

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



A Service of Remembrance Celebrating the Lives of our Loved Ones

Sunday, November 2, 2025
5:00pm

Please enter in silence.

We invite you to quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the prelude.

PRELUDE

Meditation on "Be Thou my Vision"
The text to this hymn is printed for your contemplation

Trad. Irish, arr. Vanderlee

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
making or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

🕯 Please stand, as you are able

OPENING HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

LEVAS 118 - FINLANDIA



1. Be still, my soul— the Lord is on thy side!
2. Be still, my soul— thy God doth un - der - take
3. Be still, my soul— the hour is has - t'ning on



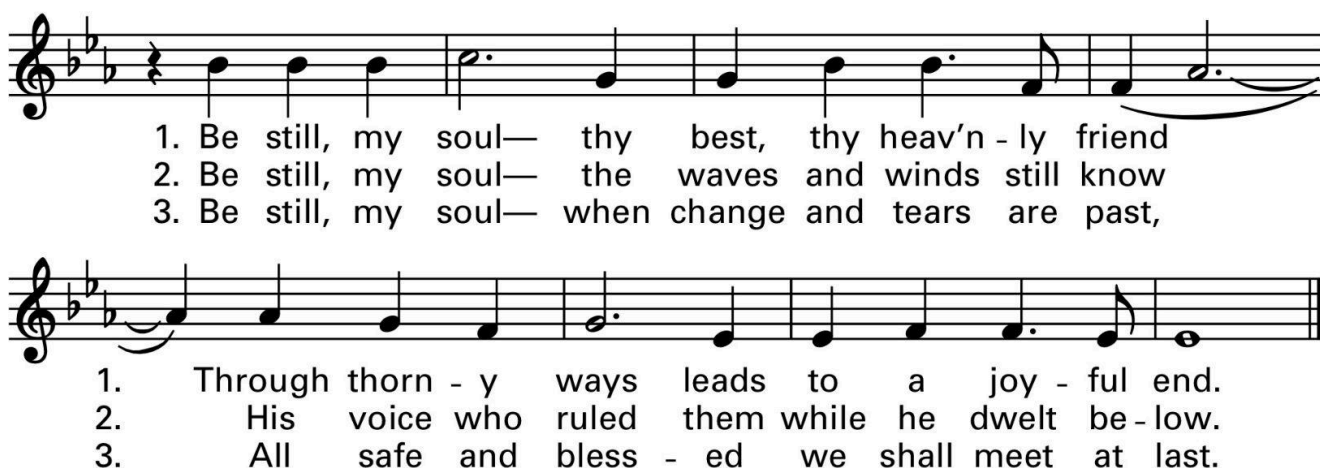
1. Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
2. To guide the fu - ture as he has the past;
3. When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



1. Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide—
2. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake—
3. When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



1. In ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.
2. All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
3. Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re-stored.



1. Be still, my soul— thy best, thy heav'n - ly friend
 2. Be still, my soul— the waves and winds still know
 3. Be still, my soul— when change and tears are past,

1. Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 2. His voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 3. All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

☞ Please remain standing

OPENING SENTENCES

Come among us God,
 You, who cast the plants into space,
 And cradle the sparrow in her nest;
Come God, and meet us here.

Come among us God,
 You, who bless the poor and the broken,
 And stand by the sad and the strong;
Come God, and meet us here.

Come among us God,
 You, who dance in the silence,
 And shine in the darkness;
Come God, and meet us here.

OPENING PRAYER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit, lift us, we pray you, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

☞ Please be seated

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
 and no torment will ever touch them.
 In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
 and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
 and their going from us to be their destruction;
 but they are at peace.
 For though in the sight of others they were punished,
 their hope is full of immortality.
 Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
 because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
 like gold in the furnace he tried them,
 and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.
 In the time of the visitation they will shine forth,
 and will run like sparks through the stubble.
 They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
 and the Lord will reign over them forever.
 Those who trust in him will understand truth,
 and the faithful will abide with him in love,
 because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
 And he watches over his elect.

Celebrant: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130 *Read responsively by half-verse.*

De profundis

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss,
O LORD, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD,
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption;
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, children,
 about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so,
 through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.
 For this we declare to you by the word of the LORD, that we who are alive,
 who are left until the coming of the LORD,
 will by no means precede those who have died.
 For the LORD himself, with a cry of command,
 with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet,
 will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
 Then we who are alive, who are left,
 will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the LORD in the air,
 and so we will be with the LORD forever.
 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Celebrant: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Spirit Song

LEVAS 118 - J. Wimber

O let the Son of God en - fold you with his Spir - it and his
 O come and sing the song with glad - ness as your hearts are filled with
 love, let him fill your life and sat - is - fy your soul. —
 joy, lift your hands in sweet sur - ren - der to his Name. —
 — O let him have the things that hold you and his Spir - it like a
 — O give him all your tears and sad - ness, give him all your years of
 dove, will de - scend up - on your life and make you whole.
 pain and you'll en - ter in - to life in Jes - us' Name.
 Jes - sus, O Jes - us, come and fill your lambs. —

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and does not come under judgment but has passed from death to life. Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself, and he has given him authority to execute judgment because he is the Son of Man.”

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

REFLECTION

Judy Neeley

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Abide with Me
Apolinar Romero, cello

William H. Monk, EVENTIDE

You are invited at this time to come forward to the table near the altar and light a candle in remembrance of your loved ones who have died.

The text to this hymn is printed for your contemplation

*Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.*

*I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 has 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:

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,
For ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

☛ Please be seated. All baptized Christians, of any church or denomination, are invited to come forward to receive communion, you need not be Episcopalian. You will receive bread and then may dip it in the wine, or you may choose to drink from the chalice directly. People of all faiths, and none, are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. To indicate this desire, simply cross your arms over your chest. Should you require gluten-free elements, just tell the ministers "gluten free." If you need communion brought to you, please notify an usher.

COMMUNION HYMN

It is Well, with my Soul

LEVAS 188

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a different voice part. The first line of lyrics is: '1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my'. The second line is: '2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should'. The third line is: '3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous'. The fourth line is: '4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be'. The first line of lyrics is: '1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;'. The second line is: '2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol;'. The third line is: '3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—'. The fourth line is: '4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,'.

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4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

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2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol;
3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul, It is well with my

— It is well, it is well with my soul, soul,

Words: Horatio Spafford (1828-1888). Music: Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876).

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food, in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth, a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love in the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PRAYER

Eternal God,
we acknowledge the uncertainty of our life on earth.
We are given a mere handful of days,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but your word will stand forever.
In this is our hope
for you are our God.
Even in the valley of the shadow of death,
you are with us.
O LORD, let us know our end and the number of our days,
that we may learn how fleeting life is.
Turn your ear to our cry, and hear our prayer.
Do not be silent at our tears,
For we live as strangers before you,
wandering pilgrims as all our ancestors were.
But you are the same
And your years shall have no end. Amen.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The celebrant pronounces God blessing over the people saying:

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

It has become our tradition to remain seated until the Postlude has finished.

INSTRUMENTAL POSTLUDE

Goin' Home
Apolinar Romero, cello

Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904), arr. Fisher

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction,
so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction
with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.
For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us,
so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.
2 Corinthians 1:3-5*

*Following the service, we warmly invite you to walk the labyrinth,
this spiraling, ancient spiritual path to deepen your faith,
to be comforted, to be still and know God.*

*Please join us in the lobby to visit with one another.
Light refreshments are provided by the St. Matthew's pastoral care council.
If you brought a framed photo for the Remembrance Table,
Please remember to take your photo with you.*





We pray for our loved ones who have died.

Rosemary Alexander	William "Bob" Henley	Bud and Margaret Payne
Ralph Anderson	Paul Holder	Bill Portwood
William Biggar	Peggy Hutchinson-Herzfeld	Katherine Rauert
Paula Broadshoe	Gordon and Dibby Hughes	Rupert and Lois Robertson
Babs Clendenin	Loretta Hughes	Dorothy Robinson
Janet Coon	Martha Jacoby	Arch Robinson
Valerie Sue Thedford Cooper	Betty Jean Kennedy	Ron Rybicki
Earl and Irene Dalness	Clayton Kennedy	Sara Rose
Martin Delker	David Richard King	June Scogin
Susie Donahue	Mick Koffend	William Burleigh Seaver
Ann Elkjer Doyle	Eric David Krause	Michael Smith
Betsy Elkjer	Merv Krause	Mollie and Reed Smith
Erv Elkjer	Pat Krause	Jim Sparks
Jon Elkjer	Carol Lane	Kevin Sparks
Neil Elkjer	Delores Muhich	Dorothy Starfelt
Stephen Elkjer	Ryan Mcredy	Lorenda Smith Starfelt
Bob Frank	Dyson R.C. Miller	Rae Jean Starfelt
George Frank	Holly Miller	Raymond Starfelt
Nell Frank	Laura Myers-Doughty	Reenie Twohills Starfelt
Brian Frucella	Betty Neely	Mary Barrett Stevens
Jack Frucella	Donald Neely	All who died in the floods of 2025
Mike Frucella	Jason Neely	Sherm Strance
Susan Gregerson	Gamine Newman	William Thomas
William Thomas Gunn	Jim and Betty Newman	Ashley Turner
Jo C. Hall	Jeff Newman	James (Jim) Wright
Diane Brownlow Harding	Jimmy Newman	Ben and Patsy Young
Nan Harrison	Terry Newman	Jack Young
Maly Hatheway	Carlton O. Pate III	



Thank you for joining us for this special service of Remembrance.

“May you be held in compassion...
May your pain and sorrow be eased...
May your spirit be strong...
May you be filled with a deep sense
of healing and goodness...
May you feel safe and protected
and be at peace...
May you be held by love.”

If you are feeling lonely or sad as we embark on the season of Advent and approach our Christmas celebration, Please know that you are not alone. Your clergy would love to hear from you, talk with you, and to pray with you. Please do not hesitate to contact Mtr. Katie, Fr. Andrew, or Mtr. Christine if you would like to speak with a priest.

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Verses from Scripture for Remembrance and in times of grief:

Romans 8:35-39

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

1 Corinthians 15:51-55



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