

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 8, 2026
10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



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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

February 11 Resurrection Hope Discussion, 1pm at Curt's Café
February 22 St. Matt's Movie Discussion Group, 3pm in the 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 and wine made holy.

The Flagler Mass

Composer Chris Garven from St. Peter's Cathedral in Tallahassee, FL writes that this Mass setting was some of the fruit of a recent sabbatical. Since going out of state was challenging due to COVID, he was "forced" to go to the local beach (Flagler Beach) and focus on composing some new music for the church.

THE PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand, as able.

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #522* Glorious things of these are spoken

Austria

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and

of our God; he whose word can - not be
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
shade by day, safe they feed up - on the

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
man - na which he gives them when they pray.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Celebrant may say

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People **Amen.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE

Gloria (*Flagler Mass*)

Chris Garven

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y 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 sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed 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 The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH (58:1-9a)

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

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Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;
 when you see the naked, to cover them,
 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
 and your healing shall spring up quickly;
 your vindicator shall go before you,
 the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
 you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112:1-9 *Beatus vir*



- 1 Hallelujah!
 Happy are they who fear the LORD *
 and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
 the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
 and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
 the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
 and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
 the righteous will be kept in ever-lasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
 their heart is right;
 they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
 until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
 and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
 they will hold up their head with honor.

The people sit.

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS (2:1-12).

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Karlos Piñero-Mercado

Repeat Response one time.



Verse (Cantor): I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

(5:13-20).

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of Our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr

All stand as able.

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.

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For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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; 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 Donald, our President, for the leaders of the nations, for all in authority, and for those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf;

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

Leader God of mercy and justice, we lift before you the people of Minneapolis and all communities living under fear and uncertainty. Hold close those who are grieving, those who feel targeted or unsafe, and those whose lives have been disrupted by violence and intimidation. Receive the lives of those who have died into your eternal care, and comfort all who mourn.

We pray as well for ICE agents and all who serve in law enforcement. Grant them wisdom, restraint, and hearts grounded in dignity and compassion. Where fear, pressure, or dehumanization shape their work, soften what has grown hard, and guide them toward choices that honor life.

Strengthen all who labor for justice, accountability, and peace. Make us courageous enough to see the light you place before us, and faithful enough to be that light for one another.

Through Christ, who stands with the vulnerable and calls us into truth and love.

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 Jason, Maggie, David, Carol, Jim, Timmy, David, Juliette, Janice, Gina, Dorothy, Jeremy, Tobin, Larry, Beth, Brad, Ann, Bob, Becky, Ramona, Harriet, Paige, Kate, Benjamin, Bob, Jessica, Maeve, Donna, Carol, Will and for Maua and her 5 daughters and for those we name aloud or in our hearts.

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.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent,
turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.
In silence we call to mind our sins.

The people kneel or stand in silence, contemplating how we have neglected to love God and our neighbors.

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

Silence may be kept

Deacon Most merciful God,

People **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.**

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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.

Celebrant Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free.
 Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
 God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.

People Amen.

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The ministers and people greet each other in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people stand.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

This little light of mine

Arr. Moses Hogan

Chloe Beal, soprano

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.
 My God gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. In my heart, let it shine. All over the world, let
 it shine. Let it shine.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #529* In Christ there is no east or west

McKee

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, with three vocal parts (1, 2, 3) indicated. The second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

† THE HOLY COMMUNION †

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),



The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he 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 he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with] St. Matthew and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours,
Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and 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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him on your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS #146 Break thou the bread of life William F. Sherwin

1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
3. Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for thee,

1. As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;
2. As thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;
3. As thy dis - ci - ples lived in Gal - i - lee;

1. Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;
2. Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,
3. Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,

1. My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing word!
2. And I shall find my peace, My all in all.
3. I shall be - hold thee, Lord, The liv - ing one.

Let us Pray

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

Celebrant 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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

People **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #448*

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5

Deus tuorum militum



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

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Leading Worship This Morning

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Choir Director: Mark Crayton

Greeter: Volunteer

Lectors: Steve Carr, Ginger Carr

Prayer Leader: Gary LaBranche

Acolytes: Harper Olsen, Bob Purse

Chalice Bearers: Mary Clark

Bread Baker: Volunteer

Altar Guild: Roberta Buchanan,
Kate Lauderbaugh, Jennie Woodring

Green Team: Roberta Buchanan

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

Chloe Beal**

Kaylie O'Dell**

Winifer Castaneda Verastegui***

Madison Holmes***

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

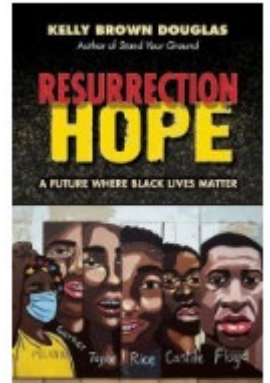
†Choral Assistant

Resurrection Hope Discussion

Wednesday, February 11

1pm at Curt's Cafe

The next discussion of Kelly Brown Douglas's *Resurrection Hope* by members of the Anti-racism Group will be on Wednesday, February 11 at Curt's Café at 1pm. We will be discussing Chapter 1 ("Anti-Blackness: More than white privilege"). For a copy of chapter 1, please contact Kristin Jacobsen at kejcat@gmail.com.



The St. Matthew's Movie Discussion Group

February 22 | 3pm in the Parlor

Movie group discusses *Sinners*: In honor of Black History Month, mark your calendars for Sunday, Feb. 22 at 3 p.m. in the St. Matthew's Parlor for a joint Movie Group/Antiracism Team discussion of *Sinners*. The movie, which broke records with 16 Academy Award nominations, is about twin African-America brothers returning to their Mississippi hometown to start a juke joint, only to encounter vampires on opening night. Watch the movie ahead of time on HBO Max, Hulu, or other platforms. For more information, contact Ann Searles at searlesil@yahoo.com or Kristin Jacobsen at kejcat@gmail.com.





Lent Madness 2026

As our journey through Lent approaches, please take some time to consider participating in Lent Madness and taking on the joyful practice of learning from the saints. Lent Madness is modeled on bracket-style sports competition (e.g. March Madness), and begins with a slate of 32 saints culminating in The Golden Halo. Unlike past years, there will be no Saintly Scorecard published in advance. Bios of the saints will be posted in each day's matchup. Matchup posts will begin the first week of Lent, on Thursday, February 19. There are two ways to participate – you can play along each day and record your progress – or fill out your bracket in advance!

Questions?? Contact Deacon Terri at terri@stmatthewsevanston.org to find Lent Madness resources, which include a printable bracket, visit www.lentmadness.org and click on the Menu in the upper right corner. Additional information about the saints is available from the following resources: Lesser Feasts and Fasts – www.episcopalcommonprayer.org; Wikipedia – visit The Calendar of the Church Year (Episcopal); Saints and Commemorations of the Episcopal Church – www.satucket.com

Anti-Racism / Loving Our Neighbor

For Black History Month: Parallels between ICE and 19th century slave patrols
Gen Z historian Kahlil Greene of “History Can’t Hide” (<https://historycanthide.substack.com/>) writes about the similarity between the actions of ICE now and slave catchers enforcing the Fugitive Slave Act after 1850. Read the article at <https://tinyurl.com/3bsbjrxv>. For events honoring Black History month, see information at:

- City of Evanston (<https://tinyurl.com/2ebytcwy>)
- Evanston Round Table (<https://tinyurl.com/2vew8x67>)
- The Daily Northwestern (<https://tinyurl.com/3ywwk3jy>)

Follow Rev. Wayne on Substack

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



Bible Study with Rev. Wayne Every Tuesday | St. Matt's Library / Gallery 12 Noon

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!



EVANSTON FOOD FRIDGES

Food insecurity is something many in our community deal with. Since Covid, Evanston Food Fridges, along with many in our community, have been doing their part. How does it work? Food pantries and refrigerators are located in 4 places in Evanston where you can drop off food for those in need. Fresh foods are most appreciated. Those in need can come, get food, no questions asked. Soul and Smoke, Northwestern, and Starbucks all donate regularly. Feel free to drop off food or you can donate money directly to them.

<https://www.evanstoncommunityfridges.com>

Food fridges are located at:
1601 Payne Street next to Soul and Smoke
1335 Dodge Street
619 West Howard Street
602 Madison Street

Volunteering at St Matt's / Lay Eucharistic Leaders

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

First, the ways you can volunteer are below:

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

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

Intercessor (prayer leader) | Lead: Deacon Terri

Chalice Bearers | Lead: Deacon Terri

Bread Bakers | Lead: Deacon Terri

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

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

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

Date	Season	Special?	Conducting	Preaching	Readings	Chaper (B&B) Lector	Chaper (B&B) Prayer Leader	Bread Baker (B AM)	Greeter (10:30AM)	Church (10:30AM) Reader #1	Church (10:30AM) Reader #2	Church (10:30AM) Prayer Leader	Church (10:30AM) Chalice Bearer	Bread Baker (10:30AM)	Livestream (10:30AM)	Acolytes (10:30AM)	
1/9/20	Christmas		The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	The Rev. Tom J. Maroney	CHRISTMAS					Judy Royal	Tim Paternode	Ann Seabrook					
1/13/20	Epiphany		The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	Annunciation of Our Lord					Ginger Carr		Ann Seabrook	John Seabrook				
1/18/20	Epiphany		The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	Matthew 3					Steve Carr	Larkin Myers	Ann Seabrook					
1/23/20	Epiphany	Annual Meeting	The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	Matthew 3					Tim Paternode	Judy Royal		Mary Clark				
2/5/20	Epiphany		The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	Matthew 3					Larkin Myers		Tim Paternode					
2/8/20	Epiphany		The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	Matthew 3					Steve Carr			Mary Clark				
2/15/20	Epiphany	Wayne Awake	The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	Last Epiphany					Judy Royal	Tim Paternode						
										Greeter (7:30 PM)	Reader #1 (7:30 PM)	Reader #2 (7:30 PM)	Prayer leader (7:30 PM)	Chalice Bearer (7:30 PM)	Bread Baker (7:30 PM)	Livestream (7:30 PM)	Acolytes (10:30AM)
2/18/20	Lent	Ash Wednesday	The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.		Ash Wednesday					Steve Carr	Ginger Carr						
2/22/20	Lent		The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	Lent 1												
3/1/20	Lent	Wayne Awake	The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	Lent 2					Larkin Myers							
3/8/20	Lent		The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	Lent 3					Steve Carr		Tim Paternode					
3/15/20	Lent		The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Wayne Houghton, Jr.	Lent 4						Larkin Myers						
3/22/20	Pascha				Pasccha												

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

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

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

Gregory Peebles, *Parish Administrator*

Refugee/Unhoused Families Resettlement Project

Some people talked to me at the Annual Meeting about what they could do to help refugees and unhoused people who have recently found apartments in Evanston. To learn more about this project, please refer to the report in the Annual Meeting materials but here are some thoughts on ways people can help:

Future needs:

- A few volunteers from time to time to organize new items
- Furniture donations (please text or email me a photo first because there are some items we don't need or have room for at the moment)
- Household goods such as plates, glasses, flatware, kitchen utensils, small appliances, towels, toys.
- Strong volunteers to move items up and down stairs into apartments.
- Money donations to help hire movers for the really heavy furniture or to purchase some needed items that haven't been donated.
- Coat rack to help display items.
- Used TVs - many families want them and they are a good way to learn English. (Most of these families speak little English, although it is exciting to see how quickly their children are learning)
- Cardboard boxes (medium or large) for people to take their items home.

If you have non-furniture items to donate, you can bring them to the Refugee Room on the second floor of the church, leave them on the bench outside the church office (please check to make sure someone is at the church to let you in or contact me for the code to get into the building), or leave them on the front porch of our home at 2325 Hartrey and I will take them over.

Questions? Feel free to text, email or call Judy Royal, 847-814-1271, judyroyal81@gmail.com.

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: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in Chicago-North Deanery:* Church of Our Saviour in Chicago; St. Chrysostom in Chicago; St. Paul's Church-by-the-Lake in Chicago; St. Peter in Chicago; St. John in Chicago; *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* Jesús de Nazaret near Tuxtepec; St. Mark in Jelhak

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 February: Sam Chivas, Mary Clark, Nina Gowell, Susan Middleton, Ann Motogawa and Jack Riley.

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in February: Angela and Chad Pennisi.

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

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

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

We pray for all who have died.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

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

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

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

St. Matthew's Vestry

Tim Patenode, *Senior Warden*

Karen Hertel, *Junior Warden*

Kelsey Davies, Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers (2027)

Roberta Buchanan, David Parks (2028)

Charlotte Bishop, Don Churchill (2029)

Clerk of the Vestry, Larkin Myers (2027)

Christopher Motogawa, *Treasurer* (2026)

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

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

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

Ann Searles, Steve Carr

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

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

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