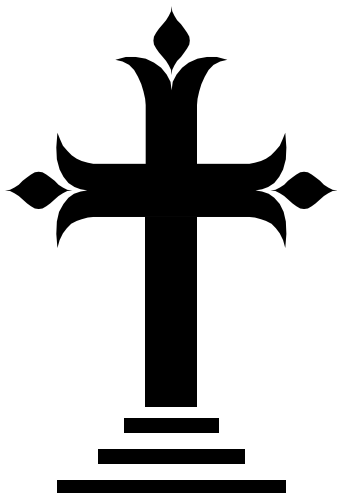


Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church



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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**

November 23, 2025
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
The Word of God

Prelude	<i>“Processional for a Joyful Day”</i>	by Dale Wood (1998 Sacred Music Press)
Processional	<i>“Crown Him with Many Crowns!”</i>	Hymnal 494

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, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

The prophet speaks strongly against those who have ruled poorly over God's people. He foresees the coming of a righteous king who will reign wisely and establish justice.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah:

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 46 (In Unison)

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The Second Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

Paul explains to new believers that Christ alone is the perfect image of God, and through him we are redeemed and forgiven.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians:

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the

fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Gospel Hymn *"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!"*

Hymnal 495 (1,2) (3,4)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon *"Crucified Jesus, crucify us!"*

The Reverend Paul Abernathy

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

BCP 392

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

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

by Charles Wesley/Rev. Joh Darwall/Arr. Henry Pfohl (1950 Harold Flammer, Inc.)

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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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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.

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,
People and Celebrant

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*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

BCP 364

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.*

Fraction Anthem

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This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

“Come, Ye Thankful People Come”

Hymnal 290

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Hymnal 397

“We Gather Together”

Hymnal 433

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

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

Hymnal 555

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 & Lindsay Leaman
in memory of Debbie Smith Payne.

Servers:

Eucharistic Minister (Vested):

Eucharistic Minister:

Lector:

Crucifer:

Torchbearers:

Greeter:

Ushers:

Streaming and Sound Tech Team:

Vestry of the Month:

10:00am

Angela Viney

Kathy Bloomfield

John Richardson

Lloyd Nickerson

Bucer Nickerson

Ember Nickerson

Atha McBride, Gail Stellar

Robin File, Zach Pretulak

Brett Reese

Ted Lucktenberg

Randy Mathis

Rob Rhoden, Mary Paul

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week:

23 John Kimball, Jr.

Atha & Dave McBride (A)

24 Jim & Jennie Cothran (A)

26 Nancy Allen

C. K. Owens

Arisa Katemba

27 Brayden Price

Connor Price

29 Jaqueline File

Mary Houck

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:

Christ Church, Greenville

Christ Church, Lancaster

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia

SAVE THE DATE

11-23-25

- Nov 23** **Sunday: Annual Parish Meeting!** One Service at 10:00 am, with Luncheon in the Gym. Christian Formation resumes next week.
EYC and Bible, Bread & Wine at 5:30 pm.
- Nov 26** **Wednesday Evening Healing Service with Eucharist.** 6:30 pm.
Cosmic Turkey Jam at the FR8yard to Benefit the St. Matthew's Food Pantry! 5 pm.
- Nov 27** **Thanksgiving**
- Nov 28** **Fri:** Parish office closed.
- Nov 30** **Sunday Services** at 9 & 11:15 am.
Intergenerational Advent Wreath-Making Between the services, no Christian Formation.
EYC and Bible, Bread & Wine at 5:30 pm.
- Dec 2** **Tues: Restorative Yoga Class:** 1st Tue./mo. 5:30 pm.
- Dec 3** **Wednesday Evening Healing Service with Eucharist.** 6:30 pm.
- Dec 5** **Christmas Party for the Congregation, Sponsored by Foyer Groups.** 6:30 pm in the Gym.
- Dec 7** **Sunday Services** at 9 & 11:15 am.
Children's Formation at 10:15 am. 6mo-5K to The Nursery, 1st-5th grade to Large Classroom.
Adult Formation at 10:15 am in the Library.
EYC and Bible, Bread & Wine at 5:30 pm.
- Dec 9** **Tues: Brotherhood of St. Matthew's Meeting.** Library at 6:30 pm. (Every Second Tues.)
- Dec 10** **Wednesday Evening Healing Service with Eucharist.** 6:30 pm.
- Dec 14** **Sunday Services** at 9 & 11:15 am. **Lessons and Music.**
- Dec 17** **Wednesday Evening Healing Service with Eucharist.** 6:30 pm.
- Dec 21** **Sun: Children's Pageant** One Service at 10:00 am.
- Dec 22** **Mon: Preschool Christmas Break begins**
- Dec 24** **Wed: Christmas Eve,** Wednesday at 5 & 11 pm. Parish Office Closed.

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 New Hours 9:30-11am

Contact Harvey Gloystein, 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 Tue./mo. 5:30 pm.

Women's Bible Study: See Bulletin Insert

Daughters of the King: 2nd Sat./month. 2 pm.

Choir: Practice resumed in August.

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

Vestry: 3rd Tues/mo. 6:30 pm, Library Conf. Rm.

PARISH PRAYER LIST:

Members of the Parish

Alex Garmise
Debbie Townsend
Debbye Edwards
Deborah Smith
Donnie Bird
Don Davis
Doug Wishard
Edith Webb
Ethel Tortorice
Ewing family
Florence Donnan
Gail Stellar
Gene Halford
Geoffrey Thomas
Glyn Shackelford
Elizabeth Hall family
Hazel Cannon
Jean Wales & Family
Jerry Bowers
Juanita Thaxton
Karen Garber
Kathleen Bonner
Kathleen Jennings
Kate Price
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
Susan Cherry-Casey
Teresa Bagatta-Reale
Tom & Debbie Morton
Tracy Bankhead
Will Boyd

Expectant Mothers

Sarah Griggs
Erica Torres

Babies & Families

Amy & Stephen Beckler
Patrick Albert
Charlotte, Cara & Zach Brown
Saylor, Jessi & Austin Hilton
Wendel Sullens

Friends & Family

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
Janie and Ed Kelley
Jerry
Joyce Ford
Joyce TD
Justus Link
Lib Hughes
Lourdes Go
Lourdes Loreto
Lynn Fields
Mark Bonner
Mary Nelle Beckler

Matthew Garrett
Michael Szlepcsik
Nancy McCart
Philip Watters
Rakim Jr.
Randy Mullis
Rocio Navarro Linares
Roger Go
Ronny Thompson
Rylan Buckley
Saydet Didert
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
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Kairos Prison Ministry
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