

ST. MATTHEW'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene - Adam Jones (2022)*

**Easter Sunday**  
Festival Eucharist with Baptism: Rite II  
April 5, 2026 – 11:00am

## **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](mailto:word@stmattsaustin.org), and prayer requests to Susan at [office@stmattsaustin.org](mailto: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](http://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 WORD<sup>1</sup>

*Flowering of the Cross: The Flowered Cross serves as a beautiful reminder of the Resurrection.  
If you brought flowers this morning, you are invited to place your offering of fresh flowers on the cross as you enter the sanctuary.*

## PRELUDE

Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ, BWV 628

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN<sup>2</sup>

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (v.1-4)

Hymnal 207

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

*Celebrant:* Alleluia, Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia, Alleluia.**<sup>3</sup>

## GLORIA

Hymnal S280

*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.*

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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> We prepare for our time together, and sing with whatever voice God has given us.

<sup>3</sup> Bold portions are spoken together by the congregation.

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 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.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

## A READING FROM ACTS 10:34-43<sup>4</sup>

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 *Responsively by half verse*

## *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim,  
**"His mercy endures for ever."**
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song,  
**and he has become my salvation.**
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory  
**in the tents of the righteous:**
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!  
**the right hand of the Lord is exalted!**  
**the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"**
- 17 I shall not die, but live,  
**and declare the works of the Lord.**
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely,  
**but he did not hand me over to death.**
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
**I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.**
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord;  
**they who are righteous may enter."**
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
**and have become my salvation.**
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**

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<sup>4</sup> 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.

- 23 This is the Lord's doing,  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted;  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

#### A READING FROM COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

#### SEQUENCE HYMN

Welcome Happy Morning (v.1-3,6)

Hymnal 179

#### THE GOSPEL<sup>5</sup>

☞ *Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

JOHN 20:1-18

*Clergy:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but

<sup>5</sup> **The Gospel** - We stand to indicate the importance placed on Jesus's words and actions. The Gospel book is carried into the midst of the people, and all turn toward the reader.

she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

## THE SERMON

**The Rev. Katie Leuba**

## PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

☞ *All but the candidates and their sponsors will now be seated. The children return from Children’s Chapel at this time, and are invited to come up front to observe the baptisms, if they wish.*

*Celebrant:* The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

James Wilkin Houstoun III

## Infants and Younger Children

☞ *The sponsors of those who are too young to speak with for themselves now present their candidates, saying in turn:*

*Parents and Godparents:* I present James to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant, to them:* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents:* I will, with God’s help.

*Celebrant, to them:* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents:* I will, with God’s help.

☞ *Then the Celebrant asks the following questions to the Parents and Godparents, on behalf of their candidates:*

*Question:* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer:* I renounce them.

*Question:* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer:* I renounce them.

*Question:* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer:* I renounce them.

*Question:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer:* I do.

*Question:* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer:* I do.

*Question:* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?  
*Answer:* I do.

☞ *After all have been presented, the Congregation stands and the Celebrant addresses the Congregation, saying:*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?

*People:* **We will.**

☞ *The Celebrant then says:*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People:* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People:* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

☞ *The Celebrant then says to the Congregation:*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader:* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader:* Open his heart to your grace and truth.  
*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader:* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader:* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader:* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader:* Send him into the world in witness to your love.  
*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader:* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

☩ *The Celebrant then says:*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

☩ *The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying:*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

☩ *After the water is blessed, the Celebrant directs the Congregation to be seated. Each candidate is presented by name to the priest, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying:*

*James, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

☩ *Then the priest places a hand on the person's head, marking with the sign of the cross, with Chrism, saying to each one:*

*James*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

☛ *Then a lit baptismal candle is given to the newly baptized (or their Parents/Godparents, as appropriate), with these words:*

Receive the light of Christ, and your light so shine before others that they see your good works, and give thanks to your Father in heaven. **Amen.**

☛ *When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Celebrant prays over the candidates, the Congregation now standing:*

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

☛ *The Celebrant then addresses the people:*

*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized, saying together:

*Celebrant and People:* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## THE PEACE<sup>6</sup>

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.*



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<sup>6</sup> **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 TABLE<sup>7</sup>

## THE OFFERTORY

To the Lamb on the Throne  
(v.4 with Congregation)

Dan Forrest (b.1978)  
One-Time Donation (Via Stripe)

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4. Then let us a - dore and give Him His right, all  
glo - ry and pow'r, all wis - dom and might; all  
hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove, and  
*rit.*  
thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.



## THE DOXOLOGY

OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures  
here be - low; Praise God a - bove ye hea - v'nly host; Praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

<sup>7</sup> 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](http://www.onrealm.org/stmattsaustin/give/now).

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.  
*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...*(Proper Preface)*...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
    hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,  
    on Earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
    and forgive us our trespasses,  
    as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
    forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

☪ *Silence may be held, after the fraction.*

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

*People:*      **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*You 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

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Hymnal 200

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Hymnal 193

Surrexit Christus hodie. Alleluia!  
 Humano pro solamine. Alleluia!  
 In hoc Paschali gaudio. Alleluia!  
 Benedicamus Domino. Alleluia!

Christ is risen today Alleluia!  
 For the consolation of all people. Alleluia!  
 Rejoice on this Easter Day. Alleluia!  
 Let us give thanks to God. Alleluia!

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**      🙏 *Please stand or kneel.*

**BCP 365**

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with the spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**EASTER BLESSING** from *The Book of Occasional Services*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

The Strife is O'er (v.1-2, 4-5)

**Hymnal 208**

**THE DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon or Priest dismisses the congregation.*

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

**POSTLUDE**

Tocatta from Symphony No. 5, Op. 42 No.1

**C.M. Widor (1844-1937)**

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### **Easter Flowers were given to the glory of God, by:**

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### **Easter Musicians**

Kenken Gorder, trumpet 1; Joshua Hauck, trumpet 2; Stephanie Chiang, horn in F; Lilli Bailey, trombone 1; Ryan Smalley, trombone 2; Shari Wilson, mezzo soprano; Jalen Cunningham, tenor; Charles Henry, tenor; Matthew Zelenin, bass; Joe Alvear, bass



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*Dr. Jeff Vanderlee, Director of Music*

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### 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/>
- Saturday, April 18; 9:00am-12:00pm; Campus Clean-up Day!
- Sunday, April 19; 11:30am-3:00pm; Cooking for Community First Village & Veterans; Kitchen
- Saturday, April 25; 7:30pm-8:30pm; Austin Saxophone Ensemble Concert; Sanctuary
- Saturday, May 2; 2:00pm-3:30pm; Love Notes Spring Concert; Sanctuary
- Sunday, May 10; Hats off to mothers! Wear a fun hat to as we celebrate mothers, and the Bishop's visit
- Sunday, May 24; Pentecost, and Congregational Photo Day!



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

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### 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](mailto: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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