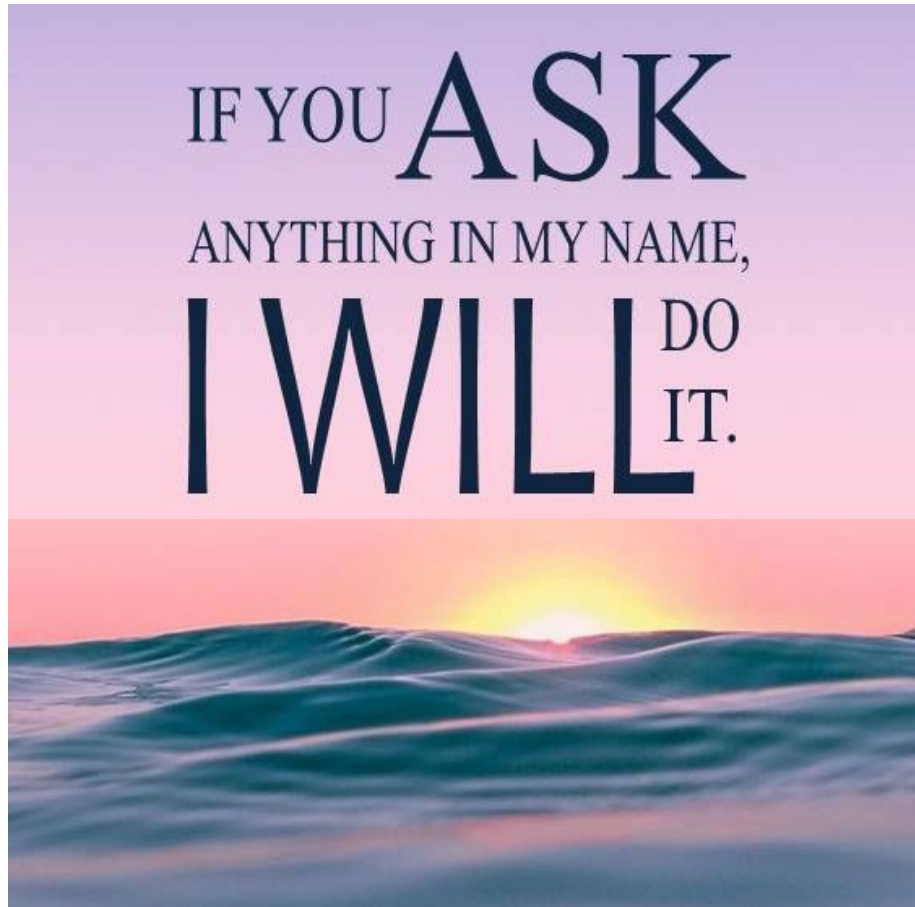


ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



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

Sundays **Sunday Forum led by Whayne, 9:15 - 10:15am in the Chapel**
May 5 **Neighbors in Solidarity, 5:30pm at One Rotary Center**
May 8 **Friday Night CoffeeHouse, 7:30pm at St. Matt's**
May 17 **St. Matt's Movie Group, 3:00pm in St. Matt's Parlor**

Welcome to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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

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WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S

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

THE PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #293* I sing a song of the saints of God *Grand Isle*



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and _____
3 They lived not only in a ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and
his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for
hund - reds of thou - sands still, the world is bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And
Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And
joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain
meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of
by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son -
or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just



God - and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

All stand.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

All say together:

THE SONG OF PRAISE *Hymnal 1982 #S17*

Pascha Nostrum

George Ratcliffe Woodward



- 1 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 2 Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
- 3 Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- 4 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 5 Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
- 6 The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
- 7 So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 8 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 9 Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- 10 For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
- 11 For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
- 12 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.

The people stand.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (7:55-60).

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 31:1-5, 5-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

The congregation joins the choir in the refrain.



You have re - deemed — me, O LORD, O God of truth.

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

² Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

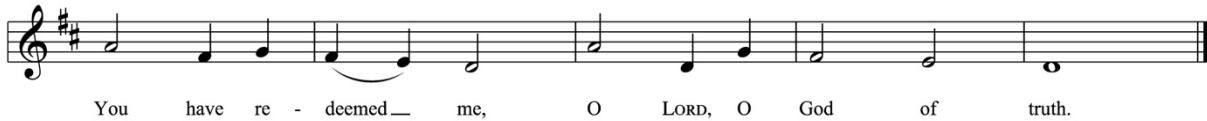
REFRAIN

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

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THE PSALM 31:1-5, 5-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

The congregation joins the choir in the refrain.



⁴ Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength. **REFRAIN**

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

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**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER (2:2-10).

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,
and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Karlos Piñero-Mercado

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (14:1-14).

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

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

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader On this feast 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, especially we pray for Ethan, Glen, Steve, Jason, Maggie, Carol, Jim, Timmy, David, Juliette, Jancie, Jeremy, Tobin, Larry, Beth, Brad, Ann, Bob, Becky, Ramona, Harriet, Paige, Kate, Benjamin, Bob, Jessica, Maeve, Donna, Carol, Will and for the Congolese family we've been matched with in partnership with RefugeeOne, 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.**

Celebrant 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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people sit.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Plenty good room

arr. Lloyd Larsen

Soloist: Jack Ellis

There's plenty good room, plenty good room, Plenty good room in my Father's kingdom,
Plenty good room, plenty good room, Just choose your seat and sit down. I would not be a
sinner. I'll tell you the reason why, 'Cause if my Lord should call on me, I wouldn't be ready
to die. I would not be a liar, I'll tell you the reason why, 'Cause if my Lord should call on me, I
wouldn't to die. I would not be a backslider I'll tell you the reason why I wouldn't be ready, I
couldn't be ready, I wouldn't be ready to die. But I know that there's plenty good room, plenty
good room, Plenty good room in my Father's kingdom, Plenty good room, plenty good room,
Just choose your seat and sit down.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

O God, our help in ages past

St. Anne



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90. Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The people stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER 3

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give our thanks to Almighty God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS LEVAS #255 Holy, holy, holy Grayson Warren Brown

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Hea-ven and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant 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!**

Celebrant 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.

Blessed are you now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant 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.**

The people are seated for the Agnus Dei

THE AGNUS DEI LEVAS #270

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

THE COMMUNION HYMN *Hymnal 1982* #433

We gather together

Kremser

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,
he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.
the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:
sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

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

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant 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

Celebrant 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.**



1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er, death, ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to Je - sus
 3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his love shall
 4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the world is

pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know thou, O
 liv - ing, pure in heart may we a - bide, glo - ry
 sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us
 giv - en: may we go where he has gone, rest and

grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our Sa - vior giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
 reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

Offertory Anthem Note: “Plenty Good Room” is a spiritual that speaks about reparation: rectifying the harms caused by racial injustice and White systemic advantage. The biblical reference is to John 14:2 NRSV: “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?” God has a place prepared for us, and the enslaved knew and longed for heaven. The verses prescribe identities we should not take on: “sinner, liar, backslider.” If one is a sinner, liar, or backslider, one cannot enter the kingdom of God. This presents that the goal of this life was to make it to heaven, and it offers a guide on what not to be to enter heaven. This spiritual has a personal meaning for me (i.e., author). My grandparents, Tillie (b. 1938) and Elie (b. 1935) Jackson, speak about living in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and attending Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. Sacred Heart was established in 1924. My grandparents attended Sacred Heart in the late 1950s and early 1960s until a new Black Catholic parish was established in the 1960s, St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. My mother, Darlene St. Romain (b. 1960), attended the Catholic School at Sacred Heart from kindergarten to eighth grade. When my grandparents attended Mass at Sacred Heart, there was a designated seating area for the Black parishioners. The Black people could only sit in the first three or four pews in the right transept. If there was no seating available, then the Black people had to sit upstairs in the gallery, even if there was seating in the nave of the church. When I sing “Plenty Good Room,” I think about my grandparent’s inability to choose a seat of their own volition. The enslaved sing of being able to choose their seat without the possibility of someone turning them out of the church. For my grandparents, to walk into a church, with their Black bodies and presence, without being told what to do, how to act, or where to sit, was an experience available only in Black spaces, thus the creation of a Black Catholic Church. Heaven is a reality where all are respected for who and what they are—a child of God.

Leading Our Worship This Morning

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Wayne Hougland, Jr

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Choir Director: Mark Crayton

Greeter: Curt Nilsson

Lectors: Elizabeth Parks, Don Churchill

Prayer Leader: Nancy Churchill

Chalice Bearer: Don Churchill

Acolytes: Roxanne Myers, Willow Myers,
Harper Olsen

Bread Baker: Volunteer

Altar Guild: Volunteer

Green Team: Volunteer

Livestream: Volunteer

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director and Conductor

Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist/Percussion

Soprano

Monique Austin

Charlotte Bishop

Ginger Carr

Alice Dolan

Chloe Beal*

Kaylie O'Dell*

Michaela Bateman***

Alto

Bernadette Brockman*

Nancy Churchill

Allyn Rawling

Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*†

Tenor

Francis Lynch

Karlos Piñero-Mercado*

Zachary Schwartz*

Anthony Rohr***

Brian Pember***

Bass

Terry Bucher*

Steve Carr

Jack Ellis*

*Section Leader

***Substitute Singer

**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

**Follow Rev. Wayne
on Substack**



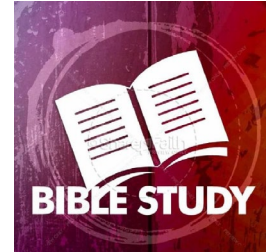
Sermon text can be found on Substack @theritualway or Wayne Hougland, Jr.

Sunday Forum Led by Rev. Wayne 9:15am in St. Matt's Parlor

Beginning today, Rev. Wayne will hold a multi-week 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

Race Against Hate early registration: Cheaper registration for the Race Against Hate is available until April 20. To join our team, Episcopalians United Against Hate, first register and then go to the team page at <https://tinyurl.com/nhfw9kjs>.

Select the box on the right side of the page that says Join Our Fundraising Team. To register without joining the team, go

to <https://raceroster.com/events/2026/107572/race-against-hate-2026>. Help us support the YWCA missions to eliminate racism and empower women. For questions, contact Kristin at kejcat@gmail.com.



Free immigration legal help: Sources of free legal aid and advice is the focus of a recent article in the online *Borderless* magazine (<https://tinyurl.com/5k6d2j76>). The article also discusses rights of immigrants, how to select a lawyer, and when an undocumented immigrant especially needs legal advice. Something to keep in your email inbox in case you know of immigrants who need legal assistance. Thanks to Joyce Weber for the tip.



FRIDAY NIGHT COFFEEHOUSE



Perform. Listen. Be Heard.

MAY 8

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



Special Guest:
Trace Hamilton and
Sam Frederickson
of 'Sonic Motel'



Open Mic,
Live Music,
Snacks, BYOB

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

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 the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in the Elgin Deanery continued:* Redeemer in Elgin; St. Hugh of Lincoln in Elgin; St. Nicholas in Elk Grove Village; St. Columba of Iona in Hanover Park *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* St. Mark in Yucatán; St. Luke in Khor Adaar

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 Shampine.

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

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

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

We pray for all who have died.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

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

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

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

St. Matthew's Vestry

Tim Patenode, *Senior Warden*

Karen Hertel, *Junior Warden*

Kelsey Davies, Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers (2027)

Roberta Buchanan, David Parks (2028)

Charlotte Bishop, Don Churchill (2029)

Clerk of the Vestry, Larkin Myers (2027)

Christopher Motogawa, *Treasurer* (2026)

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

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

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

Ann Searles, Steve Carr

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

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

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

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