

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Crucifixion (Ethiopian Prayer Book, 17th Century)

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3, 2026

12:00pm & 7:00pm

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 is a guide for 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

☞ *On this day, the clergy enter in silence.*

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

BCP 276

☞ *All kneel as they are able for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant says:*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: Blessed be our God.
People: **Forever and ever.**

The celebrant continues:

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

See, my servant shall prosper;
 he shall be exalted and lifted up,
 and shall be very high.
Just as there were many who were astonished at him
 --so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
 and his form beyond that of mortals--
so he shall startle many nations;
 kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
 and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard?
 And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
For he grew up before him like a young plant,
 and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
 nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by others;
 a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
 he was despised, and we held him of no account.

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.

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.
Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

PSALM 22 *Responsively by whole verse*

Deus, Deus meus

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?

- 2 **O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest.**
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 **Our forefathers put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 **But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.**
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 **"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 **I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
- 12 **Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me,
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 **I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 **Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.**
- 17 They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 **Be not far away, O Lord;
you are my strength; hasten to help me.**
- 19 Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 **Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

- 22 **Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them;
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 **My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.
- 28 **To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 **They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.**

✠7pm✠ **A READING FROM HEBREWS 10:16-25**

The Holy Spirit testifies saying,

“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

THE GOSPEL

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

JOHN 18:1-19:42

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

The customary responses to the Gospel reading are omitted. The congregation may be seated for the first portion of the Passion reading. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (John 19:17), all stand as they are able.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Katie Leuba

7pm CHORAL ANTHEM

O Come and Mourn with Me A While

Mark Sedio (b.1954)

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

All stand. The Deacon, or other person appointed, says:

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life. We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

The People kneel as they are able, or may continue standing.

The biddings may be read by a Deacon, or other person appointed. The Celebrant says the Collects.

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world; its unity in witness and service
 For all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve
 For Andy, Kai, Jeff, Hector, and Brian, our Bishops, and all the people of this diocese
 For all Christians in this community
 For those about to be baptized
 That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;
 For the President of the United States
 For the Congress and the Supreme Court
 For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations
 For all who serve the common good
 That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the Jewish people who possess an eternal covenant with the Lord, who delivered them from bondage to freedom;

For continued faithfulness to God's covenant with them

For their flourishing in peace as witnesses to God's sustaining love

For safety from all malice and harm

For the fullness of redemption for the sake of God's Name.

That unity and concord may exist between Israel and the Church, Jews and Gentiles, in obedience to God's will.

Silence

God of Abraham, you planted your people Israel as the root and grafted us as wild branches into a single olive tree of praise to you: As we come near to the cross, we lament the history of prejudice and violence we have fomented between ourselves and your faithful people, of whom Jesus was born. Bless the children of your covenant, Jew and Gentile alike, as we strive together to attain the fullness of your blessing for the world. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For those who are hungry and homeless, destitute and oppressed

For those who are ill or disabled, in body, mind, or spirit

For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish

For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair

For those who are sorrowful and bereaved

For those who are persecuted for the sake of Christ

For prisoners, refugees, and captives

For victims of war, genocide, human trafficking, and all those in mortal danger

That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who have not embraced God's redemptive love;

For those who have never heard the word of salvation

For those who have lost their faith

For those hardened by sin and indifference

For the contemptuous and the scornful

For those who are persecutors of Christ's disciples

For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others

That God will lead sinners to repentance, and sustain all in a life of faith and obedience.

Silence

Merciful God, the source of life and fountain of mercy, let the Gospel of your Son Jesus Christ be preached with

grace and love; turn the hearts of the followers of Jesus who have harmed others in his name; lead all to repentance and amendment of life; and sustain by your loving grace all who lift their eyes to you. **Amen.**

Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

*If it is your piety to venerate the cross at this time, you are welcome to come forward to kneel or pray before the cross, or touch it, as you wish.
Ushers may invite people up in batches, depending on the number of people present who wish to come forward.*

My Song is Love Unknown - Samuel Crossman (Hymnal 458)

Dr. Jeff Vanderlee, tenor

Yung Sil Chun, organ

THE GOOD FRIDAY ANTHEMS

BCP 281

The Celebrant leads the Anthems, and the People respond:

Anthem 1

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

Anthem 2

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;
if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Anthem 3

O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us:
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

⦿7pm⦿ HYMN

O Sorrow Deep

Hymnal 173

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 Service concludes with the following prayer.

Celebrant:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father, and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please remain silent as you depart.

Offering plates are available at the inner sanctuary doors for your Good Friday Offering.

This offering goes toward the Church in the Holy Land. For more information, visit www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering/

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

Sam 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: Debra Erck & Thomas Parnham

Easter Services at St. Matthew's

Holy Saturday

(Easter Vigil)

4/4/2026

8:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Schola Cantorum, Bells & Incense - Rite II
Begins in Memorial Garden

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir - Rite II
*Easter Egg Hunt to follow

Easter Sunday

4/5/2026

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir - Rite II
*Easter Egg Hunt to follow

OFFICE HOURS

Church office hours are M - F, 9:00am - 4:00pm. 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 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.



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