, individual cups packed in juice), **beans** (garbanzo, kidney, black), **veggies** (but NOT corn or green beans), soup (but NOT tomato or chicken noodle)
- **Grains & Bases:** oatmeal, boxed cereal, rice, pasta and sauce, bread, instant mac and cheese, boxed or bagged side dishes, ramen, tortillas
- **Baking & Cooking:** cooking oil, butter, flour, sugar, salt, pepper, seasonings, tomato paste, bouillon, condiments (mustard, mayo, etc.)
- **Snacks & comfort items:** peanut butter, jelly, crackers, granola bars, cheese sticks
- **Drinks:** tea, instant coffee, half and half
- **Personal care products:** feminine hygiene, dental, haircare, lotion, baby wipes, etc.
- **Paper products:** toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, etc.
- **Festive:** items for holidays, birthdays, seasons

CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER
YOUTH GROUP FALL 2026



BELONGING



GRADES 6-12 | SUN NIGHTS 6-8PM
DINNER, GAMES, BIBLE STUDY, DISCUSSION

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 Church of Bangladesh

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Commissions of the Diocese:* Commission on Ministry; Antiracism Commission

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 September: Albert Allred, Roberta Buchanan, Stephen Carr, Donald Churchill, Hannah Davies, Donald Draganski, Samantha Kujovich, Jason McDermott, Larkin Myers, Karin Ruetzel, David Parks, Liza Anderson

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in September: Mary Jo Deysach & Francis Lynch, Kathy & Jack Riley

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: Cathy Conley Schiltz, Connie Conley, Alison Widmer, Jan Dark, Jeremy Herschaft, Tobin Hudgins, Becky Wilson, Bob Baker, Steve Steiber, Bill Weber, Jack Cummings, Ethan Muffett, Carol Imperial, Timmy Arondale, David Julian, Larry Anderson, Harriet Brandt, Kate Martin, Bob Teska, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner 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*

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