

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21, 2024

10:30am Holy Eucharist



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ST. MATTHEW'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

COVID GUIDELINES

Our Covid protocols have eased, but the number of cases has begun to rise again. Please be attentive to the following:

- Vaccines are recommended when gathering with others.
- Masks are optional in the building and at our services. Please respect the choices others make in this regard.
- In the Church and the Chapel
 - Air purifiers continuously clean the air.
 - Before services begin, the windows are opened and fans run, creating substantial air flow.
- Medical grade N95 masks are available upon request from our ushers.
- At Communion
 - Before beginning the Eucharistic Prayer, the clergy sanitize their hands.
 - Wine at communion: Communion ministers will be off to the side offering a chalice and an intinction bowl. We ask you decide either to drink from the chalice, instinct the wafer (dip the wafer into the wine) using the bowl, or forgo the wine.
- Please follow any further communion guidelines as given.
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Worship Schedule and St. Matthew's Events

Jan. 21	Annual Finance Meeting after 10:30am Service in the church
Jan. 23	St. Matthew's Stitchers Meeting 7:30pm in St. Matthew's Gallery A Case for Love check your local listings for times and theater locations
Jan. 28	Annual Meeting , after 10:30am Service in the Parish Hall All-ages Cross-Quarter Day celebrating Candlemas 4pm at St. Luke's
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday – The Season of Lent begins – Services at St. Matthew's: Holy Eucharist, Chapel, 8:00am Morning Prayer with Ashes, Chapel, 10:30am Holy Eucharist with Ashes and Choir, Church, 7:30pm
March 17	Episcopal Visitation – The Rt. Rev. Paula E. Clark, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, visits St. Matthew's
March 24	Palm Sunday – Holy Week begins
March 30	The Great Vigil of Easter , 7:30pm
March 31	Easter Sunday , 8am and 10:30am

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 VOLUNTARY

Prelude in G Op 32 No 5
Sarah Loisch, piano

Sergei Rachmaninov

† THE WORD OF GOD †

THE OPENING HYMN HYMNAL 1982 #550 Jesus calls us
Verses 1 - 3

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider 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 SONG OF PRAISE LEVAS 243 Glory, glory, hallelujah!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray, saying together:

People **Lord of time fulfilled,
who was not born an angel
but walked the common earth
with those you called by the lakeside:
may we share your mission
to bring good news to all,
to let the world know
that God is among us;
through Jesus Christ, the one who reigns. Amen.**

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE PROPHET JONAH (3:1-5, 10).

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

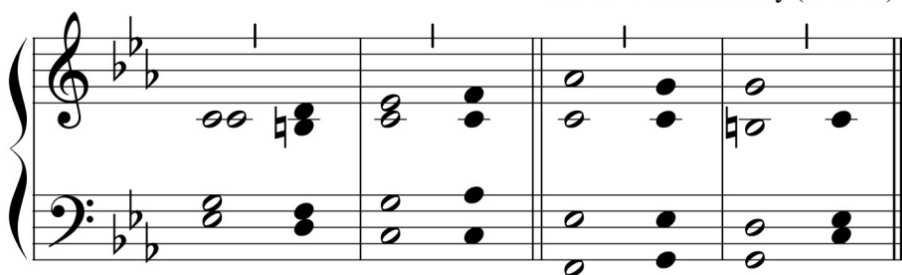
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 62:6-12 *Nonne Deo?*

All are encouraged to join the choir in chanting the psalm.

Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

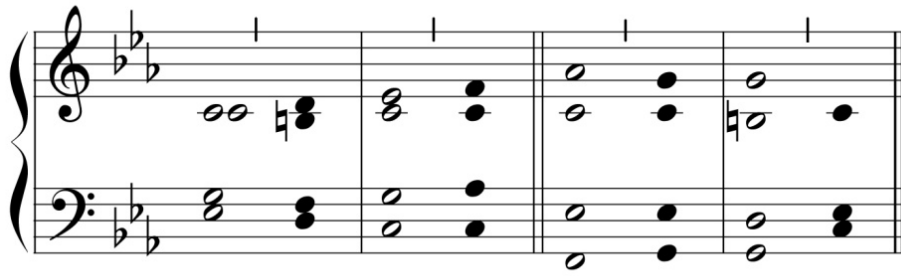


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- 6 He truly is my strength and my sal'vation;
he is my defense, so that I shall not ' fall.
- 7 In God is my help and my ' glory;
he is the rock of my might, and in him is my ' trust.
- 8 O put your trust in him always, you ' people;
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our ' hope.
- 9 As for the children of men, they are but a ' breath;
the children of men are deceitful; upon the scales; '
they are altogether lighter than a ' breath.
- 10 O trust not in oppression; put not vain hopes in ' robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart u'pon them.

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Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)



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¹¹ One thing has God spoken; indeed, two things have I heard him ¹ say:
that power belongs to our ¹ God;

^{†12} And that you, O Lord, are ¹ merciful,
for you reward everyone according to his ¹ work.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (7:29-31)

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able, and sing together.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS 136 I have decided to follow Jesus

Verses 1 and 2 before the Gospel, verse 3 after

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK (1:14-20)

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

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

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

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Source: Church of England, adapted)

Presider Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Creator,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit. 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, all St. Matthew’s leaders, the leaders of St. Andrew’s Pentecost Episcopal Church, and every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

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

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Leader Watch over all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop as he recovers from surgery; Paula, our bishop; for our own clergy and those serving at St. Andrew's Pentecost Episcopal Church;

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

Leader Guide all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially for Joseph, 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-safety 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 Look favorably upon all those in harm's way – including warfare, gun violence and sexual violence – as well as those suffering from natural disasters and a changing climate. Our hearts break for the suffering in Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Gaza, and all who love them. Let us pray

People **That they may have hope to greet the coming days.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, we pray especially for Andrew, Paige, David, Curt, Ted, Kate, Bob, Joan, Maria and family, Benjamin, Bob, Ralph, Sam, Phil, Cindy, Bionce, Brigitte, Clemence, Betty, Jessica, Maeve, Fame, Mike, Cathy, Maggie, Mark, Corky, Donna, Angela, Sharon, Will, Don, Manuel, for the Westerfield family, and for the Congolese family with whom we have been matched by RefugeeOne. God of hope: comfort and restore to wholeness all who suffer in body, mind and spirit.

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

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.

Leader Give to the departed – especially Donna Mazure – eternal rest.

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

Leader We praise you for blessed Matthew and all your saints who have entered into joy;

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

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Presider Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(*Silence may be kept.*)

All **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.
Amen.

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

All **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 people sit.

† THE HOLY COMMUNION †

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Soon and very soon

Andraé Crouch
arr. Rollo Dilworth

*Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King. Hallelujah, we're going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King. Hallelujah, we're going to see the King!
Should there be any rivers we must cross, should there be any mountains we must climb,
God will supply all the strength that we need. Give us strength till we reach the other side.
We have come from every nation. God knows each of us by name. Jesus took His blood and
washed our sins away. Yes, there are some of us who have laid down our lives but we all
shall live again on the other side. No more dying there, we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, we're going to see the King! Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, we're going to see the King!*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN HYMNAL 1982 #408 Sing Praise to God *All verses*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth
because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have
caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the
knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ
our Savior.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels
and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS LEVAS 255 Holy, holy, holy

The people stand or kneel.

Presider Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, Jesus broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Matthew and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All **AMEN.**

All 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.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Presider 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.

Please follow the instructions for receiving communion, which are subject to change as conditions change.

THE COMMUNION HYMN Hymnal 1982 #321 My God, Thy table is now spread
Verses 1 and 2

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

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

A CELEBRATION OF JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

God grant *them* ma - ny years! God grant *them* ma - ny years!

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The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, using whole and half notes. The lyrics are 'God grant them many years!' repeated twice. The first system shows the beginning of the phrase, and the second system shows the end, with a final double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in italics.

THE BLESSING

Presider May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you,
that your lives may be a light to the world; and
the blessing of God almighty,
the Creator, the Liberator, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CLOSING HYMN HYMNAL 1982 #537

Christ for the world we sing!
Verses 1-3

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

THE VOLUNTARY

What a friend we have in Jesus
Sarah Loisch, piano

arr. Joseph M. Scriven

Leading Worship This Morning

Presiding: The Rev. Charles A. de Kay
Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey
Assisting: Samuel Love, Jr.
Guest Pianist: Sarah Loisch
Hymn Leader / Choir Director: Mark Crayton
Greeters: Curt Nilsson, John Searles
Acolytes: Xander Senechal, Quincy Senechal

Prayer Leader: Sam Love, Jr.
Lectors: Don Churchill, Tim Patenode
Chalice Bearer: John Searles
Altar Guild: Connie Conley,
Jenny Woodring, Martha Wolff
Green Team: Anne Branning
Livestream: Mark Jacobsen

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director

Soprano

Monique Austin
Charlotte Bishop
Ginger Carr
Megan Cook*
Alice Dolan
Rachel Handrick*
Kunying Li
Kaylie O'Dell**

Alto

Scott Bass*
Nancy Churchill
Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*†

Tenor

Francis Lynch
Karlos Piñero-Mercado*
Riley Brown**
Michael Kirby

Bass

Terry Bucher*
Steve Carr
Jack Ellis**
Jake Engel*

*Section Leader

**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant



Reserved Seating for Those Who Prefer to Be Masked & Seated Among Others Also Masked

St. Matthew's has designated the rear sections of our worship spaces as designated seating areas for those who prefer to wear masks in church, and to sit with others similarly masked.

While we are coming through the COVID Pandemic, there are those who, for a variety of commendable reasons, do not feel comfortable being unmasked indoors. We hope that these seating areas provide them a welcoming space. Please look for the signs at the ends of the pews. Please be considerate of those of us who need protection.

TEMPORARY CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

Please note that for the remainder of January, there will be a slight change in office hours. On Thursdays, Gregory Peebles will be in the office from 1 - 4pm. Office hours remain the same on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Annual Finance Meeting – TODAY!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

AFTER 10:30AM SERVICE | ST. MATT'S CHURCH

Please join us for our Annual Finance Meeting today after the 10:30am Service in the church.



Annual Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

AFTER 10:30AM SERVICE | ST. MATT'S PARISH HALL

Please join us for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28 after the 10:30am Service in the Parish Hall.



Cross-Quarter Day

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

4PM | ST. LUKE'S

Celebrating Candlemas



Nature Celebration of Candlemas! All are invited to celebrate the midpoint between Winter Solstice and Spring Equinox when God's cold resting world holds just the faint promise of the new life to come. We will gather together to roll beeswax candles of many beautiful colors (no heat involved) and also make elegant ephemeral nature art with tree "cookies," seeds, beans, rocks, pinecones and other natural materials on black felt. We'll have a brief liturgy to bless our church's candles for the year, led by the new Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Rev. Greg Millikin. This is an all-ages event; we will be welcoming members of other churches in the deanery for this beautiful celebration of God's world. Join us on *Sunday, January 28, 4pm - 5pm, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Parlor (enter via the door in the garth or courtyard)*

Hats for Refugees – DUE TODAY!

St. Matthew's Stitchers and the Anti-racism Team invite you to join our efforts in contributing knitted or crocheted hats and scarves to 500 *Hats for Refugees*, which aims to provide handmade items to refugees arriving in Chicago. If you would like to participate, please drop off your items to the "500 Hats" box on the pew near the church office by January 21 - or join the Stitchers later this month (see ad below) and bring your item then.



Anti-Racism Opportunities

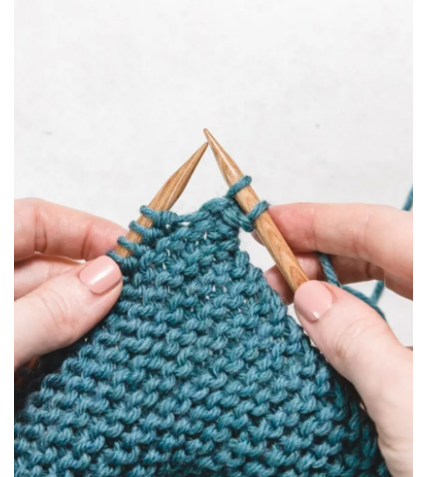
Inspiration from Native-American fiction: For a deep and moving depiction of Native American traditions, read *I Heard the Owl Call My Name*. Ginger Carr highly recommends the book as short, easily readable, and a source of great peace.

St. Matt's Stitchers Meeting

Tuesday, January 23 at 7:30PM
In St. Matt's "Gallery" across from
the water fountain.

This is a very casual gathering and EVERYONE is welcome! Each person works on their own project. This month, we are hoping to collect knitted or crocheted hats and scarves for migrants and persons experiencing homelessness.

You don't even need to stitch in order to enjoy good company and yummy treats. Questions may be directed to **Mary Jo Deysach** at mjdeysach@gmail.com or to **Ginger Carr** at v-carr@northwestern.edu



Good News From Collective Resource: We were happy to help many events get closer to zero waste this year: from weddings to fundraisers to large music festivals like Winnetka Music Festival, Out of Space's concerts at Canal Shores in Evanston and Northwestern University's Dillo Day. For information on home composting, go to <https://www.collectiveresourcecompost.coop/>

God loves a cheerful giver.

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver**. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

– 2 Corinthians 9:7



If you'd like to make an offering for today's service, please scan the QR code which will bring you to St. Matthew's onRealm Giving Page.

Thank you for supporting
St. Matthew's as we bring love to the world.

A Case for Love

“A Case for Love” is a heartfelt yet personally challenging movie inspired by the teachings and writings of Bishop Michael Curry, most well-known for his passionate sermon about “The Power of Love” at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

This documentary examines whether or not love—specifically unselfish love—is the solution to the extreme societal and political divide facing the U.S.



In the documentary, the film team travels across the U.S. interviewing everyday people from various walks of life and ethnicities, striving to live their lives selflessly. Stories include racial justice, military, foster care, sexual trafficking, love and loss and others as well-known figures including Pete Buttigieg, Al Roker, Sam Waterston, Becca Stevens, Russell Moore, John Danforth, John Clyburn, Kelly Brown Douglas and Jon Meacham weigh in on the issue. Ultimately, Bishop Michael Curry puts what we’ve seen into context. The viewer is challenged to make their own verdict. Come watch and decide for yourself.

Showings and theaters near us:

Tuesday, January 23

4pm or 7pm at AMC Niles 12

4pm or 7pm at AMC Randhurst 12

Watch the trailer or purchase tickets at [ACASEFORLOVEMOVIE.COM](https://www.acaseforlovemovie.com)



Evanston Chamber
EChO
Opera Company



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Something Old, Something New

Adolphe Adam: *The Chalet*

Francis Lynch: *The Boor*
world premiere performances



Tickets now on sale!

***Evanston Chamber Opera Presents
Something Old, Something New:
Adam's The Chalet and Lynch's The Boor***

Evanston Chamber Opera returns for its seventh season with another double bill of comic operas, featuring *The Chalet* by French composer Adolphe Adam, and *The Boor*, by EChO resident composer Francis Lynch. There will be three performances:

- Wednesday, February 28 at 7:30 pm
- Friday, March 1 at 7:30 pm
- Saturday, March 2 at 3:00 pm

Performances will take place at St. Matthew's. Tickets are now available for purchase at <https://evanstonchamberopera.org> or 872-806-4652.

Considered the first French operetta, *The Chalet* was written in 1834 by the composer of the enduring ballet *Giselle* and the dramatic carol *O Holy Night*. The opera tells the story of a young Swiss farmer, in love with the attractive lady owner of a chalet, who spurns his love until her brother returns from 15 years in the Swiss army, and unites the would-be couple with a harmless deception. It will be performed in a new English adaptation for the first time.

St. Matthew's own Francis Lynch wrote *The Boor* in 2023 and based the libretto on an early one-act farce by Anton Chekhov, in which the grieving widow of a landowner in Imperial Russia receives a visit from a brash, loud-mouthed creditor who wants to collect on a debt owed by her late husband. When she defiantly refuses to pay at once, an argument ensues and he comes to realize that he has met his match, in more ways than one. These will be the first performances of the work.

Production staff includes James Janssen, artistic director and conductor; Sally Craige Christensen and Angela Torres-Kutkuhn, stage directors; Francis Lynch, producer; Thomas Kieffer, costume designer; Mark Crayton, lighting designer; Jeremiah Barr, scenic designer, and Kathy Szoke, properties designer.

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 and the Rector.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of South India (United)

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in the Aurora Deanery:* St. Mark in Geneva; St. Barnabas in Glen Ellyn; St. Mark in Glen Ellyn; *Companion Diocese of SE Mexico and Renk:* St. Michael and All Angels in Cancun; St. James in Lathbio

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 January: Donna Brannam, Lara Burt, Juliette Castello, Avery Finnegan, Alexander Fusselman, Sarafina Fusselman, Karen Hertel, Leslie Hinderyckx, Karen Larson, Sydney MacKay, John McCarthy, Joe Meyer, Allannah Spencer, Andrew Torma, Angela Torres-Kutkuhn, Anne Viner and Julie Worden.

We pray for those who celebrate wedding anniversaries in January: Janet & Robert Eder.

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: Jeremy Garrett, Aaron Grant, Thomas Greenwich, Lee Henderson, Tyler Howland, Peter Marks, Ian McGuffin, Molly Robinson, Joseph Sanford, Emma Seckinger, 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: Andrew Pickens McMillan, Paige D, David Crummy, Curt Nilsson, Ted Weiss, Kate Martin, Bob Baker, Joan Sanford, Maria G and family, Benjamin Ticobay, Bob Teska, Ralph Motogawa, Phil Costa, Cindy Bass, Uwase Bionce, Brigitte, Clemence, Betty Stafford, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, Fame Brooks, Mike Wagner, Cathy Fiala, Maggie, Mark Jacobsen, Corky Siegfriedt, Donna Wagner, Angela Escobar, Sharon Filipsik, Will Widmer, Don Gabouser, Manuel Aleman, for Tony and the Packard family, the Westerfield family, and for the Congolese family we've been matched with in partnership with RefugeeOne.

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, especially Donna Mazure, and for all who mourn their passing.

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.

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In today's service, the Opening Acclamation and other responses 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. The Affirmation of Faith comes from the website of the Church of England. The Blessing comes from The Book of Occasional Services.

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St. Matthew's lay leaders duly elected and appointed at
The 147th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 29, 2023

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Christopher Motogawa, *Junior Warden*

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Curtis Nilsson, William Widmer, Deborah Williams (2025)

Stephen Carr, Kelsey Davies, Jim Kelly (2026)

Christopher Motogawa and Rick Worden, *Co-Treasurer* (2024)

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Damon Doucet (2024) Stephen Carr (2025) Ann Searles (2026)

**St. Matthew's Lay Delegation to the
186th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago**

Westin, Lombard, IL November 17-18, 2023

Delegates

Kristin Jacobsen

Stephen Carr

Mary Clark

Alternates

Sally Craige Christensen

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