ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Naaman's cure in the River Jordan. Bronze and enamel plaque, from an altar retable; Meuze Valley, ca. 1150.

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist, Rite II October 12, 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 <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 WORD¹

PRELUDE

"Trio 12"

Jennifer Bernard, oboe

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN²

God of grace, and god of glory

Hymnal 594

THE OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

BCP 355

Celebrant

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

People

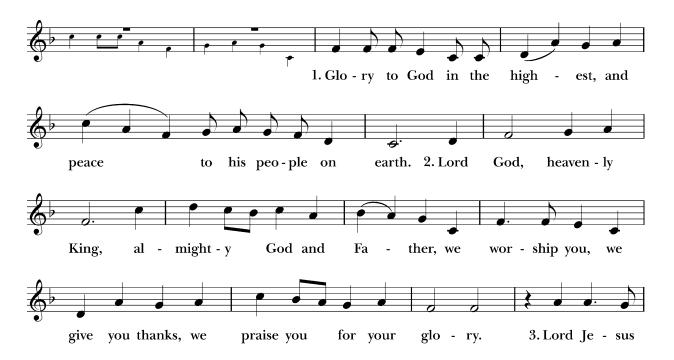
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.³

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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 2 KINGS (5:1-3, 7-15C)⁴

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

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

PSALM 111 Responsively by whole verse

Confitebor tibi

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

- 2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! * they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, * and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
 he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.

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.

- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.
- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
 those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
 his praise endures for ever.

A READING FROM 2 TIMOTHY (2:8-15)

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful--

for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

My faith looks up to thee

Hymnal 691

THE GOSPEL⁵

Please stand for the Gospel.

Luke 17:11-19

Clergy

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Christine Brunson

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,

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 Donald our president, Greg our governor, and Kirk our mayor; For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

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 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.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: St. Marks, Beaumont; St. Paul's, Orange; and St. Paul's, Woodville. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector, and Brian, our Bishops; for Katie, Christine, and Andrew, our priests; for Bill and Charla, our deacons;

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.

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.

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 PEACE⁸ BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

8 Please be seated for announcements.

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.

Weekly Word (newsletter)



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE9

Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for Dave & Ann Hart's 45th Wedding Anniversary One-time Donation (pay via Stripe)



THE OFFERTORY

"Gabriel's Oboe" Jennifer Bernard, oboe

arr. Mark McGurty

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.

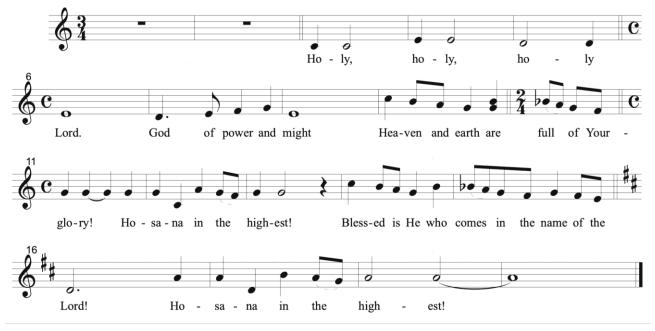
People We lift them to the Lord.

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



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

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

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal 304

Humbly I adore thee

Hymnal 314

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

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Hymnal 636

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or priest, dismisses the congregation.

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

POSTLUDE

"Prelude and Fugue in C Minor"

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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: Dr. 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, <u>www.stmattsaustin.org</u>, or by calling the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

Sunday, October 19th 4-5 pm – Balcones Community Orchestra presents Michelle Schumann performing Saint-Saens Piano Concerto No. 2 in G Minor. Free Pre-registration required; see http://bcorchestra.org/

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, 10:30 am – Baptismal Sunday; All Saint's (email us to sign up!)

Sunday, November 2nd, 5 pm – All Saints Day "Service of Remembrance," Sanctuary

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

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 (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88579583087)



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