



ST. MATTHEW’S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist 10a

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday October 12, 2025

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship. Remember to turn off or silence all phones. Thank you.

The Word of God

Prelude:

Opening Hymn: Sing praise to God who reigns above Hymnal 408
Mit Freuden zart

People stand as able.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Children in kindergarten through the fifth grade may choose to follow the cross to Godly Play during the Song of Praise.

Song of Praise S- 278
William Mathias

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

The People are seated

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

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

Psalm 66:1-11



- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of God's Name;
sing the glory of God's praise.
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds; *
because of your great strength your enemies
cringe before you.
- 3 All the earth bows down before you. *
sings to you, sings out your Name."
- 4 Come now and see the works of God. *
how wonderful are these doings toward all people.
- 5 God turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot. *
and there we rejoiced in God,
- 6 Whose might rules for ever,
whose eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let not the rebellious lift up their heads.
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
let the sound of praise be heard;
- 8 God holds our souls in life *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare *
and laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water. *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

The Saint Helena Psalter Translation

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

Gospel Hymn: All who love and serve your city Hymnal 571
Charlestown

The People stand as able

Holy Gospel Luke 17:11-19

Remain standing

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Priest The Gospel of our Savior.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Jan Scholtz

Nicene Creed

The People stand as able

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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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

After each petition, the People respond Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

Stand or kneel. The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider 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 our Savior 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.

Absolution

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

Peace

All stand as able.

Presider The peace of Christ 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.

A Word of Welcome

The People are seated

Birthday Collect

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Holy Communion

During the offertory, please consider the gifts God has given you, and give generously. Your gift will help us continue vital ministries. Our online giving works well, as does our text to give option. Please use this link for online giving. <https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/5QFR9K/>

Offertory: With a Voice of Singing Martin Shaw

Presentation Verse Hymnal 124, stanza 5
Puer nobis

To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night, to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The People remain standing.

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

The presider says

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

The Presider says a proper preface

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:

Presider and People

Sanctus S-130
Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the

highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosana in the highest.

The People stand or kneel.

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all. Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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:

Presider and People

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

The Presider then continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presider then continues

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

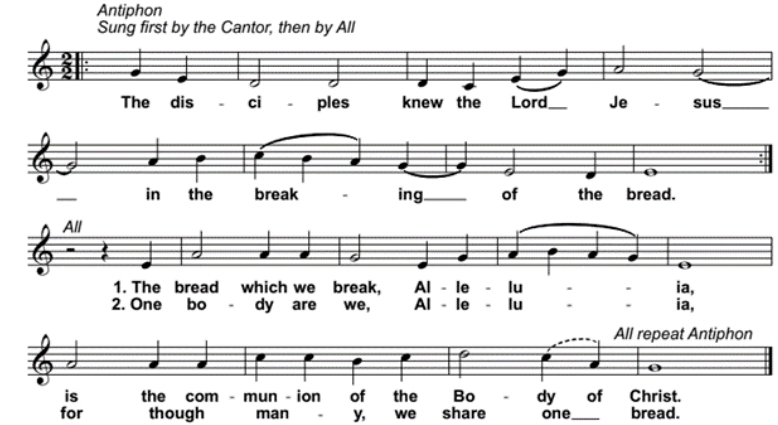
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus Jack W. Burnam

Antiphon
Sung first by the Cantor, then by All



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All who seek God and are drawn to God through Christ are welcome to receive communion. If for any reason you do not desire to receive communion, you may come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you need gluten-free bread, please ask the priest giving out bread. You are welcome to receive both bread and wine, or just bread. Christ is fully present in both or either the bread and wine.

Music during Communion: Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

Hymnal 343
St. Agnes

Eucharistic Visitors may be commissioned.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

People and Presider

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: The head that once was crowned with thorns Hymnal 483
St. Magnus

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude:



October 12, 2025

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

Groovy Trivia Night on November 1st! Sign-up to attend (tables of 6 & 8 are available), volunteer, or donate small items for baskets.

- To sign up to play, email Joanne at icoleman@stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org. Deadline is October 30th. Tables of 6 are \$150; tables of 8 are \$175; individual tickets are \$25. Ask some friends! Get a ministry group table together! Prizes for best decorated table/costumes, and there is a contest between ministry groups!
- To volunteer, click here https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084BAFAD2FA1FF2-58041635-trivia# or visit the bulletin board for signup sheets.
- To donate, please click this list <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084BAFAD2FA1FF2-59340976-trivia> for ideas or see the bulletin board.

No matter how you get involved, it's a lot of fun! No need to be super smart-it's just fun to try!

Grief group formation. St. Matthew's is possibly going to launch a grief group. It could begin in October or November if we have enough interest from the parish. It could take place in the Youth Wing on the third Wednesday of the month at 11a, possibly as soon as this coming Wednesday, October 15th. Please indicate your interest in a grief group by emailing Janet Dougherty 516jhd@gmail.com, or Penny Shaw pennysshaw454@gmail.com.

Newcomers Classes. The first Newcomers Class is today after the 10a service. These series of four classes are for anyone new to the parish or anyone who wants to learn more about the Episcopal Church and how to get involved in mission and/or ministry here at St. Matthew's. Today, we will tour the church campus, on subsequent Sundays we review church polity, outreach programs and ministries. Each class is completely independent, so you can attend all or only one. We'll meet in Myll Chapel after the 10a service. If you have any questions or are interested in the class, please contact The Rev. Suzanne Barrow, sbarrow@stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org

Friends and Family of Dementia Support Group. The group will meet Wednesday, October 15 at 11a in Clingman Hall. Our speaker is Caitlin Zoeller from Norton Neuroscience Institute Memory Care Center. She will be providing contact information on community resources which might be helpful to those who are caring for a loved one having memory issues.

Looking ahead to next month, be advised the November meeting will be for Caregivers only. November's topic is on managing stress during the holiday season. The speaker will be Katherine Freeman from Norton Neuroscience Institute Memory Care Center.

GROW

Visit the Abbey of Gethsemani on October 16. We will depart church at 9a and return mid to late afternoon. Join us to experience the peace of the Abbey, visit Thomas Merton's grave, worship with the Brothers,

and have lunch at the Old Talbott Tavern. If interested, contact Bob Nesmith (bnesmith@mindspring.com or text/call 502-777-0898).

Debunking immigration myths in Clingman Forum! Clingman Forum, our weekly roundtable conversation in Clingman Chapel following the 10 o'clock Eucharist, returns this Sunday, October 12, after a three-week break. This week, we'll take on one of our regular topics: immigration as seen through our baptismal covenant. We'll check in with each other, then dig into "Immigration: Debunking Myths and Revealing Truths," a Substack article from *The Daily Chela*, an independent Chicano and Latino media platform based in Portland, Oregon, "dedicated to sharing the stories, perspectives, and voices that mainstream media often overlooks."

Join our adult education email list to stay fully informed about our Sunday in-person and Monday night Zoom sessions and occasional Pub Theology gatherings. Contact Robin Garr (robingarr@gmail.com) to add your name to the list.

Virtual Adult Education: Marcus Borg on Jesus, concluded. Monday evening, we'll conclude our three-part series in Virtual Adult Education with the theologian Marcus Borg's talk on "Jesus in the 1st and 21st Century," based on his book, *Jesus: The Life, Teachings, and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary*.

Join us via Zoom on Monday, October 13, from 6 to 7:15p. If you participate regularly, you are already registered for Monday's session and will receive an email invitation weekly on Mondays with Zoom information. If you aren't on the list, please contact Robin Garr by email at robingarr@gmail.com to receive your Zoom invitation by email or text.

Going Deeper Spiritually. We will be reading *How We Learn to Be Brave* by Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde. Bishop Budde is the brave, outspoken leader of the Washington National Cathedral. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays starting at 9:45a for check-in, and the official meeting is 10 -11:30a. To join, email or call Ellie Britt (ellie451@yahoo.com 305-776-8989), and you will receive a link 2 days before the meeting along with the reading schedule. All are welcome to join us!

Women in Conversation. The group will meet on Tuesday, October 14, from noon to 1:30p at the church. We'll discuss Chapter 2 of *Freeing Jesus*, by Diana Butler Bass. All women are welcome. For more information, contact judith.fischer@louisville.edu

Monday Bible Study with the Rector at 10a in the library. We begin with chit-chat and then progress into a discussion of scripture. All are welcome.

SERVE

Kentucky Refugees Ministry winter clothing donations. Thank you to everyone who donated cold weather clothing for the families and individuals who have recently arrived in Louisville from foreign lands.

WORSHIP

Illuminations. Trust in God! Whether our lives are going well or whether things are going badly, trust and be thankful for God's blessings. Hear this consistent theme through Sunday's readings. We begin with the Prophet Jeremiah, who in recent weeks we have heard weeping in anguish over the loss and destruction of Jerusalem and its temple. He now dries his tears, and, speaking on God's behalf, offers practical advice to the people in exile: Recognize your new reality. God has sent you here, so live, love, and flourish here. Babylon is your city now, and you have a stake in its

condition. But don't forget God, and don't forget Jerusalem. Even in exile, don't forget to pray.

To read this week's Illuminations for all of Sunday's lessons, please visit: <https://www.stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/sermons-and-illuminations>.

Consecrated Communion is available to be picked up during office hours. Consecrated wafers are in sealed bags in Myll Chapel if you would like to come to pick up a package for yourself and your family. If you are interested in receiving communion, but are unable to drive to the church, contact Kelly at kkirby@stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org.

10a Wednesday Healing Eucharist. The service is held in Myll Chapel. The service is also streamed on our Facebook page.

Daughters of the King prayer box. Please email your prayers regarding a person of concern to Sarah Johansen, dsjohansen99@gmail.com. Requests remain on the confidential prayer list for 1 month unless otherwise requested.

Listening-assist technology in the nave. If you have a hearing aid that is t-coil compatible, our listening-assist system feeds audio into your hearing aid. To learn more, visit the Accessibility/Inclusivity page on our website: [stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/accessibility-inclusivity](https://www.stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/accessibility-inclusivity)

Weekly Prayer List. Dan Worley and Ramona Simone, Ann Yates, Kerry Yates, Sheila Yule, Nina Yussman, Nancy Zadernak, Vicki and Kevin Zurlage, Lowry Adams, Ruth and Barry Adamson, the Ahern family.

Prayers for Pastoral Care. Janelle, Kevin Wardell, Candis Crocker, Vicki, Karl, Melinda Clark, Len Pacitti, Kinsey Woodson, Granville, JP and family, Al Nimocks, Beverly Nichols.

Flowers given in memory of: H. William (Woody) Bardenwerper.

We pray for those serving in our Armed Forces.

LAY SUNDAY MINISTERS SERVING THIS WEEK

Altar Guild	Jan Lotz Rick Lotz
Flower Guild	Taylor Hannon
8a Librarian	John Krantz
10am Eucharist	
Jackson Hager	Acolyte
Delilah Niehaus	Acolyte
Angela Koshewa	Lector
Loise Kimama	Lector
Robin Garr	Intercessor
Geoff Bailey	Eucharistic Minister
Jim Moyer	Eucharistic Minister
Jan Scholtz	Eucharistic Minister
Tay Wilkins	Eucharistic Minister
Mark McNally	Usher

Robin McNally	Usher
Emily Pruett	Greeter Welcome Desk
Barbara Lee	Greeter Narthex
Lavonne Fingerson	Greeter Entrance
Anne Holmes	Godly Play - Story Teller
Lauren Ceresa	Godly Play
David Niehaus	Librarian

5pm Eucharist

Amy Currie	Lector
Ellen Robertson	Intercessor
Bess Cleveland	Usher
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Russ Weis	Eucharistic Minister

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish office hours. Monday through Thursday, 9a – 3p; Friday 10a – 12p.

Weekly 12-step and other meetings at St. Matthew’s. Al-Anon on Tuesdays at 6:30p (Lounge); AA on Tuesdays at 6:30p (Clingman Chapel); Ladies AA on Fridays at 11:30a (Meeting Room A); evening AA on Fridays at 6:30p (Clingman Chapel); Newcomers’ AA on Fridays at 6:45p (Lounge).

Survivors of Suicide (SOS). The group meets every Thursday at 7:30p in the Lounge. There’s no meeting on the fifth Thursday of a five-week month.

Library hours. The library is open for self-checkout on Sundays from 8:45a–12p, and a librarian is available from 9:15–9:45a, and from 11:15a–12p. It is open weekdays by appointment. To schedule an appointment, call 895-3485 or email library@stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org. When the building is open, books on the narthex cart may be borrowed by filling out a card as instructed.

Church archives. The parish archives have a large collection of historical images and materials that document the history of St. Matthew’s. Ask the archivist for help, when they are present, or arrange an appointment by emailing archives@stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org

Visioning videos: Sharing Our Story. Where we have been influences where we’re headed. If you’d like to learn more about St. Matthew’s past, please click here: stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/church-history-archives

Episcopal News Service newsletter. This newsletter reports the latest news on the Episcopal Church’s mission and ministries in the U.S. and abroad. Current advocacy efforts on immigration, the crisis in Gaza and other human rights issues are covered. <https://episcopalnewsservice.org/email-signup/>

Joanne Coleman is a Notary Public. As a service to our parishioners, Joanne is available to notarize documents. If you have need of these services, make an appointment with Joanne during her office hours.

Service bulletins are available online to download. Go to our website homepage: www.stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org.

The parish directory is online. You can access the parish directory online, through our app (St. Matthew’s Episcopal – found on Android Play Store and Apple Store). If you have never accessed the directory online before, or you experience any issues, contact [Joanne Coleman](#).

Bulletin and eSpirit announcements. The deadline for submissions is Tuesdays at noon. Please send your submissions to [Charles Frank](#).

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	August		YTD		Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
TOTAL INCOME	72,942	83,082	529,072	494,171	765,730
TOTAL EXPENSE	63,348	71,026	581,293	581,276	897,017
Released from Restricted Funds	11,112	(8,679)	(38,438)	(71,867)	(131,450)
NET INCOME/(EXPENSE)	(1,518)	20,735	(13,783)	(15,238)	163