

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 10, 2023 | 10:30AM

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS
WITH HOLY EUCHARIST
IN THE CHURCH



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PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR SPECIAL GUEST READERS:

Daniel Biss, *Mayor of Evanston*

Bobby Burns, *Evanston City Council Member, 5th Ward*

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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.

St. Matthew's Calendar

- Dec. 10 **The St. Nicholas Brunch** follows immediately after our Advent Lessons and Carols. Join us in the Parish Hall for a hearty breakfast!
- Dec. 17 **St. Matt's Movie Group**, 3pm at the Conley Residence: 2340 Hartrey
- Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve**
4pm Family Service, Brown Bag Pageant
10:30pm St. Matthew's Choir Presents Christmas Music
11:00pm Christmas Eve, Late Service
- Dec. 25 **Christmas Day** Eucharist with Hymns, 9am
- Dec. 31 **First Sunday after Christmas**, Carol Sing, One Service at 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 made holy.

THE VOLUNTARY

O come, O come, Emmanuel
James Janssen, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

The congregation stands, as able, as a handbell is rung

THE INTROIT

Matin Responsory

G.P. da Palestrina

Megan Cook and Rachel Handrick, soprano;
Jonathan Weyant, tenor; Terry Bucher, bass

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
High and lo, near and far, one with another, go ye out to meet him and say:
Hear O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, Tell us...
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Presider People of God: be glad!
Your God delights in you,
giving you joy for sadness
and turning the dark to light.
Be strong in hope therefore;
for your God comes to save.
You are God's children.

People **Lord, make us one in the love of Christ
today and for ever. Amen.**

Two candles on the Advent Wreath are lit.

Creator God,
you call us to repent of our sins:
soften our proud and stubborn hearts.
Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider Lord Jesus,
you declared the forgiveness of God:
teach us to forgive one another.
Christ, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider Holy Spirit,
you search our hearts and show us the truth:
direct us in your way of righteousness.
Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

THE OPENING HYMN 61

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

Wachet auf

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share.
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

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LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Presider Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Child of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose in the glorious redemption brought to us by God's holy Child Jesus and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church.

And because God particularly loves them, let us remember in God's name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children.

Finally, let us remember before God that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

People **Amen.**

The people sit

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:1-15

Reader: Newland Smith

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden

THE ANTHEM

Adam lay ybounden

Ben Parry

Adam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, An apple that he took
As clerkes finden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been
Ne had ne'er our lady abeen heavene Queen.
Blessed be the time the apple taken was
Therefore we moun singen Deo gracias

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

Reader: Eleanor Revelle

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption

The people stand, as able, and sing

THE HYMN 75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
2 O _____ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
3 but the word of our God _____ en - du - reth, the _____

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst _____ of

high - way, a high - way for our God! The _____
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
flowers of the field they _____ per - ish, like
feed his _____ flock like a shep - herd, the

lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll

pla - ces where the Lord our _____ God _____ may go!
na - tions shall _____ pass like a dream _____ a - way;
lead them, and _____ bring them _____ safe to his fold.

The people sit

THE THIRD LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reader: Yvette DeBois

A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts

THE ANTHEM

E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him Who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood That we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come; Sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ is coming, is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more; They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

THE FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

Reader: Bobby Burns

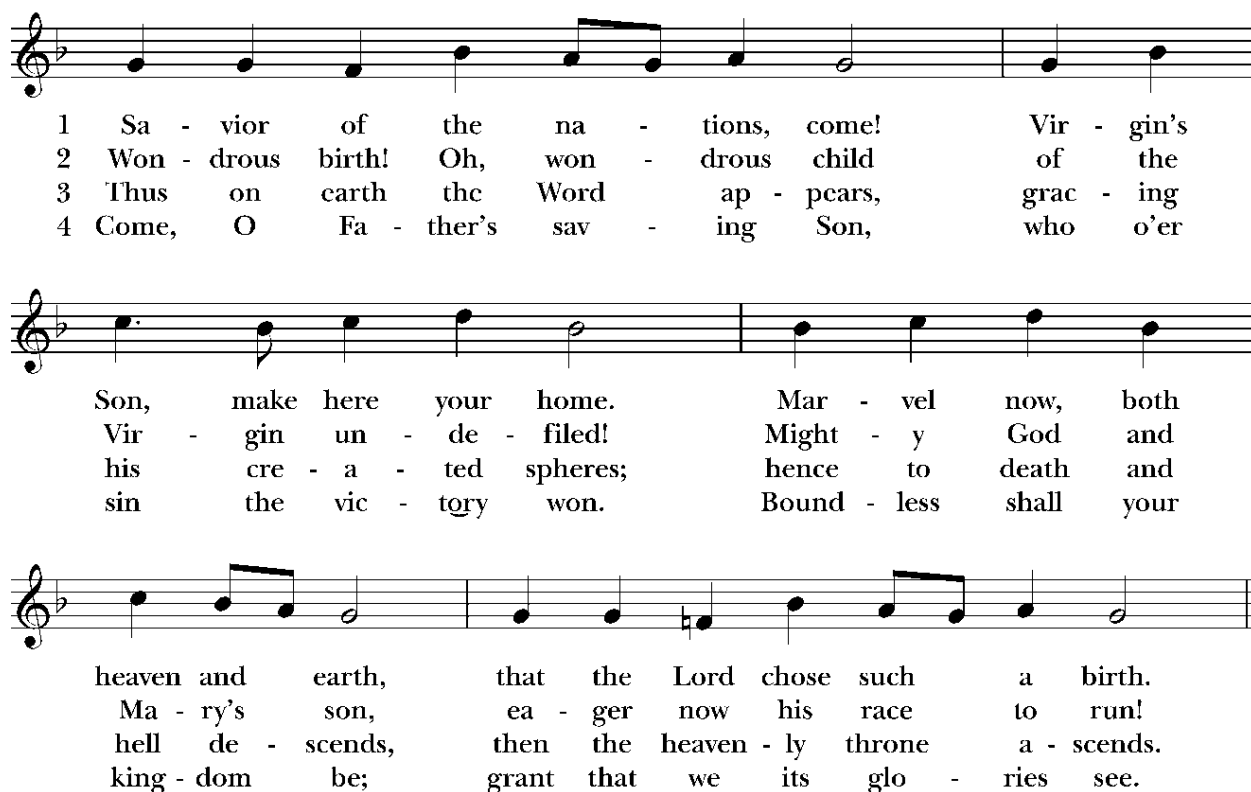
The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us

The people stand, as able, and sing

THE HYMN 54

Savior of the nations, come!

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

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The people sit

THE FIFTH LESSON

Baruch 4:36-5:9

Reader: Marvin Jackson

The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand

THE ANTHEM

People look east

arr. John Leavitt

People, look east! The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, Ding dong, People, looke east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Him who brings new life to earth. Set ev'ry peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east today: Love, the Lord, People, look east!

THE SIXTH LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

Reader: Daniel Biss

God promises a new heaven and a new earth

The people stand, as able, and sing

THE HYMN 68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Llangloffan



1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;
The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!
The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see
up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eghwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

The people sit

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 1:5-25

Reader: Terri Morrissey

An angel announces to Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth will bear a son

THE ANTHEM

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Michael John Trotta

"I will come" O come, O come, the "I am" that is with us break the bond of the captive people who mourn in exile deprived of the incarnation of the Father. Rejoice! The great "I am" will be born for you. O come, gatherer of all nations, Come to make all whole, To save your servants, From their separateness. Who will come? "I will come!" O come, light of life (morning Star) To shine on us by your coming, Dispel the clouds of night, Drive away the shadows of death.

THE HOMILY

The people stand as able to pray

A PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

Presider O God, you made us in your own image
and redeemed us through Jesus your Son:
Look with compassion on the whole human family;
take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts;
break down the walls that separate us;
unite us in bonds of love;
and work through our struggle and confusion
to accomplish your purposes on earth;
that, in your good time,
all nations and races may serve you
in harmony around your heavenly throne;
through Jesus Christ,
our Savior.

All ***Amen.***

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Presider Let us pray together
Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet each other in God's name. The people sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Gabriel's Message*

Matthew Culloton

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame: hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady. Gloria "For know a blessed mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee; thy son shall be Emmanuel by seers foretold. Mary bowed her head; "To me be as it pleaseth God." Oh "My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name." Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

The people stand, as able, and sing

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 67 Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A (adapted)

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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Jesus of everlasting life; that when Jesus shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel as able.

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 Child, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father 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 after giving thanks to you, Jesus broke it, and gave it to the 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 after giving thanks, Jesus 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, O 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 our Savior Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

All **AMEN.**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The people join in singing the Fraction Anthem.

THE AGNUS DEI

Franz Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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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 the wine made holy.

Communion is distributed.

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

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

There is no rose of such vertu

Mark Sedio

There is no rose of such vertu As is the rose that bare Jesu, Alleluia. For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space, Res miranda. By that rose we may well see That he is God in persons three, Pari forma. The angels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis deo: Gaudeamus. Leave we all this worldly mirth, And follow we this joyful birth, Transeamus. Alleluia, res miranda, Pares forma, gaudeamus, Transeamus.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Creator,
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 Christ's 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 ADVENT BLESSING

Presider May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you
and scatter the darkness from before your path;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Creator, the Savior, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on
our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine c - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the
saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine
train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

THE VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
James Janssen, organ

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

Leading Our Worship This Morning

Preacher and Presider: The Rev. Charles A. de Kay

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Organist: James Janssen

Choir Director: Mark Crayton

Usher: Curt Nilsson

Acolyte: Christina Padilla

Altar Guild: Kathy Riley, Susan Rundle,

Roberta Buchanan, Deborah Williams

Green Team: Roberta Buchanan

Livestream: Diane Senechal

Guest Readers:

- Daniel Biss, Mayor of Evanston
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The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Soprano

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

Alto

Scott Bass*
Nancy Churchill
Amy Shuldiner
Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*†

Tenor

Francis Lynch
Karlos Piñero-Mercado*
Jonathan Weyant*

Bass

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

*Section Leader

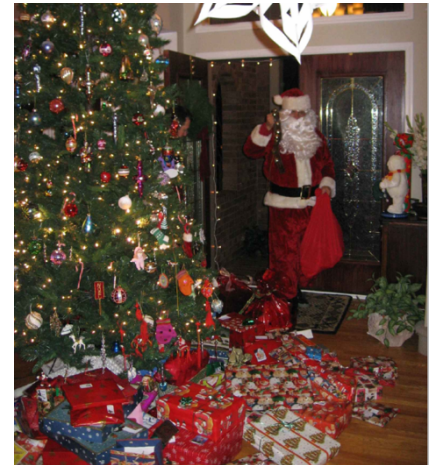
**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

TODAY!!! **St. Nicholas Brunch after Lessons and Carols!**

Please plan to join us Sunday to celebrate the season! Thanks to our Vestry and friends, there will be:

- **Food** (brunch choices and Christmas cookies)
- **Festive music** (thanks to our local favorites Jim, Tim and Curt!)
- **Holiday items for sale and silent auction** (including art and cards in a whimsical never-before-seen holiday design by Elise Pike Lerman, generously donated by Jack Lerman)
- And most of all, **friends and good cheer!**



Everyone is welcome, see you there!

(free with optional donation to support the work of St. Matthew's)



CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND FLOWERS

**Remember someone special this
Christmas by contributing to the
flowers in the sanctuary or supporting
our music program.**

CHRISTMAS MUSIC / FLOWERS DONATIONS

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In memory of: _____

In thanksgiving for: _____

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Please make checks out to St. Matthew's with "Christmas Music/Flowers" in the memo line.



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.

ST. MATT'S GALA UPDATES

Thanks to the 70+ people who joined and supported this year's Gala!
What a wonderful afternoon it was!



In addition to the Gala, **buy-in parties and auction items** are a wonderful and vital part of St. Matthews' community-building and fundraising. Please go to new.biddingowl.com/StMatthewsEvanston2023 to sign up to join buy-in parties and bid on auction items. This will be a "living" site so you can contact Cynthia Doucet (cdoucet32@comcast.net) at any time to donate auction items, host a party or with any questions.

UPCOMING BUY-IN PARTIES

SIGN UP TODAY!

new.biddingowl.com/stmatthewsevanston2023

(look for buy-in parties under the "Admission Tickets" section)

St. Matt's Movie Group

Sunday, December 17 at 3pm
at the Conley Residence:
2340 Hartrey Ave, Evanston

Join Dudley and Connie Conley for a lively discussion about the recently released film *The Holdovers* which can be found in local theaters.

Please RSVP to Connie by email at conniedconley@gmail.com or by phone at 847-869-9662.

All are welcome!



Anti-Racism Opportunities

Holiday charitable giving: If you're looking for a way to cut through the commercialism of Christmas and give thanks for Jesus' birth, consider charitable giving. *The Anti-Racism Daily* produced a guide for Giving Tuesday (<https://tinyurl.com/yta565vt>) with information on smaller, grassroots organizations led by people of color. Give to the groups who best know the needs that are out there.

Events

- **Now—Dec. 29:** New exhibit, *Seeing Race Before Race*, at the Newberry Library, T-Th, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and F-Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (60 W. Walton Street, Chicago) (<https://www.newberry.org/calendar/seeing-race-before-race>)
- **Now—2024:** Mitchell Museum exhibit "No Rest: The Epidemic of Stolen Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2Spirits" extended through 2024: <https://mitchellmuseum.org/no-rest-exhibit/>
- **Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m. (in person):** *Without a Whisper*, film and discussion on Indigenous women who influenced the suffrage movement, at the Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie.
- **Jan. 11, 9-5 (in person):** Animating Antiracist Ways of Being, by Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training, \$130 with Diocese of Chicago code EDOC130

Know of any antiracism events? Contact Kristin (kejcat@gmail.com) with the details.

Helping Refugees Survive Our Freezing Weather

Donations are needed to help refugees survive as winter approaches. Immanuel Lutheran Church in downtown Evanston at Sherman and Lake (across from the Holiday Inn) is the drop-off point for donations. Donations are being collected at the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am until 12noon.

Sweatpants, sleeping bags, blankets, and toiletries are some of the items that are needed. There is a box by the church office where donations can be place. These items are being picked up by the non-profit Chi Welcome and delivered to refugees currently being housed at police stations on the west side of Chicago.

Read the full article in *Evanston Now* here: <https://evanstonnow.com/helping-refugees-survive-our-freezing-weather/>

Wednesday Lunch Volunteer Opportunity

Are you available on any given Wednesday between 10am and 12:30pm? Do you enjoy the camaraderie of working with others toward a short-term, important, and satisfying goal? Come join us at St. Mark's in Cunningham Hall (and kitchen) as we set up, make sandwiches, slice tomatoes, arrange fruit and cookie trays, make coffee, etc., and serve 40-60 guests each week at the St. Mark's / St. Matthew's joint Wednesday lunch ministry.

We need 6 individuals to sign up for food preparation, service, and cleanup from 10am to 12:30pm every Wednesday. In addition, we need two doorkeepers, one upstairs and one downstairs from 11am to 12:30pm. We use Signup Genius for scheduling, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054eacaa22a1f85-wednesday#/>

Volunteers come from St. Matthew's and St. Mark's, as well as the broader community. Some of our guests are regulars who have been with us since we opened our doors in February 2015, and many are just discovering us as a source of a good meal served by friendly, welcoming volunteers. We hope you'll consider becoming a part of this important ministry.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Kati Olsen at kati2219@gmail.com.



Court Watch Volunteer Program

Court Watch is a volunteer program founded in 2007 to observe and bear witness at detained immigrants' hearings in Chicago. While Illinois passed legislation that banned immigrant detention within our state beginning in 2022, deportation cases are still processed in the Chicago Immigration Court nearly every weekday for immigrants - including Illinois residents - who are jailed in Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, and other states. Can you volunteer a few hours a month to stand with detained immigrants? Court Watch volunteers attend as many of these hearings as possible (most hearings are currently conducted online via Webex). We partner with legal organizations and pro bono attorneys, highlighting problems we observe and cases where unrepresented detainees are in need of legal help.

Please email us at icircourtwatch@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer with us.



The overnight shelter has been open for three weeks now and we need your help! We are able to provide a place to sleep for 30 people this year! And we will be open for 31 weeks! We need more blankets and sheets!

Please consider going to our Wish List on Amazon and buying us warmth for our guests! We have chosen blankets that are easy to launder daily. It is best for all our guests to each get the same style blanket. Here is the Amazon link!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3GBQWFEN4S4H0?ref=wl_share

Also here is the sign-up for the Overnight Shelter (OS) at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1004 Greenwood. Please use the Maple Ave. door. We need set up volunteers (8:30pm to 10pm), overnight help (9:30pm to 7am) and clean up volunteers (6am to 7am).

Please click on this link to sign up:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LYN0WrcLaaHHIKteBer3DUH_9v9MP1YqTkj0-42gW0E/edit?usp=sharing

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 Pakistan (United)

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Organizations of Episcopal Charities & Community Services:* Ravenswood Community Services; Shelter Care Ministries; Holy Family School; St. Leonard's Ministries; Hopeful Beginnings; Youth Guidance; Waukegan to College; *And for organizations of our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk.*

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 December: Oliver Arima, Derrick Brannam, Anne Branning, George Darrell, David Frederickson, Kristin Jacobsen, John Lloyd-Still, Niels Olsen, Finley Paul, Jon Seed, David Senechal, May Srichandra, Grace Viner, Tilley Vogel.

We pray for those who celebrate wedding anniversaries in December: Connie & Dudley Conley, Corky & Bill Siegfriedt, Judy Royal & Tim Patenode, Kate & Gregg Lauderbaugh and Diane & David Senechal.

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-Padilla, 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 Frances Cothran, 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 Prayer Trans Day of Remembrance is adapted from Trans Episcopal (published at [Blog - TransEpiscopal](http://Blog-TransEpiscopal)). The Blessing comes from the Episcopal Church website: [Prayers and Blessings \(episcopalchurch.org\)](http://Prayers and Blessings (episcopalchurch.org)).



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

St. Matthew's Vestry

Damon Doucet, *Senior Warden*

Christopher Motogawa, *Junior Warden*

Robert McSweeney, William Siegfriedt, Penelope Whiteside (2024)

Curtis Nilsson, William Widmer, Deborah Williams (2025)

Stephen Carr, Kelsey Davies, Jim Kelly (2026)

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

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

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

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, 27th *Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church*

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

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