

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Mosaic of 'The Temptations of Christ', Basilica di San Marco (12th Century)

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

February 22, 2026 – 10:30am

WELCOME!

Whether it's 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, 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. Alternatively, you may complete the same Connection Card online by scanning this QR code with your phone's camera.



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 1982" located between the seats. Items marked in the bulletin as BCP, followed by a page number, refer to the Book of Common Prayer (black or red), which can also be found in a bookholder 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, and 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 with this, in the lobby there are "busy bags" full of fun activities for kids to enjoy at their seats. We have a large table downstairs with snacks and water, at the foot of the East stairwell. During the service, we also encourage your child (and you, if you 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. You can also visit the Baby's Nest, a sound-proof 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

We have 8 Assisted Listening Devices (wireless audio packs with headphones) available in the lobby near the Welcome Desk for anyone wishing to experience the spoken word sections of today's service with 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 adjust the volume 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. After you have kneeled (or stood) at the altar, as the first server approaches, please cup your hands in front of you and the host will be placed in your palm. When the second server approaches, 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 go to the East side of the sanctuary, nearest the windows. People of all faiths (and none) are invited to receive a blessing. To indicate your desire to receive a blessing, 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 of 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 3-5th grade), and Grades 6-12.

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

For more information about St. Matthew's please visit www.stmattsaustin.org, by scanning this 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

Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Op. 122, No.10

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

THE GREAT LITANY²

Dr. Jeff Vanderlee, cantor

BCP 148-153

All standing, as you are able

Officiant
O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, *People*
Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *People*
Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, *People*
Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, *People*
Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People
preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant
From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

People
Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

¹ The first portion 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 The First Sunday of Lent begins with the **Great Litany**, a form of prayer dating to the 5th century. By the later Middle Ages it was used at ordinations and sung in procession during Lent. First published in English in 1544, it was incorporated into the 1549 *Book of Common Prayer*. In our current prayer book it is called the Great Litany to distinguish it from other litanies, and it is used in place of the Prayers of the People and the Confession of Sins.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.³

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern they holy Church Universal in the right way,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

³ Bold portions are spoken together by the congregation.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the this nation, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all humankind,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,
we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Matthew, St. Caecilia, St. Hildegarde von Bingen, St. Augustine of Canterbury, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom, **we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**



Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.



O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

THE SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **God's Mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROCESSION TO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

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 around the time for The Peace.

A READING FROM GENESIS 2:15-17, 3:1-7⁴

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

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.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32 *Responsively by whole verse*

Beati quorum

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 **You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."**
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

A READING FROM ROMANS 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days

Hymnal 142

THE GOSPEL⁵

 *Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

MATTHEW 4:1-11

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

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

⁵ **The Gospel** - We stand and face the Gospel book to indicate the importance placed on Jesus's words and actions.

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Benko

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.**

⁶ **The Creed** - The Episcopal Church affirms the ancient Creeds, including the Nicene Creed, as foundational statements of Christian faith. In this liturgy, we use the English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC) text, approved for use in 1994. The wording “We believe” reflects the Creed’s communal character, expressing the faith of the whole Church across all times and places. The Nicene Creed itself originated in A.D. 325 at the first ecumenical council, a gathering of bishops convened in Nicaea, to articulate the Church’s faith in response to theological controversy.

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 PEACE⁷

BCP 360

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

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

People: **And also with you.**

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Weekly Word (Newsletter)

Printed copies of the announcements, and more, are available on the credenza in the Sanctuary lobby, as part of the Weekly Word. The Weekly Word can also be accessed online by scanning the QR code provided.



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE⁸

THE OFFERTORY

Forty Days and Forty Nights

HEINLEIN, arr. Harrison Oxley

All

1. Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild.
Forty days and 40 nights
Tempted and yet undfiled.

All

3. Let us thine endurance share,
And from earthly joys abstain.
With thee watching unto prayer,
Strong to thee to suffer pain.

⁷ **The Peace** - We affirm our reconciliation with one another as preparation for receiving communion (Matthew 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 predetermined words; “Peace,” “God’s Peace,” “Peace be with you,” and “the Peace of the Lord be with you,” are all commonly said.

⁸ The **Liturgy of the Table** is the second act in the drama of the 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 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. A notification will appear which will take you to our Realm giving site, www.onrealm.org/stmattsaustrin/give/now.

Lower Voices

4. And if Satan, vexing sore,
Flesh or spirit to should assail,
Thou, his vanquisher before,
Grant we may not faint nor fail.

Treble Voices

5. So shall we have peace divine,
Holier gladness ours shall be,
Round us too shall angels shine, such
as ministered to thee.

All

6. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
Ever constant by thy side,
That with thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.

One-Time Donation (Via Stripe)



THE DOXOLOGY

ERHALT UNS, HERR

O Fa-ther, Son, and Spi-rit blest, to thee be e-v'ry prayer a-dressed, who
art in three-fold Name a-dored, from age to age, the on-ly Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

BCP 368

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:

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Hymnal S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Celebrant continues:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit...“Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our ancestors: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

You need not be Episcopalian to receive Holy Communion. When the ushers come to your aisle please move forward to gather around the chancel to receive communion; the eucharistic ministers will come to you. If you prefer to receive a blessing only, 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". For those in need, we will bring the communion elements to your seat; just tell an usher. If you are in need of prayer or someone with whom to pray, Prayer Partners are available in the Gallery on the west side of the sanctuary.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Amazing Grace

Hymnal 671

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

WLAP 810

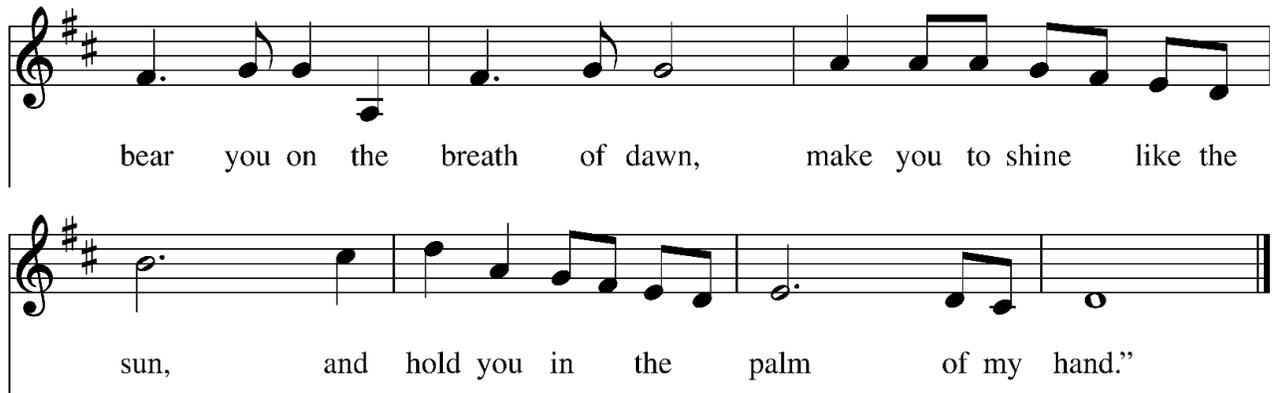
1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
 2. Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
 3. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in his sha - dow for life, say to the Lord: "My
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your
 guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"
 ref - uge with faith - ful - ness your shield.
 bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain

"And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,



bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel.

BCP 365

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

God the Omnipotent

Hymnal 569

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Priest dismisses the congregation.

The People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Amazing Grace

Christopher Pardini (b.1973)

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OUR CLERGY, STAFF & VESTRY

Rector: The Rev. Katie Leuba

Associate Priest: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Benko

Assisting Deacon: The Rev. Bill Holder

Assisting Priest: The Rev. Jerry Chapman

Assisting Priest: The Rev. Seth Deleery

Director of Music: Dr. Jeff Vanderlee

Organist: Yung Sil Chun

8am Pianist: Lucy Zhu

Children & Families Musician: Mary Smith

Assistant to the Rector: Lena Carson

Finance Manager: Pat Brajnikoff

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: Doug Webster & Pat Naeve

Vestry of the Month: Allison Talarcek & Jim Fryer

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

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

- The 2026 Bible Challenge continues! see <https://stmattsaustrin.org/st-matts-2026-bible-challenge/>
- February 25th, 6:00pm, Evening Prayer Service; Sanctuary (Labyrinth)
- February 26th, 12:00pm, Lenten Series Recital I; Marc Witmer, piano & Tom Jeannett, alto saxophone; Sanctuary
- March 5th, 12:00pm, Lenten Series Recital II; Josephine Chow, piano; Sanctuary

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

Contact Fr. Andrew Benko if you would like to know more, at: (318) 415-8131, or abenko@stmattsaustrin.org

OFFICE HOURS

Church office hours are M - F, 9:00am - 4:00pm. Appointments to meet with clergy and staff are recommended. Contact office@stmattsaustrin.org or (512) 345-8314 to set an appointment with clergy, and for staff, contact the staff member directly. Your clergy typically take Friday as their sabbath. During office hours, the receptionist can assist you in an emergency: (512) 345-8314. For after-hours pastoral emergencies, call or text the Rev. Katie Leuba directly: (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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