

# ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



MARCH 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

- Sundays*      **Sunday Forum led by Whayne, 9:15 - 10:15am in the Parlor**
- Mar 8*        **TODAY! St. Matt's Movie Group, 3pm in the Parlor**
- Mar 29*      **Palm Sunday, 8am gather outside of the chapel (inside of the chapel if weather is poor); 10:30am gather outside of the sanctuary (inside of the assembly room if weather is poor). **Bring Bells & Noisemakers!****
- Apr 2*        **Maundy Thursday Liturgy, 7:30pm in the Church**
- Apr 3*        **Good Friday Worship, 7:30pm in the Church**
- Apr 4*        **The Great Vigil of Easter, 7pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. If you would like to participate in this service (Reader, Intercessor, Eucharistic Minister, etc.), please contact rector@stmarksevanston.org.**
- Apr 5*        **Easter Eucharist with Sermon, 8am in the Chapel**  
**Easter Eucharist with Choir, 10:30am in the Church**

### 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 the wine made holy.

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## † THE WORD OF GOD †

*All stand as able as the Choir sings*

THE OPENING CANTICLE

The song of Zechariah

Nettleton



1. Blest be God, the Lord of Is - rael; he has come to set us free!  
2. God has come in might to save us from the ha - tred of our foes.  
3. God has sworn to grant de - liv - 'rance and re - store us to our place:  
4. Bring the knowl - edge of sal - va - tion to God's peo - ple in their sin.



And a horn of full sal - va - tion he has raised from Da - vid's seed.  
From their cru - el hand he frees us, and his ten - der mer - cy shows  
serv - ing bold - ly in his pres - ence, just and ho - ly all our days.  
Preach that God is ten - der - heart - ed, and by him are sins for - giv'n.



God has vis - it - ed his peo - ple to re - deem them as fore - told  
mer - cy prom - ised in his cov - 'nant to our fa - thers whom he chose.  
You, my child, will be his Pro - phet, called and sent by God Most High.  
His great mer - cy, like the sun - rise, bright - ly shines in deep - est night,



in the prom - ise he had spo - ken thro' his pro - phets from of old.  
He will keep his oath to A - br'am to re - lease us from our woes.  
You must go be - fore the Lord now to pre - pare his ways a - right.  
guid - ing those who sit in dark - ness to the way of peace and light.

## THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

*Celebrant* Blessed be the God of our salvation:

*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

*The people kneel as able, and a period of silent reflection is observed.*

*Celebrant* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and  
with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor  
as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

*Mark 12:29-31*

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

God of all mercy,

*All* **we confess that we have sinned against you,**

**opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,**

**in ourselves,**

**and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,**

**the evil we have done,**

**and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,**

**that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

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

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and

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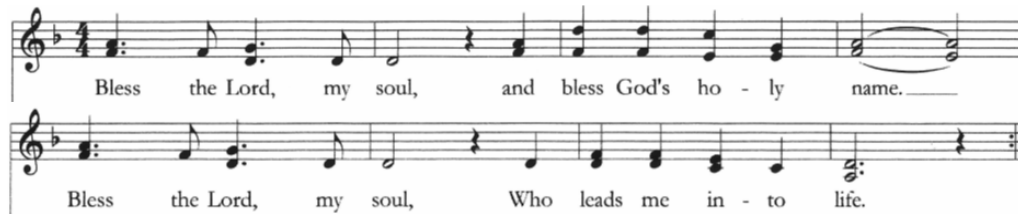
take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM 95 *Venite, exultemus*

*The congregation joins the choir in the refrain.*



- <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup> Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.     **REFRAIN**
- <sup>3</sup> For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.     **REFRAIN**
- <sup>6</sup> Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- <sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!     **REFRAIN**
- <sup>8</sup> Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.
- <sup>9</sup> They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.
- <sup>10</sup> Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."
- <sup>11</sup> So I swore in my wrath, \*  
"They shall not enter into my rest."     **REFRAIN**

## A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS (5:1-11)

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 W293** Lenten Acclamation

*Richard Proulx*

*Cantor: Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*

Glo - ry to you, O  
Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Verse: Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (4:5-42).

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

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A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for

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which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The Gospel of our Savior.

*People* Praise to you, O Christ.

## THE SERMON

*The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr*

*After a time of silent reflection, the people are invited to stand, as able, and together say*

### THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;

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he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader* In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found  
without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Paula, our own Bishop, for all bishops and other  
ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and  
that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the  
ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may  
receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among  
nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For those in positions of public trust, especially Daniel, our mayor; J.B., our governor,  
and Donald, our President, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and  
freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For those on our parish prayer list, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed St. Matthew, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*People* **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* Prayer for the War in the Middle East

God of Abraham and Sarah,  
God of Hagar and Ishmael,  
God of Isaac and Rebekah—  
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

You are the maker of every people and the lover of every soul.  
We bring before you the anguish of war in the Middle East:  
the cries of children, the fear of families, and the grief of those who mourn.

Hold close those who live under threat.  
Shelter the displaced.  
Tend the wounded.  
Strengthen those who bring aid and those who seek peace.  
Grant wisdom and restraint to leaders.

Break the cycle of hatred and violence.  
Turn hearts from vengeance toward mercy, and plant seeds of hope where there is  
devastation.

Make us instruments of your peace, faithful to your dream of justice and flourishing for  
every child of yours.

Through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*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 HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Fix me Jesus*

arr. Hall Johnson

*Soloist: Kaylie O'Dell, soprano*

Oh, fix me. Fix me, Jesus, fix me. Fix me for my long white robe, fix me, Jesus, fix me. Fix  
me for my starry crown, fix me, Jesus, fix me. Fix me for my dyin' bed, fix me, Jesus, fix  
me. Fix me for my journey home, fix me, Jesus, fix me. Oh, fix me. Fix me, Jesus, fix me.

This spiritual comes from the oral tradition passed down for generations. Hall Johnson, an African American composer, is one of the composers who help save the spiritual from disappearing. Johnson wrote of the spiritual: "True enough, this music was transmitted to us through humble channels, but its source is that of all great art everywhere—the unquenchable, divinely human longing for a perfect realization of life. It traverses every shade of emotion without spilling over in any direction. Its most tragic utterances are without pessimism, and its lightest, brightest moments have nothing to do with frivolity. In its darkest expressions there is always a hope, and in its gayest measures a constant reminder. Born out of the heart-cries of a captive people who still did not forget how to laugh, this music covers an amazing range of mood. Nevertheless, it is always serious music and should be performed seriously, in the spirit of its original conception." Johnson was fluent in both German and French. Among the singers he coached were Marian Anderson, Charles Holland, Robert McFerrin and Shirley Verrett. His arrangements of the spirituals have been recorded by some of the world's finest artists. Johnson, aged 82, died of burns received during a fire at his New York apartment on April 30, 1970. Source: [1] Hall Johnson.

Wikipedia:2026. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hall\\_Johnson#:~:text=Francis%20Hall%20Johnson%20\(March%2012%2C,arra nger%20of%20African%2DAmerican%20spiritual%20music](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hall_Johnson#:~:text=Francis%20Hall%20Johnson%20(March%2012%2C,arra nger%20of%20African%2DAmerican%20spiritual%20music). (accessed March 3, 2026)

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #658* As longs the deer for cooling streams

Martyrdom

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in  
 2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my  
 3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope  
 4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O  
 thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -  
 still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who  
 God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.  
 hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?  
 is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.  
 was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

*The people stand as able.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER I**

*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 God.

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

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
 earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

*The people stand or kneel as able.*

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*Celebrant* Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Matthew, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*People* **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**THE COMMUNION ANTHEM** O come everyone that thirsteth (Elijah) *Felix Mendelssohn*  
*Chloe Beal, soprano; Bernadette Brockman, alto; Zachary Schwartz, tenor; Jack Ellis, bass.*

O come everyone that thirsteth, O come to the waters; O come unto Him. The prophet Isaiah supplies a text that both inspires the listener and completes the dramatic arc of the libretto. We began the evening with A solo quartet in the related key of B-flat major, a pastoral key much favored by Haydn, delivers spiritual bounty, in stark contrast to the dry 33 O hear, and your souls shall live forever.

(Isaiah 55:1, 3)

Note:

*This piece was composed in the spirit of Mendelssohn's Baroque predecessors Bach and Handel, whose music he greatly admired. The prophet Isaiah supplies a text that both inspires the listener and completes the dramatic arc of the libretto. The oratorio, Elijah, begins with an image of a barren land cracked with drought. Beckoned to the waters at the end of Part One of the oratorio and unquenched, our thirst is now satisfied. A solo quartet in the related key of B-flat major, a pastoral key much favored by Haydn, delivers spiritual bounty, in stark contrast to the dry harvest of the opening movements.*

Source: [1]1 Elijah, Op 70 (1846) Libretto: Julius Schubring n.d.

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/52154231e4b0af0a3133f7b4/t/55b8194ce4b065451b1e2813/1438128460282/Mendelssohn%20Elijah%20Synthesis.pdf> (accessed March 3, 2026).

*After all who desire communion or a blessing have received, all stand, as able.*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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**

## THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord.

*People* Amen.

*All stand to sing.*

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #690* Guide me, o thou great Jehovah *Cvm Rhonda*

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Leading Worship This Evening

*Celebrant:* The Rt. Rev. Wayne Hougland, Jr  
*Deacon:* The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey  
*Music Director:* Mark Crayton  
*Greeter:* Curt Nilsson  
*Lectors:* Steve Carr, Ginger Carr  
*Prayer Leader:* Mary Jo Deysach  
*Acolytes:* Bob Purse, Molly Purse,  
Quincy Senechal

*Chalice Bearers:* Mary Jo Deysach  
*Bread Baker:* Volunteer  
*Altar Guild:* Kate Lauderbaugh,  
Jennie Woodring, Roberta Buchanan  
*Green Team:* Karen Hertel, Peter Meyer  
*Livestream:* Volunteer

## The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director and Conductor  
Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist/Percussion

### Soprano

Monique Austin  
Charlotte Bishop  
Ginger Carr  
Alice Dolan  
Chloe Beal\*\*  
Kaylie O'Dell\*\*  
Michaela Bateman\*\*\*

### Alto

Bernadette Brockman\*  
Nancy Churchill  
Allyn Rawling  
Angela Torres-Kutkuhn\*†

### Tenor

Francis Lynch  
Karlos Piñero-Mercado\*  
Zachary Schwartz\*  
Anthony Rohr\*\*\*  
Brian Pember\*\*\*

### Bass

Terry Bucher\*  
Steve Carr  
Jack Ellis\*

\*Section Leader

\*\*\*Substitute Singer

\*\*Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

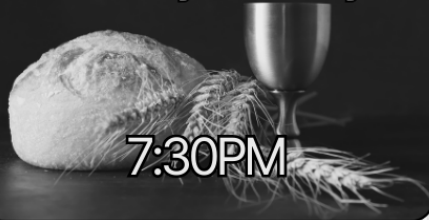
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Sermon text can be found on Substack @theritualway or Wayne Hougland, Jr.

# HOLY WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday



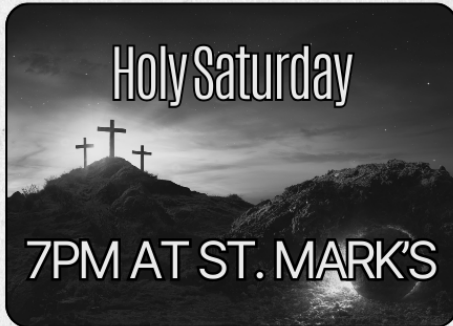
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Good Friday



7:30PM

Holy Saturday



7PM AT ST. MARK'S

Easter Sunday



8AM  
10:30AM

## A Call to Join the 150th Anniversary Committee

As many of you know, St. Matthew's will be celebrating its 150th anniversary as a congregation in September 2026. The vestry has decided that the congregation should host a year-long series of monthly events to re-introduce ourselves to the community and to invite that community in to see who we are and what we are all about.

The 150th Anniversary Committee will be responsible for planning six of those twelve monthly events. (The bi-monthly coffeehouses will be counted as the other six.) There is a lot of room for creativity in the planning of these remaining six events; and we are looking to have the broadest involvement from the congregation, so that the events are as innovative and comprehensive as possible.

If you are interested in joining, please email the committee chair Steve Carr at [s\\_carr@northwestern.edu](mailto:s_carr@northwestern.edu). Only six months remain before the anniversary year starts, so join today! Thanks so much.



## ST. MATT'S MOVIE GROUP

March 8 | 3pm in the Parlor



One more film nominated for four Oscars including Best Picture: Train Dreams! The movie group will discuss this one on Sunday, March 8, 3 pm in the parlor at St. Matthew's. Please watch on Netflix and let's share our thoughts and feelings. RSVP to Ann Searles by phone 847-745-8712 or [searlesil@yahoo.com](mailto:searlesil@yahoo.com). And don't forget daylight savings time starts that day!

Robert Grainier lives all of his years in the forests of the Pacific Northwest, working on the land, helping to create a new world at the turn of the 20th century.

One reviewer said: "This movie hit me so hard. It's a beautiful film, the scenery and atmosphere is haunting. The acting is subtle but so good. The message though is what struck me. It's literally searching for and maybe finally finding the meaning of life."



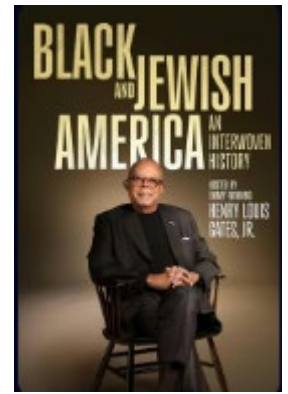
### Lent Madness 2026

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](mailto:terri@stmatthewsevanston.org) to find Lent Madness resources, which include a printable bracket, visit [www.lentmadness.org](http://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](http://www.episcopalcommonprayer.org); Wikipedia - visit The Calendar of the Church Year (Episcopal); Saints and Commemorations of the Episcopal Church - [www.satucket.com](http://www.satucket.com)

## Anti-Racism / Loving Our Neighbor

*Black and Jewish: An Interwoven History*: Historical interactions between Black and Jewish communities, little known but of great importance, have been both complicated and inspiring. Explore this topic in the new four-part series on PBS from renowned historian Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Find out more at [bit.ly/475hawy](http://bit.ly/475hawy).



## Wild & Scenic Film Festival

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival is an annual event. It's a collaboration of the Evanston Environmental Association (EEA) and the City of Evanston. The national Wild & Scenic Film Festival (<https://www.wildandscenicfilmfestival.org/>) is organized and produced by SYRCL (the South Yuba River Citizens League) and was started in part to help environmental organizations like the EEA to grow our membership base by hosting on-tour events across the country.



### Wild Women

**Date:** Friday, March 13, 2026

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Ave, Evanston IL

**Purchase** tickets at <https://www.evanstonenvironment.org/event-6421856>

### Water Tales

**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2026

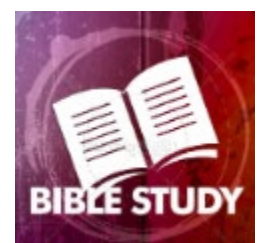
**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Ave, Evanston IL

**Purchase** tickets at <https://www.evanstonenvironment.org/event-6541498>

## Bible Study with Rev. Whyne Every Tuesday at Noon St. Matt's Library / Gallery

Join Rev. Whyne 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!



# FRIDAY NIGHT COFFEEHOUSE



*Perform. Listen. Be Heard.*



MARCH 20  
ST. MATTHEW'S  
7:00 - 9:30PM



Special Guest:  
Michael Clabby



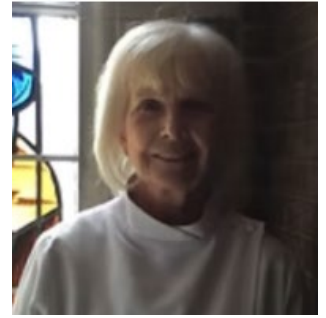
Open Mic  
Live Music  
Snacks  
BYOB



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

## Terri Has Been our Deacon for 5 years Already!

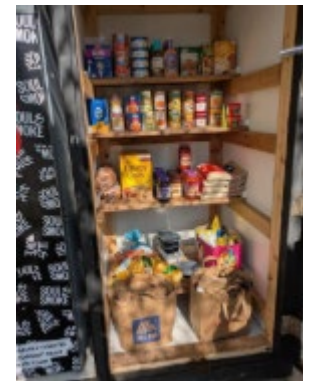
Terri Morrissey was ordained as a deacon on February 27, 2021. The Episcopal Church's definition of a deacon mentions that "since ancient times, the liturgical functions of deacons have suggested the activity of angels." Terri has indeed given St. Matthew's five years of angelic service: she has restored nature to our backyard; she has provided tender pastoral care to several in our congregation; she has diligently proclaimed the gospel and shared her deep knowledge of the gospel and church history; and two summers ago, she carried the church through a difficult time of transition, arranging to keep our services going.



Please congratulate Terri on this significant milestone and thank her for her devotion to St. Matthew's.

## 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

## Wednesday Lunches

As part of our outreach, St. Matthew's partners with St. Mark's, through Interfaith Action of Evanston, to provide lunch every Wednesday to those in need and has been doing so since 2015. We prepare and serve a nutritious lunch meal at St. Mark's Cunningham Hall, 1519 Ridge, Evanston. Lunch is prepared by volunteers in the St. Mark's kitchen. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please click on [tinyurl.com/wedsack](https://tinyurl.com/wedsack) for the SignUp Genius which includes further information on what is involved and how it works. If you have any questions, please email Karen Hertel at [klchivas@aol.com](mailto:klchivas@aol.com).

## 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](mailto:curt48@comcast.net))
- Lector (reader) | Lead: Deacon Terri ([terri@stmatthewsevanston.org](mailto: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](mailto:dfairchild25@gmail.com))
- Acolytes | Lead: Bob Purse ([rasmaster@aol.com](mailto: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?	Converting	Processing	Readings	Chaper (2:00 PM) Lector	Chaper (2:00 PM) Prayer Leader	Bread Baker (2:00 PM)	Greeter (2:00 PM)	Church (2:00 PM) Reader #1	Church (2:00 PM) Reader #2	Church (2:00 PM) Prayer Leader	Church (2:00 PM) Chalice Bearer	Bread Baker (2:00 PM)	Livestream (2:00 PM)	Acolytes (2:00 PM)	
1/10/20	Christmas		The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rev. Terri J. Montrose	<a href="#">Lection 1</a>					Judy Royal	Tim Patonode	Alex Seares					
1/11/20	Epiphany		The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	<a href="#">Lection 1</a>					Ginger Carr	John Seares	John Seares					
1/18/20	Epiphany		The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	<a href="#">Lection 1</a>					Steve Carr	Larkin Myers	John Seares					
1/25/20	Epiphany	Annual Meeting	The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	<a href="#">Lection 1</a>					Tim Patonode	Judy Royal		Mary Clark				
2/1/20	Epiphany		The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	<a href="#">Lection 1</a>					Larkin Myers		Tim Patonode					
2/8/20	Epiphany		The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	<a href="#">Lection 1</a>					Steve Carr			Mary Clark				
2/15/20	Epiphany	Whayne Acolyte	The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	<a href="#">Lection 1</a>					Judy Royal	Tim Patonode						
										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 (11:30 AM)
2/22/20	Lent	Ash Wednesday	The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	<a href="#">Lection 1</a>					Steve Carr	Ginger Carr						
2/29/20	Lent		The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	<a href="#">Lection 1</a>												
3/7/20	Lent	Whayne Acolyte	The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	<a href="#">Lection 1</a>					Larkin Myers							
3/14/20	Lent		The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	<a href="#">Lection 1</a>					Steve Carr		Tim Patonode					
3/21/20	Lent		The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	<a href="#">Lection 1</a>						Larkin Myers						
3/28/20	Triduum		The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	The Rt Rev. Whayne Hoagland, Jr.	<a href="#">Lection 1</a>												

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*

# 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](mailto:info@stmatthewsevanston.org). Names are listed for 4 weeks.

The Prayer List is prayed for weekly by the St. Matthew's Prayer Group.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** *Congregations in the Chicago-South Deanery:* Trinity in Chicago; Holy Nativity in Chicago *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* La Transfiguración in Oaxaca; Jarbanat Sub-Parish

**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 March:** Mark Austin, Philip Castillo, Judith Creech, Andrew Davies, Patty Dreibelbis, Drew Kelly, Andrew McDermott, Daniel Meyer, Chris Motogawa, Grace Motogawa, Joyce Weber, Allison Zidek

**We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in March.**

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

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

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

**We pray for all who have died.**

## ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

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

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

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St. Matthew's lay leaders duly elected and appointed at  
The 150<sup>th</sup> 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 187<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago**

Ann Searles, Steve Carr

### **Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff**

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, 28<sup>th</sup> *Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church*

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

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