



ST. MATTHEW’S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist

10a

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 17, 2024

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.

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Opening Hymn

People stand as able

Hail, thou once despised Jesus

Hymnal 495
In Babilone

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.
People God’s mercy endures for ever.

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 Trisagion.

Trisagion

S-100
Hurd

Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 31:31-34

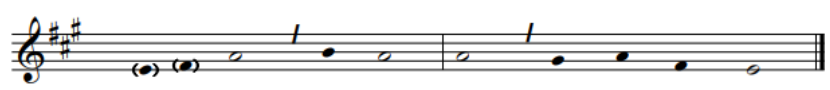
The People are seated

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalms

119:9-16



9 How shall young ones cleanse / their ways? *
By keep- / ing to your words.

10 With my whole heart I / seek you; *
let me not stray from / your commandments

11 I treasure your promise in / my heart, *
that I may not / sin against you.

12 Blest are you, / O God; *
instruct me / in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I / recite *
all the judg- / ments of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your / decrees *
than in all man- / ner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your com- / mandments *
and give atten- / tion to your ways.

16 My delight is in your / statutes; *
I will not / forget your word.

The Saint Helena Psalter Translation

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

The People stand as able.

Gospel Hymn

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul

Hymnal 439
Wondrous Love

Holy Gospel

John 12:20-33

Remain Standing

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Sermon

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

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.



March 17, 2024

Holy Week and Easter. We hope you gather with us during Holy Week and Easter as we reflect on one of the most important and meaningful seasons of the Christian calendar. Underlined times indicate that the service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Palm Sunday, March 24	Eucharists at 8a, <u>10a</u> , and 5p
Monday in Holy Week, March 25	Eucharist at <u>10a</u>
Tuesday in Holy Week, March 26	Eucharist at <u>10a</u>
Wednesday in Holy Week, March 27	Healing Eucharist at <u>10a</u>
Maundy Thursday, March 28	Agape Meal at 6p Eucharist at <u>7p</u>
Good Friday, March 29	Liturgy of the Day at <u>12p</u> Stations of the Cross at 7p
The Great Vigil of Easter, March 30	The First Eucharist of Easter at <u>7p</u>
Easter Day, March 31	Eucharists at 8a, <u>10a</u> , and 5p Choir and musicians at the 8a and 10a Easter Egg Hunt after the 10a Eucharist

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

Please welcome our Dimensions of Faith guest speaker Bishop Budde at the 8a, 10a and 5p services. Bishop Budde will preach at all three services and lecture at 6p. A reception and a book-signing immediate follows the lecture. Additionally, the lecture streams on our social media channels.

To learn more about Bishop Budde and explore some of her writings, follow this link: <https://bit.ly/3v9GmtY>



Lunch Bunch meets on the third Thursday, which is the 21st this month. We can be found at The Irish Rover on Frankfort Ave at 12 o'clock. We welcome new faces so consider joining us. Call Peggy E. at 894-9632 for more info and to make that necessary reservation.

Men's Breakfast, Tuesday, March 19 at 8a at Big Bad Breakfast, 5050 Norton Healthcare Boulevard. Even though it is still Lent, that does not mean we have to give up dining out for breakfast! If you plan to attend, please RSVP with John by Monday afternoon March 18 so there's seating for all: jshelby719@gmail.com

The 2nd Annual Peeps Holy Week Diorama Challenge is coming! Peeps will be available Palm Sunday to start and create your diorama that depicts a Holy Week scene. There will not be Clingman Forum this day, as we will all be gathering in Saints Hall to design and build our boxes – also shoe boxes are still needed. Bishop White will judge the entries and award the top three dioramas a prize.

Adult Confirmation Class today after the 10a service in Meeting Room A. Contact Julie if you have questions. jmushkin@stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org.

GROW

Dinner with Charles Halton, April 10, at St. Matthew's. We will celebrate Charles winning the 2024 Grewemeyer Award for his book, *A Human-Shaped God; Theology of Embodied God*. This award is considered the Nobel Prize of religion. Charles will also speak at the dinner. Tickets are \$20, and only a small number are available. Follow this link to purchase: <https://subspla.sh/2qxvsdb/>

Learn to stream. Interested in learning how to stream the church service? Contact Charles for a quick course in how easy and fun it is to stream the church 10a service. This a fine opportunity to polish tech skills or get community service hours for school.

Women in Conversation. The group will meet at noon on Tuesday, March 19, at the church and will discuss chapter 5 of Bishop Marianne Budde's book *How We Learn to Be Brave*. All women are welcome. For more information, contact Judy Fischer at judith.fischer@louisville.edu.

Clingman Forum on spring break. With Washington Bishop Mariann Budde visiting St. Matthew's as our Dimensions of Faith speaker next Sunday, followed by Palm Sunday and the annual Peeps Diorama Building fun for all ages, and then Easter Sunday on March 31, Clingman Forum is taking a brief spring break. We'll be back in April with a full slate of programming, though, so hang around!

Clingman Forum normally meets on Sundays during the program year in Clingman Chapel, immediately following the 10 o'clock Eucharist. We hope you can join us in person, but you are also welcome to check in from home (or wherever you are) via Zoom on your computer or device, using login information that's provided in the eSpirit and service bulletin before each program. If you'd like to attend via Zoom but don't have the info, contact Robin Garr, robingarr@gmail.com.

Virtual Adult Education: Repairing the breaches in our public life, In our polarized and often poisonous politics, it can be challenging to even talk to someone who has different beliefs. Our relationships are strained, loving our neighbor feels impossible and we've lost a sense of empathy for each other.

Can we regain the ability to communicate civilly even with those with whom we disagree? Over the next few weeks, Virtual Adult Education will watch and discuss Washington National Cathedral's February 2024 Forum, "With Malice Toward None, With Charity for All." Together with Wesley Theological Seminary and the Wheatley Institute at Brigham Young University, voices from the Cathedral will explore how to repair the breaches in our civic life.

Republican Gov. Spencer Cox (Utah) and Democratic Gov. Wes Moore (Maryland) will dig into Gov. Cox's initiative to "Disagree Better," followed by a conversation of leaders, including ABC's Donna Brazile, attorney Rachel Brand, legal scholar Ruth Okediji, and activist Tim Shriver, who are trying to model a new kind of politics. Columnist Peter Wehner will join Joshua DuBois, Director of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships for the Obama Administration, to uncover how to aim higher and do better.

Join us for the kickoff session of this multi-week program in Virtual Adult Education via Zoom on Monday, March 18, from 6-7:15p.

Amy Tidwell, Susan Brokenshire-Prater, and Robin Garr moderate Virtual Adult Education. If you participate regularly, you are already registered for Monday's session and will receive the email invitation with Zoom information. If you aren't on the list, please contact Robin by email at robingarr@gmail.com to receive your Zoom invitation by email or text.

Skill Sharing Class, Quilting, April 27 with Bev Weis and Jane O'Roark. Step into the world of quilting with the Introduction to Quilting Skill Sharing

Class! From understanding essential quilting tools to mastering basic techniques, the focus is on crafting a basic quilting block during the class. Get ready to explore fabric selection, piecing, and stitching as you create your unique block by machine. There will be a variety of cotton fabric squares from which to choose according to your taste. Sewing machines will be there for your use. Join us in the Makers Space for a hands-on experience that combines tradition with artistic expression in the art of quilting. Register here: <https://www.stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/skill-sharing>

Family Programming Calendar. Check out the events and activities planned for families in 2024!



Godly Play. Godly Play is a Montessori-style program for children in K-5th grades. Children leave during the Hymn of Praise and are told a Bible story in the Godly Play style. They will then return at the Peace.

This week's story: The Faces of Easter V



Wondering Questions: Think about items in the Godly Play Library. What item or items would you bring to the circle to help tell more about the story today? Is there anything in your home you could bring to help tell more about the story?

WORSHIP

Illuminations.

The consistent pattern of our Lenten Lectionary readings continues as Palm Sunday and Holy Week draw near: In the Gospels we have followed Jesus and his disciples toward Jerusalem. Our Hebrew Bible readings have told of God's covenants with the people. The first reading for the Fifth Sunday of Lent draws from the Prophet Jeremiah. The prophet laments that the chosen people have broken the covenant promise to walk in God's ways that their ancestors made at Mount Sinai. Now Jeremiah tells of a new covenant that is to come. This one will be permanent, he says. It is not only written on stone tablets but directly on their hearts.

To read this week's Illuminations for all of Sunday's lessons, please visit this link: <http://www.stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/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

Daughters of the King prayer box. Please email your prayers regarding a loved one or person of concern to Sarah Johansen, dsjohansen99@gmail.com. Requests remain on the confidential prayer list for one 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.

Weekly Prayer List. Jane Hardy and David Schmidt, David Harrity, Peg and Rod Henderson, Ann Hendren, Ann Hines, the Holmes family, the Holz knecht

family, Jamie Horsley, William Mansfield and Israel Mansfield, Dick and Judy Hudson.

Prayers for Pastoral Care. Melinda Clark, Len Pacitti, Janelle, Lynn Miller, James Risley, Audrey, Greg Hillis, Craig Grossenbacher, Cecy Grisham, Kim Savells, Lee Fletcher, Mark Heinly, Bernice, Diana Donovan, Art Scrivener, Susan and family, Stephen Pike, Alex.

Flowers given in memory of: Marcia and Jo Brendel.

We pray for those serving in our Armed Forces.

SUNDAY MINISTERS

Altar Guild	Rick Lotz Jan Lotz	
10am Eucharist		
	Emerson Niehaus	Acolyte
	Delilah Niehaus	Acolyte
	Charlie Farra	Acolyte
	Robin Garr	Lector
	Rick Lotz	Lector
	Brian Kirby	Intercessor
	Jody Fletcher	Eucharistic Minister
	James Horsley	Eucharistic Minister
	Scott Radeker	Eucharistic Minister
	Jan Scholtz	Eucharistic Minister
	Ann Yates	Usher
	Phil Eschels	Usher
	Emily Pruett	Greeter – Welcome Desk
	Sarah Clement	Greeter – Narthex
	Lavonne Fingerson	Greeter – Entrance
	Lindsy Serrano	Godly Play - Door Person
	David Niehaus	Librarian
	Barbara Lee	Eucharistic visitor to Mary Louise Gorman

5pm Eucharist

Dick Cirre	Lector
Martha Ash	Intercessor
Sophia Kidd	Usher
Bev Weis	Eucharistic Minister

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish office hours. The office is open Monday through Thursday, 9a – 3p; Friday, 10a – noon.

Masks are available at the Welcome Desk. You are welcome to use a mask during services, either because you are not feeling well, coughing, or would just like the added protection.

Library hours. The library is open Sundays for self-checkout from 9:15 – 11:15a and 11:15 – noon with a librarian. The library is open weekdays by appointment only. Call 895-3485 or email library@stmatthewsepiscoallouisville.org to schedule an appointment.

Are you a subscriber to the eSpirit? To receive a digital version of the announcements and more, follow this link: stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/espirit/

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

Joanne Coleman is now a Notary Public. As a service to our parishioners, Joanne is available to notarize documents. If you have need of these services, please make an appointment during Joanne's normal business hours, Monday – Thursday, 9a – 2p. Contact Joanne for an appointment or more information.

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

The parish directory is online. You can access the entire 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](#).

Visioning videos: Sharing Our Story. Where we have been helps determine where we are headed. If you would like to learn more about St. Matthew's past, please click here: stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/church-history-archives

The St. Matthew's App is available for free at Google Play and the Apple App store.

	February		YTD		Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
TOTAL INCOME	67,686	50,252	147,526	129,609	773,365
TOTAL EXPENSE	73,298	71,680	145,222	148,912	916,640
Released from Restricted Funds	(5,706)	(5,418)	(13,714)	(15,249)	(144,574)
NET INCOME/(EXPENSE)	94	(16,010)	16,018	(4,054)	1,299