

HE HAS RISEN  
EASTER SUNDAY  
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

## 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. We'd love to have the opportunity to connect with you, and invite you to complete the enclosed connection card. For more information about our community, visit our website [www.stmmts.org](http://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 contact our Assistant Rector, Rev. Mary Margaret Winn via email at [Office@stmmts.org](mailto: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:**

James, Sean, Joe, Afghanistan, Margot, Emma, Emilia, Jack, Theresa, Marcia, Alex, Lexy, Reed, Lauren, Tommy, Christy, Phil, Teresa, Zach, O'Grady family, Jim, Mary, Gerry, Barbara, Chrissy, Faith, Anna, Mary Beth, Richard, Abdul, Monique, Rob, Rebecca, Christian, Deb, Ellsworth, Cheri, Ian, Brian, Will, Beltrane family, Terry, Teresa, Waukesha, Christmas parade victims, Tonya, Noah, Kim, Wendy, Susan, Jayne, Dawn, Joe, Jenny, Sonja, Tegan, Keely, Emory, McKeown family, Becky, Tornado victims, Hermann, Kenneth, Chris, Ottzen Family, Caroline, Shelby, Tom Jr., John, Betty, Joseph, John S., Jackie, Joann, Paul, Kim, Emory, Mel, Debbie, Joe, Pete, Skip, Desmond, Leo, Ukraine, Raajiv, Susan, and Verdun.

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

## 8 AM SERVICE

### The Liturgy of the Palms (BCP 270)

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke • 19:28-40

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us go forth in peace.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### The Procession with Palms

Processional Psalm • 118:19-29 (IN UNISON)

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Open for me the gates of righteousness; \* I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD; \* he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \* and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected \* has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD'S doing, \* and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted; \* we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! \* LORD, send us now success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \* we bless you from the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \* form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

"You are my God, and I will thank you; \* you are my God, and I will

## The Lighting of the Flame

*In the darkness, fire is kindled.*

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Procession of the Paschal Candle

*Leader* The Light of Christ

*People* **Thanks be to God**

*(Chant 3 times)*

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light.

*Leader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Leader* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Leader* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land. This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Therefore, O Holy Father, accept the evening sacrifice, of this lighted candle, which your Holy Church makes before you, and offers to you by the hands of your servants, the work of the bees your creatures. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness as we celebrate the solemnity of our redemption.

May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The service continues*

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

#### **Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea**

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

#### **Canticle 8 • Song of Moses**

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Salvation Offered Freely to All**

Isaiah 55:1-11

Psalm • 42:1-7

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those

who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*You may extinguish your candles.*

### **The Eucharist**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### **The Gloria**

#### **Collect for the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Procession into the World • Hymn #207 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Dismissal

**The Word of God**

Opening Song

Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Opening Prayer (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Still Rolling Stones

Song • Rise Up

Lessons

First Reading • Isaiah 65:17-25

Second Reading • 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel • Luke 24:1-12

Easter Homily

The Reverend Rob Merola

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](http://www.stmmts.org/give))*

Great Thanksgiving (stand through Communion)

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus • Ain't No Grave

The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Song • In Christ Alone

Closing Prayer

Blessing

Closing Song • Survivor

Dismissal

*Please join us after the service on the front lawn for an Easter egg hunt for the children.*

## The Word of God

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Blessing

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Dismissal

*Please join us after the service on the front lawn for an Easter egg hunt.*



## **Dedications for Easter Flowers**

- Darrell Breed** In memory of family and friends that have gone ahead in this world.
- Kevin Fletcher** In memory of my parents, Cliff and Mary Fletcher. In thanksgiving for Nikolaos Alexiou and Lois McMahon.
- Sandra Gentry** To the Glory of God, and in thanksgiving for family and friends.
- Cheryl Gilligan** In support of all those in the Ukraine.
- Suzanne Lawrence** In remembrance of my children, Kathleen and Scott.
- Neil and Regina McPhie** In thanksgiving for our family: Rosarita and Sydney McPhie, Shee Wong, Fred Chow, and Vernon Chow.
- Elly Hilz** To the glory of God in thanksgiving for His many blessings, and in memory of the Wright, Howells, Miller, and Hilz families.
- Rob and Linda Merola** In thanksgiving for our parents and children.
- Martha Olson and Family** In loving memory of Jose & Victoria Campos, Arthur & Jane Olson, Rosie Garcia, and my good friends, Dessie, Ben and Carey. In thanksgiving for the many blessings of family and friends.
- Tom and Mary Ann Smith** In memory of loved ones.
- John and Verdun Thomas** In memory of those who have passed, and in honor of those we love this day.
- Candace Timmons** In loving memory of my parents, Howard & Miriam Giles, and my brother, Howard Giles II.
- Mason and Miriam Turner** In great thanksgiving for our moms—Kathie and Candace.
- Patricia Younts** In loving memory of Vicki, Mike, and George.

# EASTER OFFERING

This Easter Sunday we are taking a special offering to provide financial support to World Central Kitchen (WCK.ORG) which is providing millions of meals to families in the Ukraine, Poland, Romania, Moldova, & Hungary. All donations given today not specifically noted for other funds will contribute to this special offering.

## WAYS TO GIVE



### CASH DONATIONS

Cash gifts can be placed in the collection plate during our service.



### CHECKS

Checks can be made payable to "St. Matthew's Church" with Easter Gift added to the memo line, and dropped into the collection plate.



### GIVE ONLINE

Make a one-time online gift.

Select General Donation from the "Select a Fund" and add Easter Gift onto the memo line.

[stmmts.org/give](https://stmmts.org/give)

## ABOUT WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN

Founded in 2010 by Chef José Andrés, World Central Kitchen (WCK) is first to the frontlines, providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises while working to build resilient food systems with locally led solutions. WCK has served more than 60 million fresh meals to people impacted by natural disasters and other crises around the world. WCK's Resilience Programs strengthen food and nutrition security by training chefs and school cooks; advancing clean cooking practices; and awarding grants to farms, fisheries, and small food businesses while also providing educational and networking opportunities. Learn more at [wck.org](https://wck.org).

Learn more at [stmmts.org/EasterOffering](https://stmmts.org/EasterOffering)



**BE THE CHANGE**  
BECOME A SATELITE  
FOR FOOD DONATIONS

[stmmts.org/BeTheChange](http://stmmts.org/BeTheChange)

**BE THE CHANGE**  
**STMMTS.ORG/BETHECHANGE**

Help us provide much needed items for families and students in our community through Be The Change. Share the "What We Need Wednesday" post on Facebook each week with friends and encourage them to drop off items at church or at your house. Details can be found at the link above.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JULY 25-29, 5:30PM - 8:30PM**

It's time to mark your calendar for the best week of summer.

Attendees and volunteers can register today: **STMMTS.ORG/VBS**

Join us July 25-29 as we celebrate God's greatness! Monumental is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Scency-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life.

**YOUTH MISSION 2022**

HARRISBURG, PA  
JUNE 26-JULY 2



**YOUTH MISSION TRIP**  
**JUNE 26 - JULY 2**

Rising 7th graders through 2022 high school graduates are invited to participate in this summer's youth mission trip to Harrisburg, PA. See the Facebook events page or **Contact Rev. Mary Margaret** [MaryMargaret@stmmts.org](mailto:MaryMargaret@stmmts.org).



**ADULT MISSION TRIP**  
**JULY 16-22, 2022**  
**STMMTS.ORG/MISSIONTRIP**

Mission trips are back in 2022! Save the dates of July 16-22 for a mission trip to help people in the Gulf Coast, Lake Charles area who were hit by both hurricanes Delta and Laura in 2020. Learn more on Sunday, March 27 at 10:30am in the parish hall, or use the link above.

**Contact Zena Horaibi at** [Zena.Horaibi@gmail.com](mailto:Zena.Horaibi@gmail.com)



HELP FEED HUNGRY KIDS IN STERLING  
**BACKPACK BUDDIES**

Drop off donations Tues/Thurs 8am - 5pm  
OR shop online [stmmts.org/shopBB](http://stmmts.org/shopBB)



**BABY SHOWER FOR REV. MARY MARGARET AND REV. SAM MARGARET AND REV. SAM SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2:30PM STMTTS.ORG/BABY**

Save the date and plan to gather together at St. Matthew's to celebrate Rev. Mary Margaret and Rev. Sam Sheridan. RSVP at the link above.



**PLANT ADOPTION DAY SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 9AM - 12PM**

Celebrate Earth Day in the Celebration Garden by adopting or purchasing a plant! Hundreds of perennials & seedlings are looking for loving homes. Potted herbs will be available for a \$5 donation to the garden ministry.



**LINK FOOD PANTRY STMTTS.ORG/LINK**

April is St. Matthew's month to help deliver food in Herndon, Sterling, or Ashburn for the LINK food pantry. It's a great activity to do with family or friends. Use the link above to sign up today. It's a great activity to do with a friend or family member.

**Contact Melissa Hancock at melissahancock@hotmail.com**



**WEDNESDAYS AT ROB & LINDA'S**

Join us for good weather, good people, and good food as we gather on Wednesday evenings in the Edenic setting of Fr. Rob and Linda's back garden from 6PM - 8PM, starting April 27.

Main dish & drinks will be provided, please bring a side dish. Lawn chairs and/or blankets to sit on are recommended. Rob & Linda's address is 34 Bedford Drive, Sterling, VA 20165. In the event of bad weather, we will meet at St. Matt's for pizza.

Rev. Mary Margaret will give a 15-minute talk at the end of each event on the shape of our worship and why the Eucharist is so important.





# EASTER DAY



Revised Common Lectionary

COLLECT

Sunday, April 17, 2022

*Traditional*

O GOD, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Contemporary*

O GOD, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**FIRST READING:** Acts 10:34-43

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.”

*or*

#### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:17-25**

I AM ABOUT to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy

the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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### Refrain

On this day the Lord has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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#### Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| <p>1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.</p> <p>2 Let Israel now proclaim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”</p> <p>14 The LORD is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.</p> | <p>15 There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:</p> <p>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!”</p> |
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- 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 righ-  
teous 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 do-  
ing, \* and it is marvelous  
in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD  
has acted; \* we will re-  
joice and be glad in it.



## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

IF FOR THIS LIFE ONLY we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

*or*

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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.”

### **GOSPEL: John 20:1-18**

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.

*or*

#### GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

ON THE FIRST DAY of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

### Sunday, April 17th

5:45 am - Easter Sunrise Service  
9:30 am - Festival Worship Service  
11:15 am - Classic Worship Service  
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous

### Monday, April 18th

9:00 am - Classroom of Discovery  
12:00 pm - Social Time with Candace  
7:00 pm - Bread of Life  
7:30 pm - Free to Live  
8:00 pm - Compline  
8:20 pm - Social Time with Kevin

### Tuesday, April 19th

9:00 am - Classroom of Discovery  
9:30 am - All Ages Read Together  
11:00 am - Backpack Buddies Packing  
6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2274  
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 pm - Education for Ministry (Zoom)  
7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal  
7:30 pm - Sandwich Generation Small Group  
8:00 pm - Compline

### Wednesday, April 20th

9:00 am - Classroom of Discovery  
12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous  
5:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous  
7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous  
8:00 pm - Compline

### Thursday, April 21st

9:30 am - All Ages Read Together  
10:45 am - Anam Cara (Closed Group)  
12:15 pm - Women's Group on Zoom  
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal  
8:00 pm - Compline

### Friday, April 22nd

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

### Saturday, April 23rd

8:00 am - Men's Group  
4:00 pm - Youth Earth Day Games and Fun  
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous  
8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 17th: Cate Roche, Marilyn Anderson, Matt Drummond  
April 18th: Dick Almarode  
April 19th: Emily Palmer, Carter Dunstan  
April 20th: Timothy Dillistin, Allison Dodd, Janet Hart, Kevin Slappey  
April 21st: Dave Hallett, Randall Schrock  
April 22nd: Scarlett Schlabach  
April 23rd: Huyen Johnston, Dina D'Ambrosi, Marcy Sternitzke, Lindsey Hancock, Alexandra Davis

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 20th: Erin & Tom Leary

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	14	28
9:30 AM	41	112
11:00 AM	25	48
Faith Factory		16

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**8:00AM** | This is a traditional communion service using Rite I 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.

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Sharon Muniz

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Syd Severino

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**Altar Guild** | Lisa Lintelman, Elly Hilz, Richard Henry, Sue Reier