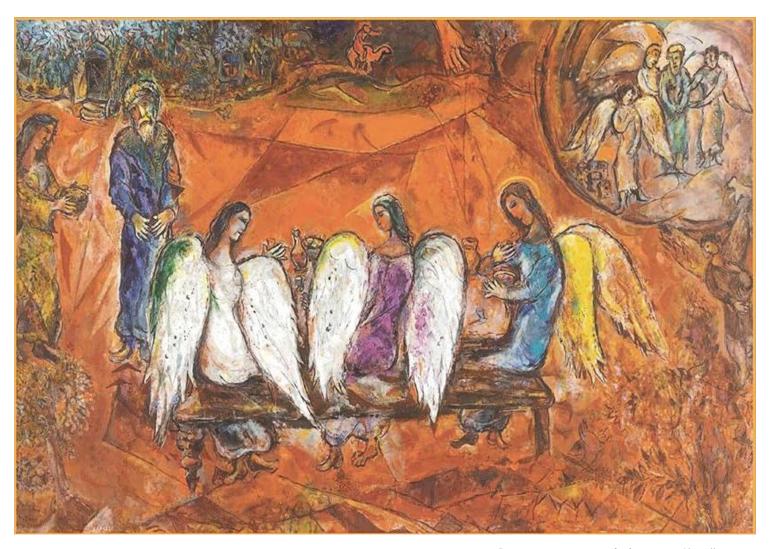
# ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Les trois anges reçus par Abraham, Marc Chagall, 1966

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist, Rite II July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:30 am

#### WELCOME!

Whether this is your first visit to St. Matthew's, you've come several times now, or you're a long-time member, we are grateful for your presence and pray that your time with us will be enriching. Our clergy would love the chance to welcome you, and introduce you to the life of our community, and answer any questions you may have. To start that conversation, please fill out the printed Connection Card located in the seatbacks and place it in the offering plate during the Offertory portion of our worship. Alternatively, you can complete the same Connection Card online by scanning this QR code with your phone's camera.

#### Connection card



#### **OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

This bulletin leads you through our worship service. Service music not included in this bulletin will likely be found in the blue Hymnal located in between your seats. Items marked in the bulletin as BCP, followed by a page number, refer to the Book of Common Prayer (usually black or red), which can also be found in a book holder nearby.

#### **FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN**

We extend a warm welcome to families with children as we worship together. We want everyone to feel at home at St. Matt's! We encourage you to have everyone in your family stay in place during the service as you wish, even if your little one starts to get fussy. To assist in this, in the lobby area, you will find both red "Busy Bags" full of fun activities for kids to enjoy at their seats, and a large table with fun snacks and bottles of water. During the service, we would also encourage your child (and you, if you'd wish) to visit Children's Chapel for a kid-friendly, interactive sermon experience. Need some extra wiggle room? The lobby can be a great place to move around or grab a snack during the service, or you can visit the Baby's Nest, a soundproof room in the balcony with gliders and infant toys where you can still see and hear the service. An unstaffed nursery is available on the lower level, in Room B-16.

#### ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

Available in the lobby near the Welcome Desk, we have 12 Assisted Listening devices (wireless audio packs with headphones) for anyone wishing to experience the spoken word sections of today's service with a bit more clarity, or at a higher volume. Please feel free to take a wireless pack, with headphones, from the charging station back to your seat. The power button is on the top of the pack, near the headphone jack. Once the pack is on, we recommend using the arrow buttons to increase the volume level to 15-20 as a starting point. After the service, please return the pack to the charging station.

#### **ABOUT COMMUNION**

All who seek Christ are invited to come forward during the distribution of Holy Communion. If you have never been baptized, please contact us to explore the possibility! The ushers will guide you forward by row. As you approach the first server, please cup your hands in front of you and the host will be placed in your palm. As you move to the second server, you may consume the host and then guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine, or you may choose to dip the host into the wine before consuming it. To receive gluten-free elements, please ask the first server as you approach. People of all faiths (and none) are invited to receive a blessing. To indicate your desire to receive a blessing, simply fold your arms over your chest as you approach the first server. For those who do not wish to consume alcohol, please be assured that to receive the elements in one kind (bread alone) is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament. If walking to the front is a challenge for you, just notify an usher and we would be happy to bring the elements to your seat.

All that said, should you choose to stay seated during communion, you will not be judged for doing so. This part of the service is God's time to feed you, however you need to be fed. Just know that whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

#### WEEKLY WORD & PRAYER LIST

All Weekly Word submissions and prayer requests must be received by Wednesday at noon in order to appear in the upcoming Sunday's edition. Please send Weekly Word announcements to <a href="word@stmattsaustin.org">word@stmattsaustin.org</a> and prayer requests to Susan at <a href="mailto:office@stmattsaustin.org">office@stmattsaustin.org</a>.

#### FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN SERVICES

Every Sunday at 8:45am, please join us in the Sanctuary lobby for a time of fellowship with coffee and donuts. You may choose to either stay in the lobby, or at 9:15am, participate in one of our formation offerings. Our Sunday Adult Gospel Class meets downstairs in Room B-14, and an Adult Topical Class meets in B-18/19. Children's offerings currently on Summer hiatus include Godly Play (ages 3 -- 3rd grade) and Grades 4–12.

Need help getting somewhere? Please don't hesitate to ask!

For more information about St. Matthew's, please visit <u>stmattsaustin.org</u> by scanning the QR code. While there, please click the "Subscribe to Parish News & Events Emails" button to be in the know!

Our website

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD<sup>1</sup>

**PRELUDE** 

"Panis Angelicus" Lucy Zhu and Laura LaV alle, pianists Cesar Franck, arr. Rob Roy Peery

PROCESSIONAL HYMN<sup>2</sup>

Judge eternal, throned in splendor

Hymnal 596

# THE OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

**BCP 355** 

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

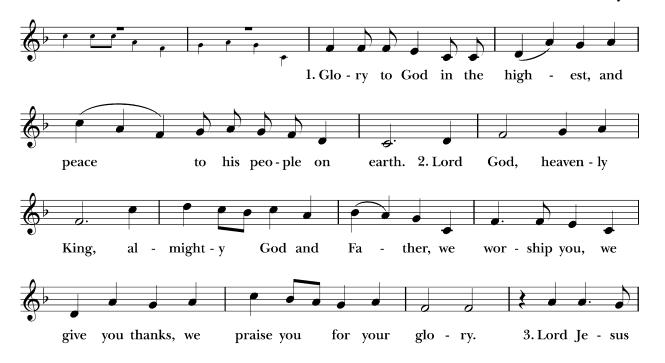
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.<sup>3</sup>

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**BCP 355** 

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*.

GLORIA Hymnal S280



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The first part of the service is the **Liturgy of the Word**. Based on ancient Jewish worship, we hear and learn about God's work in the world.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> We prepare for our time together. We sing together with whatever voice God has given us!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Bold portions are the parts the congregation says together.



#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

#### PROCESSION TO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL & Please be seated.

At the discretion of their parents, children are invited to follow the chapel leader downstairs to room B-21 for Children's Chapel. Parents are welcome to join. They will return to the Sanctuary during the Announcements.

#### A READING FROM GENESIS (18:1-10a)4

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.** 

#### **PSALM 25:1-9** Responsively by half-verse

Domine, quis habitabit?

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*
  who may abide upon your holy hill?
- Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \* who speaks the truth from his heart.
- There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \*

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*

but he honors those who fear the LORD.

- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \* and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \* nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \* shall never be overthrown.

#### A READING FROM COLOSSIANS (1:15-28)

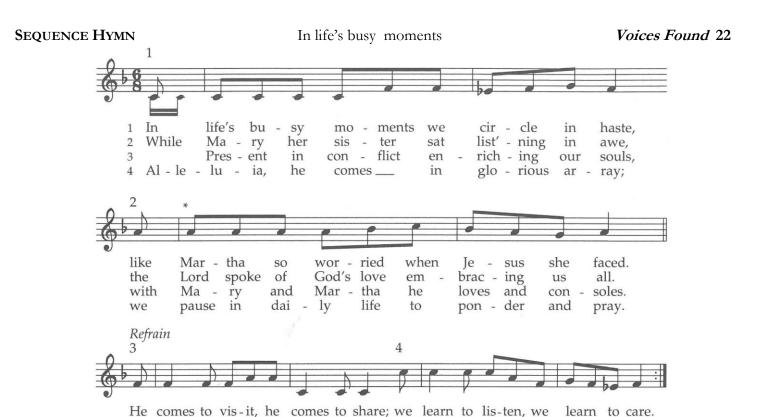
Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> We follow a three-year cycle of readings called a **Lectionary.** These are the lessons being heard in congregations of all types throughout the world on this day.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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



THE GOSPEL<sup>5</sup> Luke 10:38-42

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> **The Gospel** We stand to indicate the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions. The Gospel book comes into the midst of the people and all turn toward the reader.

Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Katie Leuba

THE NICENE CREED<sup>6</sup> EOW 53

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> **The Creed** The Episcopal Church does not have a separate statement of faith or list of things we believe. Instead we hold the ancient Creeds, such as the Apostles' and the Nicene, to be our statements of faith. They contain the core of our belief as Christians, but do not limit our faith. We are using the English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC) text of the Nicene Creed that was approved for use in the Episcopal Church in 1994. The use of "We believe" is appropriate as the creed is a statement of the faith of the whole Church, at all times and places, and not only that of a particular congregation or person. The Nicene Creed was created in the late 4th century by the councils (gatherings of church folks) in Nicea.

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence; During which People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence; During which People may add their own thanksgivings, silently or aloud

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence; During which People may add their own remembrances, silently or aloud

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN<sup>7</sup> BCP 360

Minister

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister 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 your Son 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.

The Celebrant stands and says

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

THE PEACE<sup>8</sup> BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please be seated. The children return from Children's Chapel, during the Announcements.

*Printed copies of the announcements, and more, are available on the credenza in the Sanctuary lobby, as part of the Weekly Word.* 



Weekly Word

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE9

THE OFFERTORY

"On Eagles' Wings"

Michael Joncas, arr. Joel Raney

Martha Galie, flute Sarah Rybicki, piano



One-time Donation (pay with Stripe)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> We sin when our behavior—either by acting or failing to act—disrupts our relationship with God and with other people. We come together each week and **confess this sin** to God with the intention to improve and to turn back to God. We have the courage to make this confession because we have been assured by Jesus that when we confess and repent (turn around), God will forgive us.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> In the **Peace**, we affirm our reconciliation with one another as preparation for receiving communion (see Matt. 5:23-24). In ancient times, Christians would greet each other with "the kiss of peace." Today we shake hands or hug. There are no set words; "Peace," "God's Peace," and "The Peace of the Lord be with you" are all commonly used.

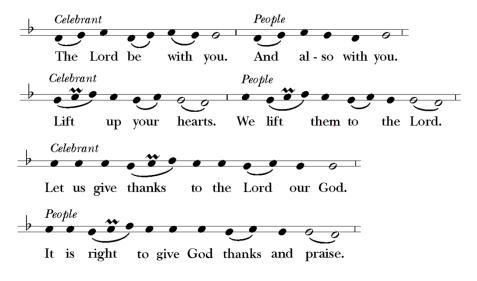
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Now we come to the second act in the drama of our service. It is based on Jewish fellowship meals, particularly the Passover observance. We begin with the **Offertory**. Collecting financial gifts, or passing the plate, serves as a visible reminder that our whole lives are offered to God, and a part of the riches God has given to us are offered back to God in Thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are. **If you wish to make a one-time donation or annual gift online**, scan our Virtual Offering Plate QR code with your phone's camera app. A notification will pop up to take you to our Realm giving site, <a href="www.onrealm.org/stmattsaustin/give/now">www.onrealm.org/stmattsaustin/give/now</a>.

Hymnal 380, verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

**BCP 361** 

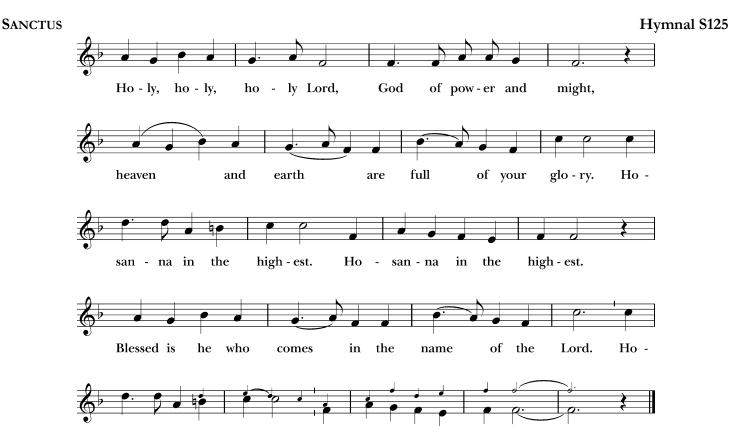


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the Celebrant continues

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

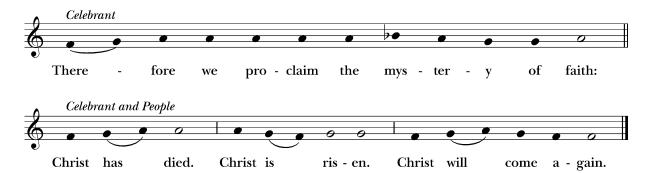


Ho - san-na in the

high-est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son ...

...Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts...

...All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

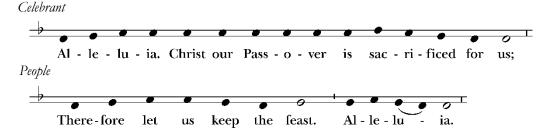


THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

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

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Hymnal S152



#### THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All who seek Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion; you do not need to be an Episcopalian. If you prefer to just receive a blessing, simply fold your arms across your chest. Gluten-free elements are available at the station closest to the windows on the east side of the Sanctuary; come up and tell the ministers "gluten-free." We are happy to bring the communion elements to you if processing to the front is a challenge; just notify an usher.

Be Thou my Vision

Hymnal 488

#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**BCP 365** 

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the name of God and this Congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

#### THE BLESSING

The priest blesses the congregation.

DISMISSAL HYMN

Come with us O blessed Jesus

Hymnal 336

# THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or priest, dismisses the congregation.

The People respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**POSTLUDE** 

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

J. S. Bach

#### **OUR CLERGY, STAFF & VESTRY**

Rector: The Rev. Katie Leuba
Associate Priest: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Benko
Associate Priest: The Rev. Christine Brunson
Curate: The Rev. Allen Junek
Assisting Deacon: The Rev. Bill Holder
Assisting Deacon: The Rev. Sharla Marks
Assisting Priest: The Rev. Jerry Chapman
Assisting Priest: The Rev. Seth Deleery
Director of Music & Organist: Martha Galie
8:00 am Pianist: Lucy Zhu

Finance Manager: Pat Brajnikoff
Children & Families Musician: Mary Smith
Office Manager: Susan Kerr
Parish Administrator: Lisa Kay Pfannenstiel
Communications Assistant: April Beaty
Sextons: Carly & Gabriel
Chef: Robert Mayberry
Head of Day School: Page Race
Wardens: Jenny Watson & Doug Webster
Vestry of the Month: Kirk Lawson & Larry Simons

Contact information can be found on our website, www.stmattsaustin.org, or by calling the church office.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

TODAY, 9:15–10:15 Formation Hour – Gospel Group (B-14) & Coffee & Questions with the Clergy (B-18/19) Saturday, July 19th, 1—4 pm – Youth Group @ Austin Park & Pizza Saturday, July 26th, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm – Austin Model Train Society – exhibition in Huffman Hall; all are welcome Sunday, July 27th – Father Allen Junek's last Sunday! Reception to follow 10:30 service August 17th - Backpack Sunday - the Blessing of the Backpacks

See the Weekly Word for more details on these, and other parish events!

### Considering becoming Episcopalian? Or just curious to learn more about the Episcopal Church?

Please contact Fr. Andrew Benko if you would like to know more information about being confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church! (318.415.8131 or <a href="mailto:abenko@stmattsaustin.org">abenko@stmattsaustin.org</a>.)

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Church office hours are Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Appointments to meet with clergy and staff are recommended. Contact office@stmattsaustin.org or 512-345-8314 to set an appointment with clergy, and for staff, contact the staff member directly. Your clergy typically take Fridays as Sabbath days. During office hours, the receptionist can assist you in an emergency: 512-345-8314. For after-hour pastoral emergencies, call or text the Rev. Katie Leuba directly at 440-985-8982.

#### REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00am, Traditional Holy Eucharist (Rite I), Sanctuary

10:30am, Holy Eucharist with Music (Rite II), Sanctuary

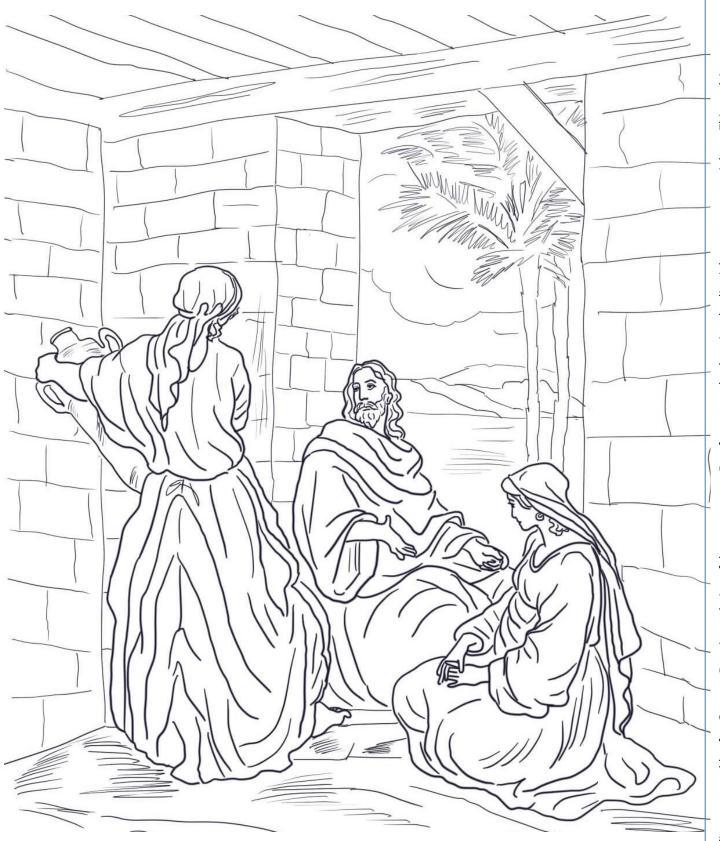
Wednesday: 12:00pm, A Service of Public Healing with Holy Communion, Sanctuary Every Evening: 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Zoom (<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88579583087">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88579583087</a>)



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# Coloring Page: Jesus Visits the home of Martha & Mary



Additional coloring and activities in the red Children's Bags, in the Lobby.

Nata Silina, presumably after Gustave Dore's rendering of the same scene. Free for personal, educational, editorial or non-commercial use. This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 4.0 License