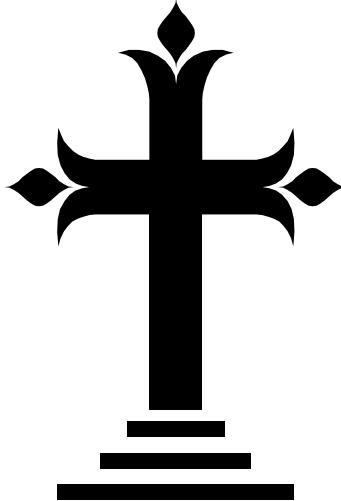


# *Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church*



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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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

**February 8, 2026**  
**Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**  
**The Word of God**

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

**Prelude** *"I Have Seen the Light"* Trio: John Richardson, Max Painter, and Mark Simpson  
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## **Opening Acclamation** BCP 355

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

## Hymnal S-280

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

The Lord reminds the people that righteousness is about justice more than correct religious observance. Fasting and worship that is accompanied by oppression are not righteous or pleasing to God.

## A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 112: 1-10      *In Unison*

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.

## The Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Paul reminds the Corinthians that his proclamation was based upon the power of God rather than human wisdom and he encourages them to recognize the wisdom of God revealed through the Spirit.

## A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts

bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

**Gospel Hymn**      "*The People Who in Darkness Walked*"      Hymnal 126 (1-3) (4,5)

**The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 5:13-20

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Rob Brown

**Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

*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.*

## Prayers of the People Form VI

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

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 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.*

## **The Service of Preparation for Membership in the Order of the Daughters of the King**

**Presider:** It is my privilege to present these persons; Susan Englert and Karen Garber as candidates for membership in The Order of the Daughters of the King®.

*Addressing the candidates:*

**Clergy:** You have expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Order of the Daughters of the King. You are asked to serve a three-month preparation period during which you will learn about and follow the two Rules of the Order: the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. In addition you are asked to learn about the Order, including its Prayer and Motto, and participate in sessions using the National Study Guide, which will help you grow in your knowledge and love of God as you pray and serve him daily.

Do you promise to commit yourself to this time of preparation?

**Candidates:** I do

**Clergy:** May Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, grant you the strength and power to perform them, so that He may accomplish the work He has begun in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Candidates:** Almighty and Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we here dedicate ourselves to you and your service, in faith and joy and love. In this preparation

time we pray that you will confirm and strengthen us that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our King and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Clergy:** Direct us O Lord in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and give us your help, that all our work begun, continued and ended in you may glorify your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Clergy:** The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**Candidates:** Almighty and Everlasting God in whom we live and move and have our being, we here dedicate ourselves to you and to your service in faith and joy and love. In this preparation time we pray that you will confirm and strengthen us that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our King, Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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**Clergy:** The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *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**      *“My Lighthouse”*      Solo: Derek Langley  
by Rand Collective (2014 Capital Christian Music Group)

## **Offertory Hymn** *The Doxology, Hymnal 380 (verse 3)*

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

## The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

*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*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
*We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

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

*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

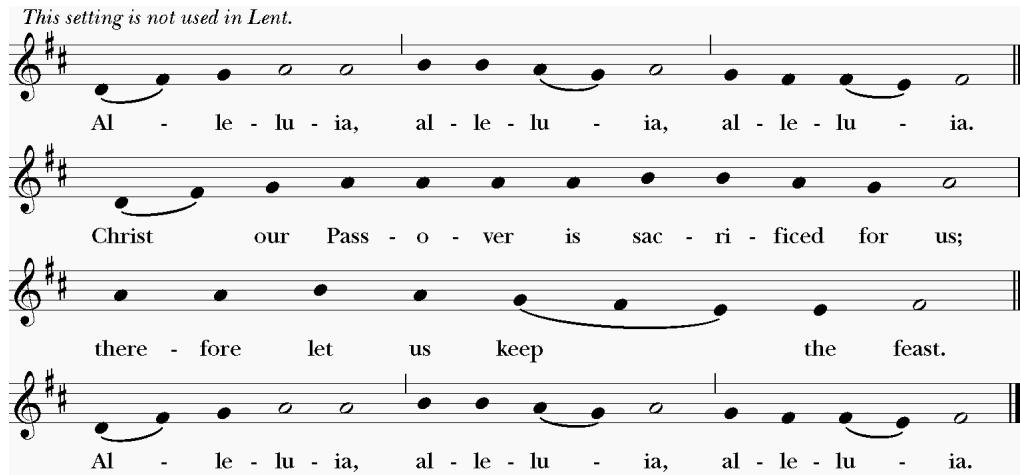
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*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-154

*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

### *“You Are My All in All”*

You are my strength when I am weak.  
You are the Treasure that I seek.  
You are my all in all.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel,  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.  
You are my all in all.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your  
name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is  
Your name.

By Dennis Jernigan (1900 Shepherd's Heart Music, Inc.)

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
rising again I bless Your name.  
You are my all in all.  
When I fall down, You pick me up.  
When I am dry, You fill my cup.  
You are my all in all.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your  
name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is  
Your name.

### *“Tis a Gift to be Simple”* *“What Does the Lord Require”*

Hymnal 554  
Hymnal 605

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

### **Blessing**

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord.

*Amen*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

*Amen*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

*Amen*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*Amen*

**Hymn for Going Forth**    “*Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord!*”    Hymnal 437

### **Dismissal**

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

People:    *Thanks be to God.*

<b>Servers:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>11:15am</b>
Eucharistic Minister (Vested):	Kathy Bloomfield	Mark Simpson
Eucharistic Minister:	Grace Keller	
Lector:	Amy Holbein	Kynn Kerfoot
Crucifer:	Isaac Soto	Mark Simpson
Torchbearers:	Audrey Soto, Luke Soto	
Greeter:	Susan Englert, Grace Keller	
Ushers:	Eric & Amy Schulz	Danny Shelton
Streaming and Sound Tech Team:	Debbie Richardson	
	Jane Bird	
	Randy Mathis	
Vestry of the Month:	Laura McGee	Will Boyd

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries this week:**

9	Mary Owens	13	Barbara Lustig-Tillie
10	Erwin & Amy Holbein (A)		

#### *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:*  
Ministry of Partnership, Haiti

*The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:*  
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

## SAVE THE DATE...

**Feb 8** *Sunday Services* at 9 & 11:15 am.  
*Children's Formation* at 10:15 am. 6mo-5K to The Nursery, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade to Large Classroom.  
*Adult Formation* at 10:15 am in the Library.  
*Bible, Bread & Wine* at 5:30 pm.  
*EYC* at 5:30 pm.

**Feb 11** *Wednesday Evening Healing Service with Eucharist.* 6:30 pm.

**Feb 15** *Sunday Services* at 9 & 11:15 am.  
*Children's Formation* at 10:15 am. 6mo-5K to The Nursery, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade to Large Classroom.  
*Adult Formation* at 10:15 am in the Library.  
*Bible, Bread & Wine* at 5:30 pm.  
*EYC* at 5:30 pm.

**Feb 17** *Shrove Tuesday Low Country Boil*, 6:00 pm, \$20 Adult//\$10 Youth, Free Childcare.

**Feb 18** *Lent Begins:* Ash Wednesday, 12 Noon & 6:30 pm.

**Feb 21** *Diocesan Youth Winter Retreat*

**Feb 22** *First Sunday in Lent. Sunday Services* at 9 & 11:15 am.  
*Children's Formation* at 10:15 am. 6mo-5K to The Nursery, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade to Large Classroom.  
*Adult Formation* at 10:15 am in the Library.  
*Bible, Bread & Wine* at 5:30 pm.  
*EYC* at 5:30 pm.

**Feb 25** *Wednesday Evening Healing Service with Eucharist.* 6:30 pm.

**Mar 29** *Holy Week Begins:* Palm Sunday, Passion Narrative.

**April 1** *Wednesday in Holy Week*

**April 2** *Maundy Thursday:* Washing of Feet and Stripping of the Altar, 6:30 pm.

**April 3** *Good Friday:* Solemn Collects at 12 noon  
Stations of the Cross through Downtown, 5 or 5:30 pm TBD

## 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues./mo. 6:30 pm.

**Restorative Yoga Class:** Paused TBD 2026.

**Women's Bible Study:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues./mo. 11am & 6:30pm.

**Daughters of the King:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat./month. 2 pm.

**Choir:** Wednesday nights 7 - 8 pm.

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

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



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## Parish Prayer List: Members of the Parish

Alex Garmise  
Debbie Townsend  
Debbye Edwards  
Deborah Smith  
Donnie Bird  
Don Davis  
Doug and Carol Wishard  
Edith Webb  
Ethel Tortorice  
Florence Donnan  
Gail Stellar  
Gene Halford  
Geoffrey Thomas  
Glyn Shackelford  
Hazel Cannon  
Jackie Bailey  
Jean Wales  
Jerry Bowers  
Juanita Thaxton  
Karen Garber  
Kathleen Bonner  
Kathleen Jennings  
Kate Price  
Katie Ponder  
Kim Cope  
Louise Rambo  
Louise Wickersheim  
Lynn Kerfoot  
Marie Urquhart  
Mary File  
Max & Angie Painter  
Maxine Wood  
Neil Thomas  
Peggy Ewing  
Pete Hulett  
Robin Hayden  
Sandi Spanitz  
Scott Garber  
Shirley Gould  
Susan Cherry-Casey  
Tom & Debbie Morton  
Will Boyd

## Expectant Mothers

Amy Beckler

Deedee Thomas

## Babies & Families

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  
Danielle Anne Baum  
David and Nancy Church  
David Morgan  
David Sanabria  
David Wright  
Deacon Samuel  
Dee Wolfe  
Detra Peyton  
Doug Frazier  
Ed Bloomfield & Family  
Elizabeth Greco  
Emily Painter  
Forest  
Harriett Seabrook  
Jerry  
Joe Cartee  
Joyce Ford  
Joyce TD  
Justus Link  
Latasha  
Lenny  
Lib Hughes  
Lourdes Go  
Lourdes Loreto  
Lynn Fields  
Marianne Beck  
Mark Bonn  
Mary Nelle Beckler  
Matthew Garrett  
Michael Szlepcsik  
Nancy Buttner  
Nancy McCart  
Philip Watters

Rakim Jr.

Randy Mullis

Rich Turner

Robert Baker

Rocio Navarro Linares

Roger Go

Ronny Thompson

Rylan Buckley

Satoya Means

Saydet Didert

Skyler and Fletcher families

Stacey Latronica

Suzi King

Terry & Ronald Coleman

Tina Bain

Tom Archer

Tommy Tipton

Tracie Powell Wilkin

Travis & Kimberly

Trish Wilson

Wayne Fisher

William Bracey

## 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