

To Know and Share God's Love

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 17, 2024

CELEBRATE
EASTER
— HE IS RISEN —



SUNDAY, MARCH 31st

6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Worship

Join us at Saint Matthew's for a stunning Sunrise Worship Service with Paschal fire. Following the service, join us for a simple Easter Brunch!

9:30 AM Festival Easter Worship with Band

Join us for our vibrant Festival Easter Worship with Band as we joyfully celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Children will enjoy our interactive programming and outdoor Egg Hunt! Following the service, parents are invited to join us on the front lawn for photos with the Easter Bunny

11:15 AM Easter Worship

Join us at for joyful Easter Worship with choir and strings as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Children will love our Easter goodie bags, and outdoor Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny following the service!

WELCOME

We know that going to church or to a new church for the first time can be nerve-racking. We want to help make your first experience at St. Matthew's a great one!

If this is your first visit to Saint Matthew's, we welcome you. Please join us between services for coffee, tea and refreshments in the Parish Hall. For more information about our community, visit our website www.stmmts.org. We are so glad you are here!



COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are welcome to participate in communion. If you would like to receive, simply place one hand on top of the other, palms up, and the priest will place bread in your hand. You may then consume the wafer. If for any reason you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest and the priest will give you a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Would you like to learn more about baptism? Please visit our website: stmmts.org/Baptism or contact our office via email at Office@stmmts.org or phone at 703-430-2121.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

The Saint Matthew's intercessory prayer list is for those in or related to our community who are in need of prayer. It is designed so that all members of our community can pray for each other on an ongoing basis. In order to pray for those on the list, simply ask God to be with them and help them in any way needed - God knows what is going on, so we don't need to.

Please pray for the following:

Zach, Arjun, Scotty, Brad, Myers Family, Phil, Terry, Kathy, Pat, Mary W., Sanjay, Susanna, Fabiano, McKeown Family, Viola, Harry R, Karter, Addie, Mercedes Family, Crystal, Benjamin, Sieg, Chuck, Lea, Bonnie, Arthur, John G, Gina, Glo, James, Sean, Deb, Teressa, Mel, Eric, Debbie, Marshall, Ruth, Rennie, Webster, Julia, Madison, Nora, Robert, Missy, Tom, Lynne, Arianna, Amy, Jackie, Ann, Kay, Jane, Panita, Mary Ann, Sharp Family, Amelia, Kassadi, Kyle, Samantha, Dawn, Rudy, Kay, Clarissa, Huxsten, Dottie, Jonathan, Ageanna, Becky, RL, Priscilla, Darla, Gerry, Paul, Jenny, Reena, Sarah, Brandi, Barbara, Michael, Peggy, Emmett, Cathleen, Ray, BMR, Asley, Robyn, Emma, Frances, Christy, Nick, Gus, Jim, Bill, Aldana, Clint, Chealsie, Edgar, Shelby, Marty, Verdun, Candace, Rusty, Anne, William, Billie, Brown family, firefighters and first responders, Kevin, John, and Renee.

If you or someone you care about are in need of Pastoral Care, please call 703-430-2121.

8 AM SERVICE

Silent Entrance (Congregation Stands)	
Acclamation and Opening Sentences	351
Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.	
God's mercy endures for ever.	
Confession of Sin and Absolution	352
Collect of the Day (Contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • Jeremiah 31:31-34	
Psalm • 119:9-16	
Second Reading • Hebrews 5:5-10	
Gospel • John 12:20-33	
Sermon	The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.
Nicene Creed	358
Prayers of the People, Form III	387
Peace	360
Announcements & Welcome	
The Holy Communion	
Offertory	
Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer B	367
Proper Preface	379
Sanctus	362
The Lord's Prayer	364
Breaking of the Bread	364
Angus Dei	407
Invitation to Communion	
Communion of the People	
Post-Communion Prayer	366
Blessing	
Dismissal	366

The Word of God

Opening Song • Landslide

Opening Sentences

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures forever.

Opening Prayer (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Move

Song • Sunday's Coming

Gospel • John 12:20-33

Sermon

The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.

Prayers of the People

Peace

Announcements & Welcome

The Holy Communion

Offertory

(An offertory plate is not passed at this service. If you wish to make a donation, the collection plate can be found at the back of the church, or donations are accepted online at www.stmmts.org/give)

Great Thanksgiving (stand through Communion)

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Song • Scars

Closing Prayer

Blessing

Closing Song • My Story

Dismissal

11 AM SERVICE

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Offertory Anthem • His Eye is on the Sparrow	
Doxology • #380 vs. 3 • Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow	
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Sanctus • S129	
The Lord's Prayer	364
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Invitation to Communion	
Communion of the People	
Communion Hymn • #474 • When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (verses 1, 2, 3, & 4)	
Post-Communion Prayer	366
Blessing	
Procession into the World • Hymn #516 • Come Down, O Love Divine (verses 1, 2, & 3)	
Dismissal	366



YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS

Faith Factory Unplugged: 6-8th graders, 9:30 AM, classroom four. Bible study and life lessons.

Donuts and Discovery: Middle and high schoolers, 10:30 AM, classroom one. Donuts, Starting Point series, Palm Sunday Passion planning. Also, stay updated with Band App! Scan the QR code to join for group updates, chats, & event reminders.



YOUTH EVENTS

STMTTS.ORG/YOUTHEVENTS

Launch Trampoline Park

Wednesday, March 27th
Meet at Launch Herndon 4-6 PM
Cost: \$10

Join Ben at Launch for an Indoor Trampoline Park Party!
Details and RSVP can be found at the link above.

Service Event at Good Shepherd

Wednesday, April 10, 2 PM - 5 PM
Join Ben and help out the community with yard work + optional pillow drive. Bring extra rakes & gloves to work with!

STMTTS.ORG/YOUTHEVENTS



SUMMER 2024 YOUTH MISSION STMTTS.ORG/YOUTHMISSION

Register now for the youth mission trip, June 23-29, 2024. Rising sixth - twelfth graders (and chaperones) are invited. The goal this year is to help students navigate the many influences in their lives and encourage them to look toward Jesus, the greatest influencer of all time, so they use their influence to positively change their culture.

Find more details and register at the link above.



MEN'S GROUP SATURDAYS AT 8AM

All men are welcome to meet in the classrooms on the hill for fellowship, Bible study, and encouragement. We are starting a new book in March - The Gospel of Mark for Everyone by NT Wright. Want to learn more? Contact mensgroup@stmtts.org.



SUPPORT BACKPACK BUDDIES

BACKPACK BUDDIES/HRTS STERLINGHELP.ORG

Share the message of HRTS and follow us on social media @hungerresponse. Also, Backpack Buddies will be packing today in the parish hall and noon on Tuesdays in the Classroom on the Hill.

We also accept donations of shelf-stable, single-serve pantry items (e.g. tuna, ramen, snacks, fruit cups).

If you'd like to learn more about how you can help fight childhood hunger in our community, please contact Hilary Hultman-Lee by email at Hilary.Hultman-Lee@hrtserling.org

EASTER EGG HUNT CANDY DONATIONS

Individually packaged, nut-free
candy & toys

EASTER CANDY NEEDED

The Easter Egg Hunt is a cherished tradition at St. Matt's. Help us fill thousands of eggs by donating individually packaged, small candy and toys. Place donations on the carts at the back doors.

Join us in the parish hall on Sundays at 10:30 AM to stuff Easter eggs, or take eggs and candy to stuff at home.

EASTER VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER THIS EASTER

Easter brings many guests and it is our great privilege to welcome them. *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..."* There are many ways to serve on Easter and in the days leading up to Easter. Please visit the link below to select an opportunity to serve.

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FAITH FACTORY KIDS
EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM &
ALSO AT 11:00 AM STARTING
APRIL 7

FAITH FACTORY

STMTTS.ORG/FAITHFACTORY

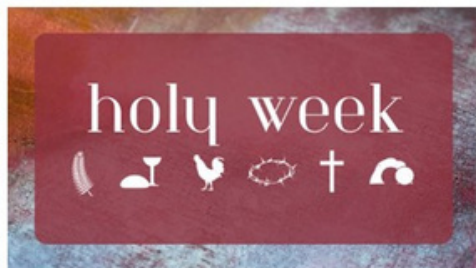
Faith Factory is St. Matthew's Sunday programming for students ages four - fifth grade. It's a chance for kids to learn about God's love for them through Bible stories, relationship building, singing songs, art projects, and more! Students are invited to meet our Faith Factory teachers in the classrooms off the parish hall. Ask an usher if you need directions.

We are very excited to announce that starting Sunday, April 7, we will be offering a new Faith Factory class for children at our 11AM worship service. Questions? Contact Hilary at FaithFactory@stmmts.org



**PALM SUNDAY AT 8, 9:30, 11AM
SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

Join us on Palm Sunday for a special worship service including the reading of the Passion by our youth. All services begin outside, remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem in the last days of his life with waving palms, singing, and processing.



WALK THROUGH HOLY WEEK
Maundy Thursday March 28 7 PM
Good Friday
March 29, 12PM and 7 PM
Holy Saturday
March 30, 10 AM



WOMEN'S MINISTRY
STMTTS.ORG/WOMENSMINISTRY
For event details & meeting locations, visit the link above.



**PARISH WORK DAY
SAT. MARCH 23, 9AM - 12PM**

Join us for Parish Work Day as we prepare for Easter. All abilities are welcome for indoor and outdoor jobs. Enjoy coffee and donuts while serving our community.

For parents: parish work day is a great opportunity to demonstrate the value of service to raise capable, serving adults. All ages are welcome. Teens can earn service hour certificates. Let's make a difference together!



DEDICATE EASTER FLOWERS
STMTTS.ORG/FLOWERS

You're invited to help us fill the church with flowers on Easter Sunday. Dedications for Easter flowers are due Palm Sunday, March 24. Flower dedications are a joyful way to celebrate special occasions, give thanks, or honor the memory of loved ones.

Any donation amount is welcome. Submit donations at stmtts.org/flowers.



5 LENT

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Revised Common Lectionary

Sunday, March 17, 2024

COLLECT

Traditional

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

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 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.”

Refrain

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Psalm 51:1-13 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 | Have mercy on me,
O God, according to
your loving-kindness; * in
your great compassion
blot out my offenses. | | me understand wisdom
secretly. |
| 2 | Wash me through
and through from my
wickedness * and cleanse
me from my sin. | 8 | Purge me from my
sin, and I shall be
pure; * wash me, and I
shall be clean indeed. |
| 3 | For I know my trans-
gressions, * and my sin is
ever before me. | 9 | Make me hear of joy and
gladness, * that the body
you have broken may
rejoice. |
| 4 | Against you only have I
sinned * and done what is
evil in your sight. | 10 | Hide your face from my
sins * and blot out all my
iniquities. |
| 5 | And so you are justified
when you speak * and
upright in your
judgment. | 11 | Create in me a clean
heart, O God, * and
renew a right spirit
within me. |
| 6 | Indeed, I have been
wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my
mother's womb. | 12 | Cast me not away from
your presence * and take
not your holy Spirit from
me. |
| 7 | For behold, you look
for truth deep within
me, * and will make | 13 | Give me the joy of your
saving help again * and
sustain me with your
bountiful Spirit. |

Refrain

Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.

or Psalm 119:9-16 from the Book of Common Prayer

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| 9 How shall a young man
cleans his way? * By
keeping to your words. | 13 With my lips will I
recite * all the judgments
of your mouth. |
| 10 With my whole heart
I seek you; * let me
not stray from your
commandments. | 14 I have taken greater
delight in the way of
your decrees * than in all
manner of riches. |
| 11 I treasure your promise
in my heart, * that I may
not sin against you. | 15 I will meditate on your
commandments * and
give attention to your
ways. |
| 12 Blessed are you, O
LORD; * instruct me in
your statutes. | 16 My delight is in your
statutes; * I will not forget
your word. |

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.

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

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.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

Sunday, March 17th

- 8:00 am - Rite I Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Festival Worship Service
- 10:30 am - Donuts & Discovery for Middle & High School Students
- 11:00 am - Classic Worship Service
- 6:30 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2274

Monday, March 18th

- 12:00 pm - Social Time with Candace
- 5:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2157
- 7:00 pm - Bread of Life
- 7:30 pm - Free to Live
- 8:00 pm - Compline

Tuesday, March 19th

- 9:30 am - All Ages Read Together
- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm - Backpack Buddies Packing
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Education for Ministry
- 7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm - Sandwich Generation
- 8:00 pm - Compline

Wednesday, March 20th

- 12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - HRTS Packing
- 7:00 pm - Lenten Bible Study
- 8:00 pm - Women's NA Group
- 8:00 pm - Compline

Thursday, March 21st

- 9:30 am - All Ages Read Together
- 11:00 am - Anam Cara (closed group)
- 12:00 pm - Bible Study with Fr. Rob
- 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm - Compline

Friday, March 22nd

- 7:00 pm - Old Dominion Dancers
- 8:00 pm - Compline

Saturday, March 23rd

- 8:00 am - Men's Group
- 9:00 am - **Parish Work Day**
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- March 17th: Randolph Sta. Ana, Lacy Hurst, Emma Nelson
- March 19th: Dean D'Ambrosi
- March 20th: Anne Pope
- March 21st: Carter Glascock
- March 22nd: Maria Palmer, Wes Clark

ATTENDANCE

March 10, 2024

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	15	24
9:30 AM	38	142
11:00 AM	17	42
Faith Factory		28
Youth Group		8


HELP SUPPORT


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Checks can be made payable to "St. Matthew's Church"

For more ways to give and information on automatic giving:

stmmts.org/give

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In-Person & Online

8:00AM | This is a traditional communion service using Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer.

9:30AM | This is a vibrant communion service with our very own live band. If you are looking for a joyous family service with some of the best music around, this is the service for you.

11:00AM | A classic communion service with our fabulous choir. We use Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer.

Compline (evening prayer) Mon.–Fri. at 8pm on Facebook

Online Worship
stmmts.org/live

Sunday services are broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

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