

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Christ Washing the Feet of his Disciples (cir.1210) - Unknown

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy Eucharist: Rite II
April 2, 2026 – 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

PRELUDE

Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymnal 657

THE OPENING ACCLAMATIONS & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's Mercy endures for ever.

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

S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

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.

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM EXODUS 12:1-14²

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a

² 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.

whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 115:1, 10-17 *Responsively by half verse*

Dilexi, quoniam

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant;
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

A READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

They'll Know we are Christians by our Love

OCP



1. We are one in the Spir - it, We are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, We will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, We will work side by side,
4. All ___ praise to the Fa - ther, From ___ whom all things come,



1. We are one in the Spir - it, We are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, We will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, We will work side by side,
4. And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His ___ on - ly ___ Son,



1. And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
2. And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
3. And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save ___ each one's pride.
4. And all praise to the Spir - it, who ___ makes ___ us ___ one.



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love, Yes they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. _____

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

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

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Benko

THE FOOTWASHING

*All are encouraged to come forward to the first available station to receive the foot washing,
and then to wash the feet of the person who comes next to the station.*

*This is an unburied process, and one should feel free to come and go
from a foot washing station as they are so moved.*

³ **The Gospel** - We stand and face the Gospel book to indicate the importance placed on Jesus's words and actions.

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

Hymnal 660

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE☞ *Please stand or kneel.*from *Planning for Rites & Rituals*, by Andrew

Wright

Deacon or presider:

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you feed us and serve us with your very Life. Help us feed and serve the world in your name, by our prayers and by our witness, by the choices we make and by the actions we take. By your grace, we begin here and now, praying for all whom you love, asking you to hear our prayer.

Intercessor:

For the Church, that we may remember the one whom we serve, and the cost of his service to us. Make us bring cleansing waters and healing balm to the prisoner, the captive, the poor, and all in need.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those given charge of the welfare of nations. May they remember that the leader is one who serves. We pray for our president and cabinet, for congress, for the leaders of our city, and for all others who govern.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who must make hard moral choices, who hold the lives of others in their hands. For doctors, nurses, and rescue workers; for ethicists and lawmakers.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those whose feet are dirty because they have no shoes, whose hearts are broken because they have no hope. For those whose only clothes are on their backs. For those without homes, and for those who are alone.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those for whom life is hard. For those whose minds are not clear. For those in harm's way, especially civilians and soldiers in places of war and strife around the world.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are sick and all those in any other need. We pray for all those we now name. *The congregation may add their own petitions, followed by silence.*

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who mourn and all whose lives have been taken by the hands of others. Grant us both the courage to seek justice, and the strength to forgive.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, for all those whose memory will live in the members of this community. For all others who have died, whom we now name. *The congregation may add their own petitions, followed by silence.*

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

By the power of Christ who died our death, may they know the power of everlasting life.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The celebrant or presider concludes with the following Collect:

God of Jesus Christ: Teach us to serve all people in your name. By your Spirit's power, make us light, to dispel the darkness of sorrow and sin. Break us and make us bread for the world. Sustain us through the night of suffering and speed the coming of your kingdom, when the servant will be known as the Lord of all, and love will abound forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE⁴

BCP 360

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.



⁴ **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.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE⁵

THE OFFERTORY

One-Time Donation (Via Stripe)

Agnus Dei, from *Missa Brevis* - Peter Williams (1952-2011)



Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

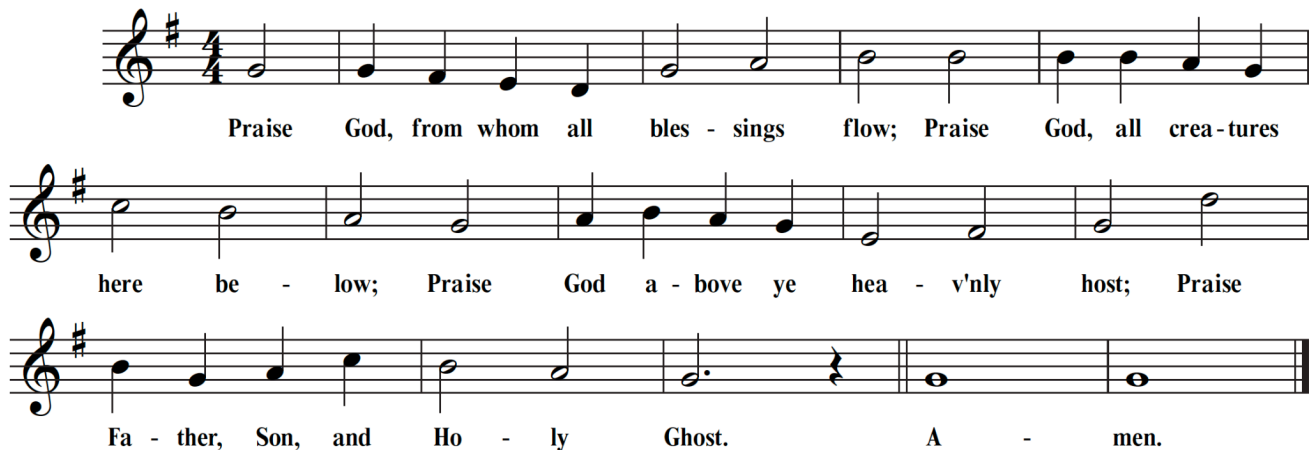
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

THE DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH



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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

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.**

⁵ 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/stmattsaustin/give/now.

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

Hymnal S125



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

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.**

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 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

Father, we Thank Thee who hast Planted


Hymnal 302

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Hymnal 171


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.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

 *The People kneel or stand as they are able, as the Celebrant says:*

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 lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

 *The people kneel (or sit as they are able)*

Pange Lingua Gloriosi - St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

Schola Cantorum

<p>1. Pange lingua, gloriosi Corporis mysterium, Sanguinisque pretiosi, quem in mundi pretium fructus ventris generosi Rex effudit Gentium.</p>	<p>1. Tell, tongue, the mystery of the glorious Body and of the precious Blood, which, for the price of the world, the fruit of a noble Womb, the King of the Nations poured forth.</p>	<p>2. Nobis datus, nobis natus ex intacta Virgine, et in mundo conversatus, sparso verbi semine, sui moras incolatus miro clausit ordine.</p>	<p>2. Given to us, born for us, from the Virgin, and dwelt in the world after the seed of the Word had been scattered. His inhabiting ended the delays with wonderful order.</p>
<p>3. In supremæ nocte cenæ recumbens cum fratribus observata lege plene cibus in legalibus, cibum turbæ duodenæ se dat suis manibus.</p>	<p>3. On the night of the Last Supper, reclining with His brethren, once the Law had been fully observed with the prescribed foods, as food to the crowd of Twelve He gives Himself with His hands.</p>	<p>4. Verbum caro, panem verum verbo carnem efficit: fitque sanguis Christi merum, et si sensus deficit, ad firmandum cor sincerum sola fides sufficit.</p>	<p>4. Word as Flesh makes true bread into flesh by a word and the wine becomes the Blood of Christ. And if sense is deficient to strengthen a sincere heart Faith alone suffices.</p>
<p>5. Tantum ergo sacramentum Veneremur cernui: Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui: Præstet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.</p>	<p>5. Therefore, the great Sacrament let us reverence, prostrate: and let the old Covenant give way to a new rite. Let faith stand forth as substitute for defect of the senses.</p>	<p>6. Genitori, Genitoque Laus et jubilatio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedictio: Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen.</p>	<p>6. To the Begetter and the Begotten be praise and jubilation, greeting, honour, strength also and blessing. To the One who proceeds from Both be equal praise. Amen.</p>

SOLEMN READING OF PSALM 22

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me
and are so far from my salvation,
from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not
answer; and by night also, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forebears trusted in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered;
they put their trust in you and were not
confounded.
- 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 deliver him, if he delights in him.'
- 9 But it is you that took me out of the womb
and laid me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 On you was I cast ever since I was born;
you are my God even from my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand
and there is none to help.
- 12 Mighty oxen come around me;
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.
- 13 They gape upon me with their mouths,
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; my heart has become
like wax melting in the depths of my body.
- 15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd;
my tongue cleaves to my gums; you have laid me
in the dust of death.
- 16 For the hounds are all about me,
the pack of evildoers close in on me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.
- 17 I can count all my bones;
they stand staring and looking upon me.
- 18 They divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.
- 19 Be not far from me, O Lord;
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 20 Deliver my soul from the sword,
my poor life from the power of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the lion's mouth,
from the horns of wild oxen.
You have answered me!
- 22 I will tell of your name to my people;
in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.
- 23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
O seed of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.
- 24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering
of the poor; neither has he hidden his face from
them; but when they cried to him he heard them.
- 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those
that fear you.
- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever.
- 27 All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before
him.
- 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the nations.
- 29 How can those who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship, or those who go down to
the dust kneel before him?
- 30 He has saved my life for himself;
my descendants shall serve him; this shall be told
of the Lord for generations to come.
- 31 They shall come and make known his salvation,
to a people yet unborn, declaring that he, the
Lord, has done it.

*After the service has concluded, a prayer vigil will be kept at the Labyrinth from 9:00pm to 9:00am.
Please maintain silence as you exit the Sanctuary.*

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

Assistant to the Rector: Lena Carson

Director of Music: Dr. Jeff Vanderlee

Organist: Yung Sil Chun

8am Pianist: Lucy Zhu

Children & Families Musician: Mary Smith

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

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Remember to check the Weekly Word for all parish events!

2026 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE - Remaining Services

Maundy Thursday

4/2/2026

7:00 PM Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar - Rite II

9:00 AM Wilderness Stations of the Cross - Inga VanNynatten Hiking Trail

12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

Good Friday

4/3/2026

5:00 PM Traditional Stations of the Cross - Sanctuary

Children's Good Friday Service - B18/19

7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy with Parish Choir

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

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- 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.



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