



**ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I - May 17, 2026**

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

A READING FROM ACTS 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:7-18 Responsively by whole verse

Jubilate Deo

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 **Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;**
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 **Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;**
exalt him who rides upon the heavens;
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**
- 35 Ascribe power to God;
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places!
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!**

A READING FROM 1 PETER 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

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
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Head of Day School: Page Race
Wardens: Doug Webster & Pat Naeve
Vestry of the Month: Emily Schatzle & Alison Talarcek

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/>
- Saturday, May 16, 12:30pm-3:30pm - Shredding Event Fundraise for Anderson HS; Mesa Parking Lot
- Sunday, May 17, 11:30am-1:30pm - Women's Story Circle; Huffman Hall
- Saturday, May 23, 7:45am (meet at St. Matt's) 8:00am (Meet at trail) - Work on Inga Van Nynatten Trail
- Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost (w/Baptisms) wear red if possible!
- Tuesday, May 26 - Runoff Elections, Huffman Hall is a polling place!

Weekly Word



Interested in 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

MAKE A ONE-TIME GIFT (via Stripe)



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 4:00pm – Appointments to meet with clergy and staff are recommended. Please contact office@stmattsaustrin.org or (512) 345-8314 to set an appointment with clergy, and for staff, one may 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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