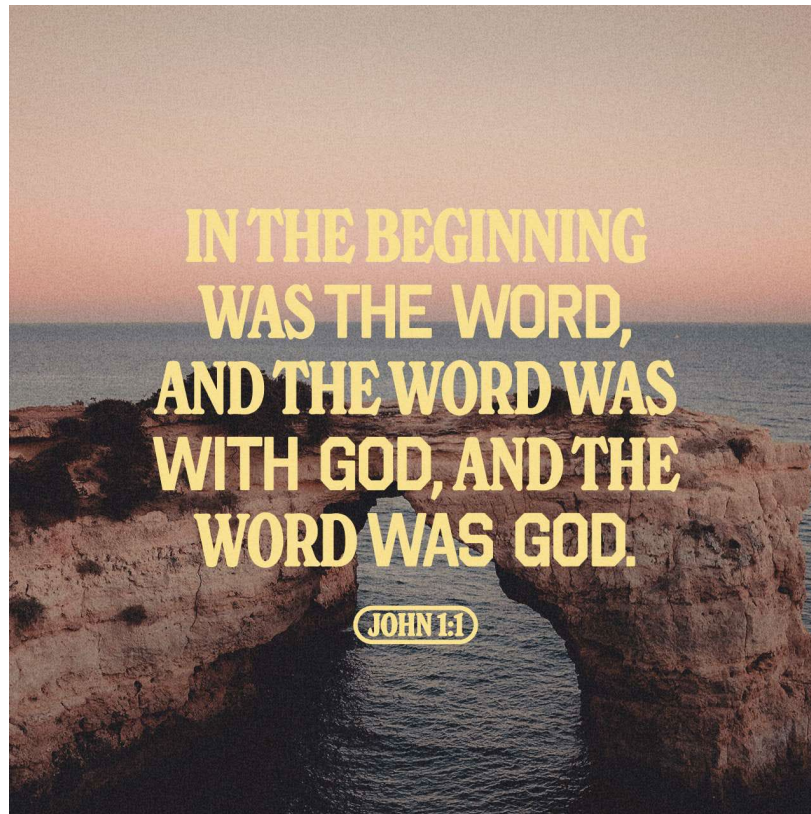


# ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
DECEMBER 29, 2024  
10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



*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 we continue to be proactive to protect the health and well-being of the entire community, especially the most vulnerable. Therefore, we ask that everyone respect our protocols:

- 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 our worship spaces
  - Air purifiers continuously clean the air.
  - Before services begin, whenever possible, we open the windows and run fans, to generate movement of the air.
- 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 stand off to the side offering a chalice and a bowl for intinction. We ask you receive the wine either by intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine) using the bowl, by drinking from the chalice, or to forgo the wine. Please do not use the chalice for intinction.
- Please follow any further communion guidelines as given.

## Worship Schedule and St. Matthew's Events

Jan. 14 **Annual Reports Deadline**, please send your reports to Julie at [julie@stmatthewsevanston.org](mailto:julie@stmatthewsevanston.org)

Jan. 26 **Annual Meeting**, after 10:30am Service in the Parish Hall

# WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith,  
you are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and wine made holy.

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THE PRELUDE

Wexford Carol  
Jennifer Allor, *piano*

arr. Mark Hayes

## THE WORD OF GOD

All stand, as able.

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #82* Of the father's love begotten *Divinum mysterium*  
Verses 1-2



1 Of the Fa-ther's love be-got-ten, ere the worlds be-  
2 O that birth for ev-er bless-ed, when the Vir-gin,  
3 Let the heights of heaven a-dore him; an-gel hosts, his  
4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa-ther, and, O Ho-ly

gan to be, he is Al-pha and O-me-ga,  
full of grace, by the Ho-ly Ghost con-ceiv-ing,  
prais-es sing; powers, do-min-ions, bow-be-fore him,  
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks-giv-ing,

he the source, the end-ing he, of the things that  
bore the Sa-rior of our race; and the Babe, the  
and ex-tol our God and King; let no tongue on  
and un-wea-ried prais-es be; hon-or, glo-ry

are, that have been, and that fu-ture  
world's Re-deem-er, first re-vealed his  
earth be si-lent, ev-ery voice in  
and do-min-ion, and e-ter-nal

years shall see, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!  
sa-cred face, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!  
con-cert ring, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!  
vic-to-ry, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!

This hymn may be performed in equal note values: ♪♪♪♪

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt. Music: *Divinum mysterium*, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956).

# THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

*The Celebrant may say*

# THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

*People* **Amen.**

# THE SONG OF PRAISE *Hymnal 1982 #96* Angels we have heard on high

*Gloria*

*Verses 1 and 4*

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*  
Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray,

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

***Amen.***

*The people sit.*

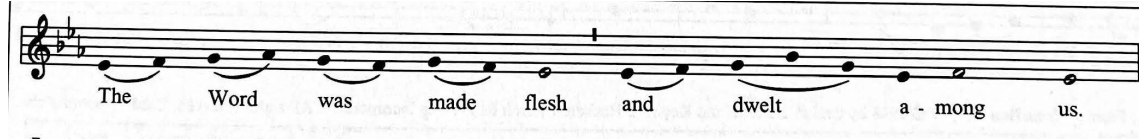
### **A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH (61:10-62:3)**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

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

PSALM 147:13-21 *Laudate Dominum* Congregation is welcome to join in on the refrain.



- <sup>13</sup> Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;
- <sup>14</sup> For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.
- <sup>15</sup> He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- <sup>16</sup> He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.
- <sup>17</sup> He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- <sup>18</sup> He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?
- <sup>19</sup> He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- <sup>20</sup> He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- <sup>21</sup> He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

*The people sit.*

**A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS (3:23-25; 4:4-7).**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #H101*

Away in a manger

Cradle Song

Verses 1-2



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
 \*3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.  
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Words: Traditional carol. Music: *Cradle Song*, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (1:1-18).

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

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And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of Our Savior.

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

## THE SERMON

*The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr*

## 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.



He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM II

*Presider* I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Bishop; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

*Presider* I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

*Presider* I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

*Presider* I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

*Presider* I ask your prayers for the departed.

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

*Presider* I ask your prayers for our prayer list, especially for Connie, Dudley, Kaden, Walter, Larry, Bob, Beth, Brad, Ann, Bob, Sue, Becky, Audrey, Ramona, Harriet, Paige, Kate, Benjamin, Cobe, Bob, Ralph, Betty, Jessica, Maeve, Fame, John, Cathy, Donna, Carol, Will, Chuck, and for the Congolese family we've been matched with in partnership with RefugeeOne and for those we name in aloud or in our hearts.

*Silence*

*Presider* I ask your thanksgiving for the people of St Matthew's.

*Silence*

*Presider* Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and or neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

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

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

*People*      **And also with you.**

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

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The people stand.*

**THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*In the bleak midwinter*      Cranham /arr. Mark Hayes  
Mark Crayton, Countertenor

In the bleak midwinter Frosty wind made moan  
Earth stood hard as iron Water like a stone  
Snow had fallen Snow on snow, snow on snow  
In the bleak midwinter, long, long ago  
Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him  
Nor earth sustain Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign  
In the bleak mid-winter A stable-place sufficed  
Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ  
Angels and archangels may have gathered there  
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air  
But only His mother in her maiden bliss  
Worshipped the Beloved With a kiss  
What can I give Him Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd,  
I would give a lamb  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part  
Yet what I can, I give Him  
Give my heart

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #H77* From east to west

Vom Himmel kam der Engel Schar  
Verses 1-3



1 From east to west, from shore to shore, let  
2 Be - hold, the world's cre - a - tor wears the  
3 For this how won - drous - ly he wrought! A  
4 And while the an - gels in the sky sang  
5 All glo - ry for this bless - ed morn to



1 ev - ery heart a - wake and sing the ho - ly child whom  
2 form and fa - shion of a slave; our ve - ry flesh our  
3 maid in low - ly hu - man place be - came, in ways be -  
4 praise a - bove the si - lent field, to shep - herds poor the  
5 God the Fa - ther ev - er be; all praise to thee, O



1 Ma - ry bore, the Christ, the ev - er - last - ing King.  
2 Ma - ker shares, his fal - len crea - tures all to save.  
3 yond all thought, the chos - en ves - sel of his grace.  
4 Lord Most High, the one great Shep - herd, was re - vealed.  
5 Vir - gin - born, all praise, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee.

Words: Caelius Sedilius (5th cent.); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Vom Himmel Kam der Engel Schar*, melody source unknown; acc. Carol Doran (b. 1936).

## † THE HOLY COMMUNION †

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:

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.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Matthew, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever.

All **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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.

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

THE COMMUNION HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #H324* Let all mortal flesh keep silence *Picardy*

Verses 1-2

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 as the dark - ness clears a way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Let us Pray

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

*Celebrant* May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Saviour's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

*People* Amen.

*Celebrant* May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

*People* Amen.

*Celebrant* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Savior, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Verses 1-4

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,



## THE DISMISSAL

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

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

## THE POSTLUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful  
Jennifer Allor, *piano*

arr. Mark Hayes

## Leading Worship This Morning

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

*Deacon:* The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

*Choir Director:* Mark Crayton

*Greeter:* Volunteer

*Lectors:* Kristin Jacobsen, Ginger Carr

*Prayer Leader:* Ann Searles

*Acolytes:* Volunteers

*Bread Baker:* Volunteer

*Chalice Bearers:* Volunteers

*Altar Guild:* Joyce Weber

*Green Team:* Volunteers

*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

# Annual Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

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

Please join us for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28 after the 10:30am Service in the Parish Hall. **Deadline to submit a report to Julie at [julie@stmatthewsevanston.org](mailto:julie@stmatthewsevanston.org) is January 14.**



## Olive Oil Is Here

A fresh shipment of olive oil from Palestine has arrived. This year's oil comes in 750-mL bottles that cost \$25. It is produced by a fair-trade cooperative in Palestine, shipped here by a Canadian not-for-profit organization, and sold at cost. Several bottles are available by contacting Deborah Williams at 847-869-6279.



The Palestinian oil is among the very best olive oil in the world. It is a pillar of Palestinian cultural identity, but the harvest is diminishing year by year because of violence that includes attacks on farmers and deliberate destruction of ancient olive groves. Your purchase will support farmers and families who are surviving under increasing economic and political constraints, and it thereby furthers the cause of peace and justice in the Holy Land.

## 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 the [parish office](#) if you are interested.

# 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 our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** At this time of general rejoicing, the congregation is called upon to pray for those who, in the words of the Prayers of the People, Form VI (BCP p. 392) “are the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression or are in danger, sorrow or any kind of trouble and for those who minister to the sick, the friendless and the needy.”

**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:** Anne Branning, George Darrell, David Frederickson, Kristin Jacobsen, John Lloyd-Still, David Senechal.

**We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in December:** Connie & Dudley Conley, Kate & Gregg Lauderbaugh, Judy Royal & Tim Patenode 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, 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:** Connie Conley, Dudley Conley, Kaden Brown, Walter Givler, Larry Anderson, Bob 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, Cobe Layag, Bob Teska, Ralph Motogawa, Betty Stafford, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, Fame Brooks, John Wagner, Cathy Fiala, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner, Will Widmer, Chuck, 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 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 28, 2024

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

Christopher Motogawa, *Senior Warden*

Stephen Carr, *Junior Warden*

Curtis Nilsson, William Widmer, Deborah Williams (2025)

Kelsey Davies, Jim Kelly (2026)

Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers, Tim Patenode (2027)

*Clerk of the Vestry*, Tim Patenode

Christopher Motogawa and Rick Worden, *Co-Treasurer* (2025)

### **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 23, 2024

Delegates: Stephen Carr, Ann Searles, William Widmer

### **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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