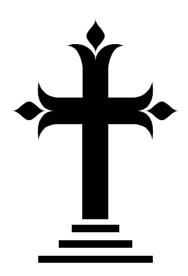
Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church



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Our mission is to preach, teach, heal and make disciples.

Sunday Services – 9:00 A.M. & 11:15 A.M. Christian Formation – 10:15 A.M. Wednesday Evening Prayer & Healing Service – 6:30 P.M

The Right Reverend Daniel P. Richards, Bishop
The Reverend Robert L. Brown, Rector
The Reverend Paul R. Abernathy, Assistant Rector
Donna Simpson, Organist/Choir Director
Derek R. Langley, Director of Christian Formation
Lisa Fowler, Preschool Director
Michelle Pierce, Director of Communications
Jane Bird, Church Administrator
Allie Fowler & Melissa Pellin, Nursery

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025 The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two The Word of God

Please talk to God in silence before the service; after the service talk to friends

Prelude "Before the Throne of God Above"

by Charitie Bancroft and Vickki Cook (1997 Sovereign Grace Worship, c/o Integrity Media, Inc.)

Processional "Praise to the Living God!" Hymnal 372

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

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. *Amen*.

Gloria S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

As Jacob prepares to face his brother, Esau, whom he wronged years earlier, he spends the night in struggle with God.

A reading from the Book of Genesis:

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Lector: The Word of the Lord People: *Thanks be to God*.

Psalm 121 (In Unison)

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; * the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, * nor the moon by night.

- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, * from this time forth for evermore.

The Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Christians must be discerning and humble as they seek God's wisdom. Many become attached to their own ideas and find ideas to suit themselves rather than pursuing the gospel.

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy:

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Lector: The Word of the Lord People: *Thanks be to God*

Gospel Hymn "Book of Books, Our People's Strength" Hymnal 631 (1,2) (3)

The Holy Gospel Luke 18:1-8

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by her continuous demands." And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who

cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Danny Shelton, Postulant

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.

Silence

Prayers of the People Form VI

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world.

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah, the Archbishop to be of Canterbury; Sean, our presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Andrew and Dorsey, our Bishops retired; Rob and Paul, our Priests; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you*.

Prayer for Spiritual Growth

Gracious Father, we ask spiritual growth for ourselves, our families and friends, and especially for our family St. Matthew's. Grant us growth in understanding and willingness to be your Body in this world. Empower us to live the mission of Christ: to preach, teach, heal and make disciples. In joyful thanksgiving for the blessing of your presence in our lives, compel us to share you with everyone we meet. May our numbers increase, our commitment deepen, our lives be joyfully yours. Make us a God-centered people. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence Minister and 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 Absolution

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*.

Peace

All stand

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

"I Will Sing Praise" by Joseph M. Martin (1994, The Lorenz Corp.)

Offertory Hymn

The Doxology

Hymnal 380 (vs. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The people remain standing.

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.

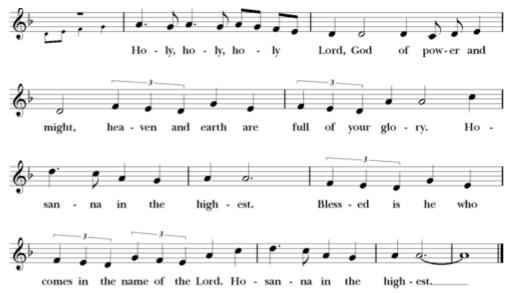
The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

Sanctus S-129



The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

The Celebrant then continues

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

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People and Celebrant

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.

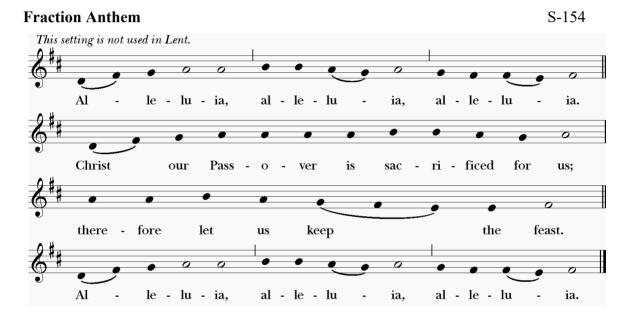
Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



The Celebrant says

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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymns

"And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love"

"Commit Thou All That Grieves Thee"

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

Hymnal 337

Hymnal 669

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen*.

Hymn for Going Forth "O Very God, of Very God" Hymnal 672

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Flowers at the altar today are given by Bob and Lindsay Leaman in memory of James Spencer Leaman.

Servers:9:00am11:15amEucharistic Minister (Vested):Andy DonnanBen Loftis

Eucharistic Minister:

Lector: Susan Pretulak Mary Paul

Crucifer: Isaac Soto

Torchbearers: Audrey Soto, Luke Soto

Greeter: Kathy Bloomfield, Sandra Lully

Ushers: Eric & Amy Schulz Greg Bulman

Streaming and Sound Tech Team: Parham Poost Foroosh

Ted Lucktenberg

John McArthur

Vestry of the Month: Jeremy Soto Will Boyd

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week:

19	Debbie Payne	21	Nancy Rodriguez
	Harper Simpson		Debby Edwards
20	Ed Johnson	22	Karen Williams
	Laura Lynn Timmons	25	David Rutledge
			Randy Mathis

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant as *he/she* begins another year. Grant that *he/she* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

For a Wedding Anniversary

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants N. and N., that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:
The Ministry of Education = Hope in Ecuador

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:
The Episcopal Church

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SAVE	THE DATE 10-19-25		
Oct 19	Sunday Services at 9 & 11:15 am.		
	Children's Formation at 10:15 am.		
	Youth Confirmation Class at 10:15 am in the Education Building. Through Nov 16.		
	Adult Confirmation Class at 10:15 am in the Education Building. See Bulletin Insert.		
	Evening at 5:30: EYC, and Bible, Bread & Wine		
Oct 22	Wednesday Evening Healing Service with Eucharist. 6:30 pm.		
Oct 26	Sunday Services at 9 & 11:15 am.		
	Children's Formation at 10:15 am.		
	Youth Confirmation Class at 10:15 am in the Education Building. Through Nov 16.		
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	<i>Trunk or Treat.</i> Sunday Evening: 5 pm.		

- Oct 29 Wednesday Evening Healing Service with Eucharist. 6:30 pm.
- Nov 2 Daylight saving time ends Sunday, November 2 All Saints' Day Observed
- Nov 4 **Restorative Yoga Class** at 5:30 pm, Adult Classroom (Every First Tuesday)
- Brotherhood of St. Matthew's Meeting. Library at 6:30 pm. (Every Second Tues.) Nov 11
- Annual Parish Meeting. One Service at 10:00 am, in the Gym. **Nov 23**
- **Nov 27 Thanksgiving**
- Dec 5 Fover Group Christmas Party - Congregation Invited 6:30 pm in the Gym.
- Dec 21 Children's Pageant One Service at 10:00 am.
- Dec 22 Preschool Christmas Break

WORSHIP

Sundays:

Holy Eucharist, 9 & 11:15 am

Christian Formation, between services.

Childcare in the Nursery, 6 mos - 4 yrs

Episc. Youth EYC: 5:30 with Derek!

Bible, Bread & Wine, 5:30 pm. Kelly Rm.

Wednesdays:

Holy Eucharist w/ Healing, 6:30 pm.

Every Evening:

Compline, between 9 & 10 pm. Live on St. Matt's Facebook.

SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP

Food Pantry & Free Medical Clinic: Wednesdays: Welcome & Assist Clients Permanent Hours Begin Oct. 22: 9:30-11am Contact Harvey Glovstein, 713-816-0112 Tuesdays: Setting Up for Wednesdays Contact Heather Yevcak, 704-560-3905

Brotherhood of St. Matthew's: 2nd Tues./mo. 6:30 pm. Restorative Yoga Class: 1st Mon./mo. 5:30 pm. Women's Bible Study: See Bulletin Insert **Daughters of the King:** 2nd Sat. of month. 2 pm.

Choir: Practice resumed in August.

Education for Ministry (EfM): Mondays, 6:00 pm.

PARISH PRAYER LIST:

Members of the Parish Alex Garmise

Debbie Townsend Debbye Edwards Deborah Smith Donnie Bird Don Davis

Doug Wishard Edith Webb Elizabeth Hall Ethel Tortorice Florence Donnan

Gail Stellar Gene Halford Geoffrey Thomas Glyn Shackelford Hazel Cannon

Jean Wales & Family Jerry Bowers Juanita Thaxton Karen Garber Kathleen Bonner Kathleen Jennings

Katie Ponder Kim Cope Louise Rambo

Louise Wickersheim Lynn Kerfoot

Maria King Marie Urquhart Mary File Mary Houck

Max & Angie Painter Maxine Wood

Neil Thomas
Peggy Ewing
Richard Bridges

Roberts Family Robin Hayden

Ronnie Owens Sandi Spanitz Sandra Brown Scott Garber Shirley Gould

Teresa Bagatta-Reale Tom & Debbie Morton

Expectant Mothers

Sarah Griggs Erica Torres **Babies & Families**

Patrick Albert
Charlotte, Cara & Zach Brown

Charlotte, Cara & Zach Brown Saylor, Jessi & Austin Hilton

Wendel Sullens
Friends & Family

Amy & Stephen Beckler

Anita McGee
Dr. Arturo Riojas
Bart Owens
Bill Kerfoot
Bill Lewis
Boone Brooks
Brian Yanaconne
Bruce Patrick

Carlos Anthony Frias, Jr. Father Charles Smith

Charlie Sasser Charlton Sy Chelsea Smith Chris Solem Christopher Oxford Chuck and Pat Piazza Cindy Holtzman

Dale Pretulak

Danet Peterson
David and Nancy Church

David Morgan David Sanabria David Wright Deacon Samuel Dee Wolfe Detra Peyton Doug Frazier

Ed Bloomfield & Family

Emily Painter Forest

Harriett Seabrook

Jerry

Joyce Ford Joyce TD Justus Link Logan Hopper Lourdes Go Lourdes Loreto Lynn Fields Mark Bonner

Mary Nelle Beckler Michael Szlepcsik Nancy McCart Philip Watters

Phyllis Ewing Bathke

Rakim Jr. Randy Mullis

Rocio Navarro Linares

Roger Go

Ronny Thompson Rylan Buckley Stacey Latronica

Suzi King

Terry & Ronald Coleman Tina Bain

Tommy Tipton
Tracie Powell Wilkin
Travis & Kimberly
Trish Wilson
Wayne Fisher
William Bracey
William O.

Military/First Responders

LT Anna Lee Van Abel CAPT Baxter Murray PVT Courtney S. Detwiler Jack Bankhead, Firefighter CPO John Watters

LT Joshua Van Abel CAPT Katie Donnan Katie Villatoro

LT Mason R. Beebe, IV CAPT Pace Murray

Lt. Rebecca M. Beebe Officer Robert Molina 2nd LT Trevor Owens

Will Townsend Kozimor Family

Missions/Missionaries

Drs. Ryan & Chelsea Porter Roberto & Cameron Vivanco

Laura & Jorge Estevez Education = Hope Food Pantry

Free Medical Clinic GoForth Recovery Kairos Prison Ministry

Safe Homes

St. Matthew's Preschool

10/19/25