



**ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I - May 10, 2026**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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| Opening Acclamation | BCP 323 |
| Gloria | BCP 324 |
| The Collect of the Day | booklet |
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| The Nicene Creed | BCP 326 |
| The Prayers of the People | BCP 328 |
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| The Peace | BCP 332 |
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THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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| The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II | BCP 340 |
| The Distribution of Communion | |
| The Post-Communion Prayer | BCP 339 |
| The Blessing | |
| The Dismissal | |

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM ACTS 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:7-18 Responsively by whole verse

Jubilate Deo

7 Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 **Who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

9 For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

- 10 You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows,
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;**
- 17 But in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me.**

A READING FROM 1 PETER 3:13-22

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 said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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
Director of Music: Dr. Jeff Vanderlee
Organist: Yung Sil Chun
8am Pianist: Lucy Zhu
Children & Families Musician: Mary Smith
Assistant to the Rector: Lena Carson

Interim Family Ministries Director: Kelli Hughes
Finance Manager: Pat Brajnikoff
Office Manager: Susan Kerr
Parish Administrator: Lisa Kay Pfannenstiel
Communications Assistant: Amanda Gentry
Sextons: Carly & Gabriel
Chef: Robert Mayberry
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 Inge Van Nynatten Trail
- Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost (w/Baptisms), and Congregational Photo Day (wear red if possible!)

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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