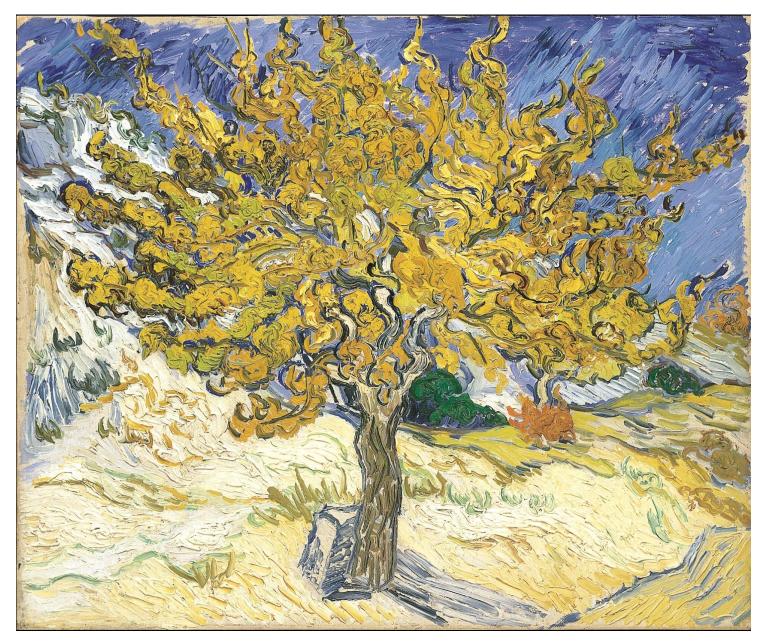
ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Mulberry Tree. Vincent Van Gogh, 1889. oil.

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist, Rite II October 5, 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 red "Busy Bags" full of fun activities for kids to enjoy at their seats. We have a large table downstairs with snacks and bottles of water, right at the foot of the East stairwell. 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 Liturgy of the Word; we come back together in time for Communion. 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 8 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 word@stmattsaustin.org and prayer requests to Susan at office@stmattsaustin.org.

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 include Godly Play (ages 3 – 5thrd grade) and Grades 6–12.

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

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD¹

PRELUDE

"Flower Duet" Leo Delibes, arr. Jeanne and Margaret Baxtresser

Elaine Gomez-Greenfield, Martha Galie, flutes; Sarah Rybicki, piano

PROCESSIONAL HYMN²

Ye servants of God

Hymnal 535

THE OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

BCP 355

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

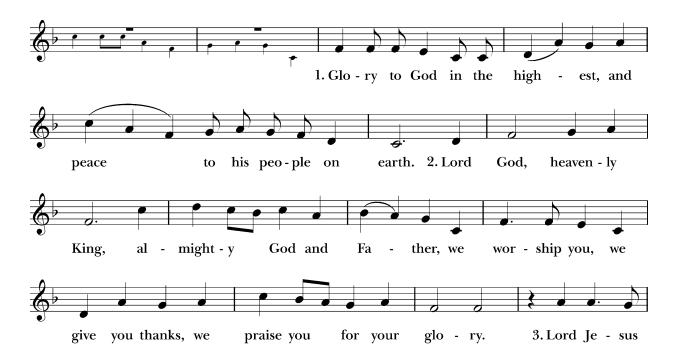
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.³

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



¹ 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.

² We prepare for our time together. We sing together with whatever voice God has given us!

³ 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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated.

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 HABAKKUK (1:1-4, 2:1-4)4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!"

and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous-therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

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

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

PSALM 37:1-10 Responsively by whole verse

Noli, aemulari

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; * do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, * and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, * and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light * and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD * and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, * the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; * do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
 but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

⁴ 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.

A READING FROM 2 TIMOTHY (1:1-14)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN Amazing Grace Hymnal 671

THE GOSPEL⁵ So Please stand for the Gospel. Luke 17:5-10

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Katie Leuba

⁵ **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.

THE NICENE CREED⁶ & Please stand. 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

The People stand or kneel.

BCP 392

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;

⁶ **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.

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; the People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

Silence; the People may add thanksgivings, silent 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; the People may add...

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Presider says a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN⁷

& Standing or kneeling

BCP 360

Minister Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be held.

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*.

⁷ 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.

THE PEACE⁸ BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please be seated for announcements.

Weekly Word (newsletter)



6 Children will return from Children's Chapel around this time, and return to their pew seats.

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

One-time Donation (pay via Stripe)

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE9

Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for the St. Matthew's Staff, by April Beatty



THE OFFERTORY

"The Call"

Mack Wilberg; words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life; Such a Way as gives us Breath, Such a Truth as ends all strife, such a Life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength; Such a Light as shows a Feast, Such a Feast as mends in length, Such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart; Such a Joy as none can move, Such a Love as none can part, Such a Heart as joys in Love,

THE DOXOLOGY 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.

⁸ 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," "Peace be with you," and "The Peace of the Lord be with you" are all commonly used.

⁹ 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, www.onrealm.org/stmattsaustin/give/now.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

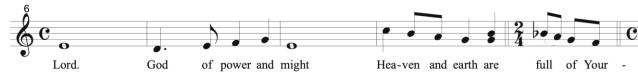
the Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... (*Proper Preface*) ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Marc Witmer

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly







The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself. When we had fallen into sin 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

... in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

5 Silence may be held, after the fraction

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

You do not need to be an Episcopalian to receive Holy Communion. 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." Or, we are happy to bring the communion elements to you; just tell an usher.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Selah on "Picardy" Deacon Bill Holder, soloist French carol, 17th cent. arr. Marc Witmer text can be found in Hymn 324

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Hymnal 593

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

₽ Please stand or kneel.

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

DISMISSAL HYMN

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end

Hymnal 655

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or priest, dismisses the congregation.

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

POSTLUDE

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Azmon, arr. Tom Birchwood

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OUR CLERGY, STAFF & VESTRY

Rector: The Rev. Katie Leuba Associate Priest: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Benko Associate Priest: The Rev. Christine Brunson 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: Jeff Vanderlee 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: Alison Talarcek & Kevin McGillicuddy

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays in October, 9:15 am – Remaining "Prayer 101" adult formation classes: Thanksgiving (10/5) Penitence (10/12); Intercession/Petition (10/19); Oblation (10/26). Sanctuary Basement B18/19

Friday, October 17th, 5:30-8 pm - St. Matthew's Dayschool Fall Festival - St. Matthew's campus, esp. in courtyard. All are Invited! Fun, games, dinner catered by Hat Creek, and snowball truck. Free-play wristbands for children 15 months & up available for purchase upon entry. Please pre-order for dinner so Hat Creek can plan to bring enough burgers!: https://stmattes.ejoinme.org/sponsorshipsandsales

Wednesdays, October—November, 6 pm: – Evening Prayer, Rite 2, at the Labyrinth; Sanctuary (except Oct. 15: see below) Wednesday, October 15th 8-9:30 pm – Austin Philharmonic Concert, Sanctuary

Sunday, October 19th 4-5 pm – Balcones Community Orchestra concert. Pre-registration required; see their website. Saturday, October 25th 7:45-9 am - Community Trail Maintenance (offsite); please contact Joyce Statz for info on how to join Wednesday, October 29th 5pm – Huffman Hall Family Picnics: Halloween-themed Movie Night! BYOD. Sunday, November 2nd – Baptismal Sunday (email us to sign up!)

Wednesday, November 19th 5 pm – Huffman Hall Family Picnics: Thanksgiving-themed Movie Night! BYOD.

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?

Contact Fr. Andrew Benko if you would like to know more: (318.415.8131 or abenko@stmattsaustin.org.)

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

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

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

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



