

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*Third*  
SUNDAY  
IN  
LENT

MARCH 23, 2025  
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

### Worship Schedule and St. Matthew's Events

<i>Sundays</i>	<b>Sunday Forum led by Whayne, 9:15 - 10:15am in the Parlor</b>
<i>Mar 23</i>	<b>Lenten Programing, 7pm via Zoom</b>
<i>Mar 26</i>	<b>St. Matt's Movie Group, 3pm in St. Matt's Parlor</b>
<i>Mar 29</i>	<b>St. Mark's Then &amp; Now, 2pm at St. Mark's</b>
<i>Apr 5</i>	<b>Knit For Food, 1pm at the Rogers Park Library</b>

## 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:

**Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah**    *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Luke 1:68-79*

Blessed be the God of Israel  
who comes to set us free  
and raises up new hope for us:  
a Branch from David's tree.  
So have the prophets long declared  
that with his mighty arm  
God would turn back our enemies  
and all that wish us harm.

With promised mercy will God still  
the covenant recall,  
the oath once sworn to Abraham;  
from foes to save us all;  
that we might worship without fear  
and offer lives of praise,  
in holiness and righteousness  
to serve God all our days.

My child, as prophet of the Lord  
you will prepare the way,  
to tell God's people they are saved  
from sin's eternal sway.  
Then shall God's mercy from on high  
shine forth and never cease,  
to drive away the gloom of death  
and lead us into peace.

*All remain standing as the acolytes and clergy enter in silent procession*

## 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.

*All* **God of all mercy,**

**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 (3:1-15)**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations."

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM 27 *Deus, Deus meus*

The congregation joins the choir in the refrain.



O God, you are my God; ea - ger - ly I seek you. †

- <sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- <sup>2</sup> Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- <sup>3</sup> For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.
- <sup>4</sup> So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name. **Refrain**
- <sup>5</sup> My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- <sup>6</sup> When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- <sup>7</sup> For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- <sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast. **Refrain**

## A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS (10:1-13)

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you

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that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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** *Hymnal 1982 #685* Rock of ages, cleft for me

*Toplady*

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE (13:1-9).**

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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;

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.**

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*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* For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*The Ministers and People greet each other in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Like as the hart*

Herbert Howells

Katilynn Meine, soprano

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, "Where is now thy God?"

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #574* Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

Verses 1, 3-4

*St. Petersburg*

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science  
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to  
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious  
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the  
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from  
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to  
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and  
sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us  
catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - rept of  
God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.  
with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.  
pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.  
may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

*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.

## Verses 1, 2 &amp; 4

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff has four lines of lyrics. The second staff has four lines of lyrics. The third staff has one line of lyrics. The fourth staff has one line of lyrics.

1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go;  
 2. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;  
 3. They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo-ple go;  
 4. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo-ple go;

1. op - pressed so hard they— could not stand, let my peo-ple go.  
 2. to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.  
 3. and come at length to— Ca - naan's land, let my peo-ple go.  
 4. and let us all in— Christ be free, let my peo-ple go.

Go down, — Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land; —

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo-ple go.

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* Keep this your family, Lord, with you never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.

*People* Amen.

All stand to sing.

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #344* Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

*Sicilian*

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the  
joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,  
tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,  
O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

# Leading Worship This Morning

*Celebrant:* The Rt. Rev. Whyne Hougland, Jr

*Deacon:* The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

*Music Director:* Mark Crayton

*Greeter:* Steve Steiber

*Lectors:* Steve Carr, Hannah Motogawa

*Prayer Leader:* Kristin Jacobsen

*Acolytes:* Quincy Senechal, Harper Olsen

*Chalice Bearers:* Mary Clark, John Searles

*Bread Baker:* Deacon Terri J. Morrissey

*Altar Guild:* Connie Conley, Mary Clark,  
Pat Egan

*Green Team:* Anne Branning

*Livestream:* Diane Senechal

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

Mark Crayton, Music Director

Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist

### Soprano

Monique Austin

Charlotte Bishop

Ginger Carr

Alice Dolan

Rachel Handrick\*

Kunying Li

Katilynn Meine\*

Kaylie O'Dell\*\*

### Alto

Bernadette Brockman

Nancy Churchill

Emily Scharf\*

Angela Torres-Kutkuhn\*†

### Tenor

Riley Brown\*\*

Michael Kirby\*

Francis Lynch

Karlos Piñero-Mercado\*

Peter Lorenzo

### Bass

Terry Bucher\*

Steve Carr

Jack Ellis\*\*

Jake Engel

Louise Floyd\*

\*Section Leader

\*\*Staff Singer

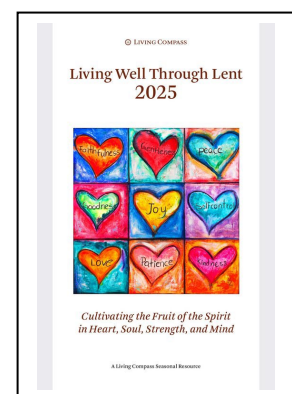
†Choral Assistant



**As our journey through Lent begins**, 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 (March Madness), and its bracket includes a round of 32 saints culminating in The Golden Halo. In past years, Lent Madness provided a printed version of their Sainthood Scorecard, however, this year it will be digital. To download a printable bracket, go to [lentmadness.org](http://lentmadness.org) and click on the 3 lines in the top right corner. You can also find other Lent Madness resources there. Subscribe to Lent Madness to receive updates and voting links. Questions? Contact Deacon Terri at [terri@stmatthewsevanston.org](mailto:terri@stmatthewsevanston.org).



**Available Now - Living Well Through Lent 2025: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit in Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind**, is daily devotional that provides a foundation for seeking a deeper experience of Lent, an experience that will help prepare us for the true meaning of Easter.



The devotional includes reflections from: The Rev. Dr. Scott Stoner and featuring reflections from eight guest writers: The Rev. Molly Bosscher, Robbin Brent, The Rev. Canon Randy K. Callender, The Rt. Rev. Brian Lee Cole, The Rt. Rev. Shannon Rogers Duckworth, The Rev. Jenifer Gamber, The Rev. Gary B. Manning and The Rev. Abigail W. Moon.

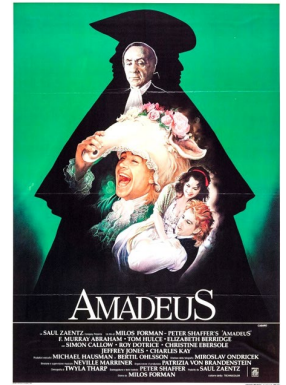
You can find copies of the devotional in the back of church, the chapel and outside the office.

## Lenten Programming March 23, 7pm via Zoom To join use Recurring Meeting ID: 811 4635 9717

The Examen Prayer with Gregory Peebles. Ignatius of Loyola (popularized the practice of "The Examen" (or "Examination of Conscience"). More than simply a review of one's day, practice of The Examen opens a space between God and us for radical honesty and compassion as often as we would practice it. Even sporadic practice is fruitful, but regular practice is utterly transformative.



## St. Matt's Movie Group Wednesday, March 26 3pm in St. Matt's Parlor



We will discuss the film Amadeus which can be viewed on several streaming sites. Amadeus won eight Oscars in 1984. Rsvp to host Louis Allred at "l-allred@northwestern.edu" [lallred@northwestern.edu](mailto:lallred@northwestern.edu) or at 847-570-3424.



### Where to Take Styrofoam for Recycling

Most recycling facilities can't process it, and the city's recycling program doesn't accept it. But now we have a convenient way to avoid sending polystyrene foam (commonly called styrofoam) to the landfill or worse, with the risk of negative environmental effects. Styrofoam packaging materials, takeout containers, cups, and other items can be dropped off at First United Methodist Church of Evanston from 10 AM until noon on the third Saturday of every month. The next drop-off date is this Saturday, April 19. Volunteers will be present to help unload items in front of the 516 Church Street entrance.

### Simple Recycling Free Home Pickup Service

Did you know there's an easy and environmentally friendly way to dispose of fabrics and some household items that aren't good enough for Goodwill? Simple Recycling offers a free home pickup service. Clothing, linens, and other fabrics (including rags), shoes, and accessories; household discards such as kitchenware, tools, toys, and books; and other small household goods in working condition can be bagged and left for pick-up on the designated day.

You can schedule a pickup by going to [SimpleRecycling.com](http://SimpleRecycling.com) or calling 866-835-5068. Full instructions are on the website and

<https://www.cityofevanston.org/Home/Components/News/News/5760/17>

## Antiracism Learning

**Welcoming the immigrant in scripture:** The Bible is filled with references to welcoming the stranger among us, including immigrants. According to well-known Franciscan friar Richard Rohr, the Psalms say that God "watches over" strangers. Deuteronomy says they have the right to sustenance and human rights. The Gospel portrays Jesus as a refugee in need, Rohr writes, and God in the Bible is described as stateless. For the full blog post, go to <https://cac.org/daily-meditations/welcoming-strangers-in-scripture/>.



# St. Mark's Then & Now: A Tour of Architecture and Community

**Saturday, March 29**

**2:00 - 2:45 PM**

1509 Ridge Ave, Evanston, IL 60201

Join us for a tour of St. Mark's  
Episcopal Church, where  
architecture and community  
needs intersect.

**DON'T MISS IT! RSVP TODAY.**





## **TEAM SUNDAY SIPPING & STITCHING**

Knit for Food Knit-a-thon is a 12 hour knitting marathon to raise funds and awareness for food insecurity. 100% of funds raised will be equally divided between Feeding America, World Central Kitchen, No Kid Hungry, and Meals on Wheels.

**Join us on  
Saturday, April 5, 2025  
1:00-4:30 PM**

**Rogers Park Public Library  
6907 N. Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60626**

For more information, join the team or donate:

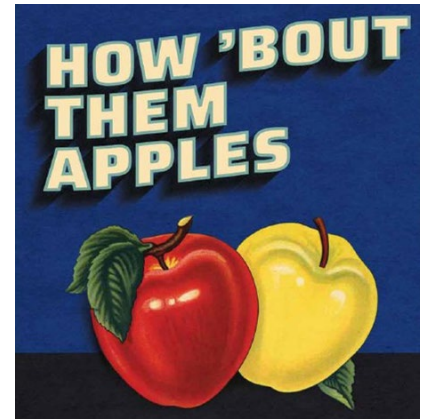
<https://givebutter.com/knitforfood25/sunday-sipping-stitching/>

## How 'Bout Them Apples...

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

7pm at Steve and Charlotte's Home

We're resurrecting an apple-based fund-raiser at Steve and Charlotte's home. At 7 p.m., we will host a Calvados and apple brandy tasting. Calvados will date to a 1987 vintage from France to Steve's own "living cask" of local apple brandy with a blend of 2021, '21, '23, '24 and 25. As an aperitif, these samplings will be complemented by a charcuterie board. Seating is limited to the first eight to sign up with a \$50 contribution to St. Matthew's. Call or text Steve at 847-867-1123.



## Bread Bakers Needed

Looking for a fun way to get involved at St. Matt's? We are looking for bread bakers to bake homemade bread used for communion! Please email Deacon Terri at [terri@stmatthewsevanston.com](mailto:terri@stmatthewsevanston.com) if you are interested.

## Wednesday Lunch Volunteer Opportunity

Are you available on any given Wednesday between 10am and 12:30pm? 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, which can be found at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054eacaa22a1f85-wednesday#/>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Kati Olsen at [kati2219@gmail.com](mailto:kati2219@gmail.com).

# Easter Music & Flowers

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

## EASTER MUSIC / FLOWERS DONATION

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In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving For: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount Donated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for listing in the Easter bulletin is Monday, April 14.**

**Return this form to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church:**

2120 Lincoln Street, Evanston, IL 60201. Please make checks

out to St. Matthew's with "Easter Music/Flowers" in the memo.

**To donate online**, scan the QR code below or go to:

**[onrealm.org/stmatthewsevanston/-/form/give/now](https://onrealm.org/stmatthewsevanston/-/form/give/now)**

and choose the flower or music fund.



# 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:** Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** For the spouses, partners and children of our bishops, priests and deacons, that their relationships would be strengthened and their own ministries to their families and the church be blessed by your Holy Spirit. Intercessions are offered by each congregation for its own corporate life, clergy and lay leadership, and its organizations; and for the city or town in which located and its civic leadership.

**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, Phillip Castillo, Judith Creech, Andrew Davies, Patty Dreibelbis, Drew Kelly, Andrew McDermott, Daniel Meyer, Chris Motogawa, Grace Motogawa, Joyce Weber and 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, 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:** Nicholas Churchill, Jeremy Herschaft, Tobin Hudgins, Kaden Brown, Larry Anderson, Beth Swigart, Brad Swigart, Ann Wilson Wesley, Bob Baker, Sue Zundel, Becky Wilson, Audrey Reynolds, Ramona Frederickson, Harriet Brandt, Paige D, Kate Martin, Benjamin Ticobay, Bob Teska, Ralph Motogawa, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, John Wagner, Cathy Fiala, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner, Will Widmer 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.**

## 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 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 26, 2025

### **St. Matthew's Vestry**

Stephen Carr, *Senior Warden*

Tim Patenode, *Junior Warden*

William Widmer, Kelsey Davies, Jim Kelly (2026)

Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers (2027)

Roberta Buchanan, Karen Hertel, David Parks (2028)

*Clerk of the Vestry*, Larkin Myers (2028)

Christopher Motogawa, *Treasurer* (2026)

### **Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment**

Don Churchill (2025)    Mary Clark (2025)    Ann Searles (2026)

### **St. Matthew's Lay Delegation to the 187<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago**

ONLINE - All Day, Saturday, November 22, 2025

Delegates: Mary Clark, Ann Searles, Julia Green

### **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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