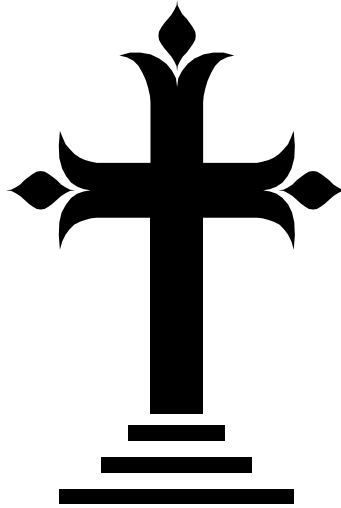


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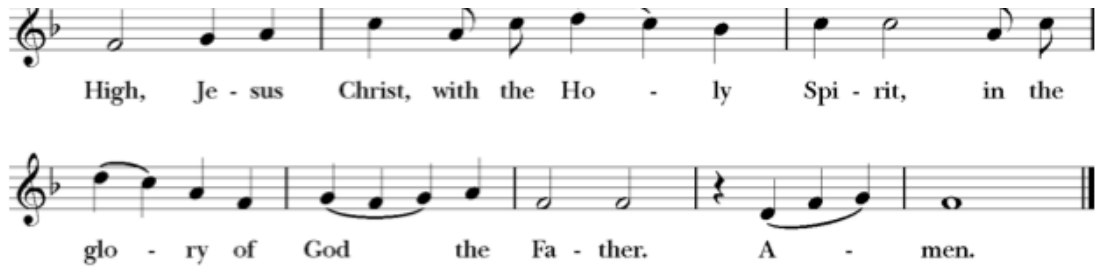
**Sunday Services – 9:00 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.
Christian Formation – 10:15 A.M.
Wednesday Evening Prayer & Healing Service – 6:30 P.M.**

**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**

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
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



Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Jeremiah presents a prophecy that the exile will end and that God will not desert Israel. It depicts the return from exile as a new exodus. The people will be joyful as their nation is rebuilt.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah:

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *(In Unison)*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD'S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Peter had believed that the salvation offered through Christ comes only to the Jews, but now he realizes that the good news is meant for all people, and that God's grace is available to everyone.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Gospel Hymn

"He is Risen, He is Risen!"

Hymnal 180 (1,2)(3,4)

The Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they

did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Rob Brown

Celebrant: Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: *I do.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.*

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

*He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: *I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.*

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Silence

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; for 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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

Hymnal S-129

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

BCP 364

*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

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

“Now the Green Blade Riseth”

Hymnal 204

“Come Away to the Skies, My Beloved Arise”

Hymnal 213

“Come, Risen Lord and Deign to be our Guest”

Hymnal 305

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

“At the lamb’s High Feast We Sing!”

Hymnal 210

Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of
Walter Harley Davidson by Lee Anne and Steve Williams

Easter Flowers

Given by:

Jane & Donnie Bird

Susan & David Pretulak
And Kathy Bloomfield

Carol & Doug Wishard

Heather, Eleanor, MJ
and Iris Garrett

Elizabeth, Matt
and Caroline Cox

In Memory of:

Don & Erma Bird, Don & Betty Beckler,
Doug Bird, Margaret Beckler Frazier

Michael Pretulak,
James & Marjorie Bloomfiel

Kenneth Wishard (Doug's brother)

Dr. Vincent Hamilton (Dad and Papa)

Gordon B. Brown Jr., Margaret H. Dick,
Edward H. H. Dick, Carrol D. Ridley,
Katherine Cox, Jesse Cleveland

Easter Flowers

Given by:

Dianne & John McArthur

Elizabeth & Matt Cox

In Thanksgiving for:

Our Children and Grandchildren

Caroline Pippin Cox

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week

5	Helen Cook	9	Cathy Whitworth
	Anita Word	10	Audrey Burget
	Rob & Christy DePaol (A)	11	Neil Thomas

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:

Church of the Resurrection, Greenwood

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Peace of Jerusalem

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Servers:

Eucharistic Minister (Vested):

Eucharistic Minister:

Lector:

Crucifer:

Torchbearers:

Greeters:

Ushers:

Streaming and Sound Tech Team:

Vestry of the Month:

9:00am

Kathy Amick

Andy Donnan

Susan Pretulak

Debbie Richardson

Eleanor and Mary Jo Garrett

Amy & Erwin Holbein

Larry Dodd, Matt Cox

Parham Poost Foroosh,

Shep Miller, John McArthur

Susan Englert

11:15am

Lydia Graves

Allie Fowler

Danny Shelton

Grace Keller

Hugh Rambo

Ted Lucktenberg

Mary Paul

SAVE THE DATE

April 5, 2026

April 5 *Easter Sunday:*

Easter Vigil at 7:00 am

Sunday Services at 9 & 11:15 am.

Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt between the 9 and 11:15 am services

No Bible, Bread & Wine.

April 6 *Monday, Office Closed.*

April 8 *Wednesday: Holy Eucharist w/ Healing,* 6:30 pm.

April 12 *Sunday Services* at 9 & 11:15 am.

Children's Formation at 10:15 am. 6mo-5K to The Nursery. 1st-5th grade, Lg Classrm.

Adult Formation at 10:15 am in the Library & Kelly Room.

Confirmation Classes Resume.

Bible, Bread & Wine at 5:30 pm.

EYC at 5:30 pm.

April 13 *Education for Ministry (EfM) Open House* at 6:00 pm in the Library.

April 15 *Wednesday Evening Healing Service with Eucharist.* 6:30 pm.

April 19 *Sunday Services* at 9 & 11:15 am.

May 10 *Sunday Services* at 9 & 11:15 am.

Daughters of the King, Service of Admission of Daughters at 9 am.

Mother's Day.

May 17 *Youth Sunday* at the 9:00 service.

Fishing Tournament at Twin Ponds, cookout and fellowship from 3-7 pm.

Cake and Ice Cream for Father Paul.

May 24 *Pentecost, and EFM Graduation* at 9:00 am.

→ **May 26** *Full-Day Summer Camps Begin,* 5K - 2nd Grade, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday.
Nine Themed Sessions. <https://stmatthewsepiscopal.org/preschool/summercamp>.

June 7 *One Service, Visitation by Bishop Richards with Confirmation* at 10:00 am

Covered Dish Luncheon after church

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, 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.

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

Daughters of the King: 2nd 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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Edith Webb
Ethel Tortorice
Florence Donnan
Gail Stellar
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Geoffrey Thomas
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Hazel Cannon
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Pete Hulett
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Scott Garber
Shirley Gould
Susan Cherry-Casey
Tom & Debbie Morton
Will Boyd

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David Wright
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Dee Wolfe
Detra Peyton
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Forest
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Justus Link
Lenny
Lib Hughes
Lourdes Go
Lourdes Loreto
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Randy Mullis
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Robert Baker
Rocio Navarro Linares
Roger Go
Ronny Thompson
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Suzi King
Terry & Ronald Coleman
Tina Bain
Tom Archer
Tori
Tracie Powell Wilkin
Travis & Kimberly
Trish Wilson
Wayne Fisher
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