

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



"Joseph and his Brothers" - Interior of the Church of St. Pantaleon (Athens, Greece)

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Backpack Sunday

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

August 16, 2026

10:30am

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.

CONNECTION CARD



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, 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; While there, you can click the "Subscribe to Parish News & Events Emails" button to stay in-the-know!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD¹

PRELUDE

Portraits de Peintres, No. 3

Reynaldo Hahn (1874-1947)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN²

Ah, La La La

Ernie Rettino

CCLI# 12231

Refrain



A- la la la la la - le - lu - ia! A- la la la la la - le - lu - ia!



A- la la la la la - le - lu - ia! A- la la la la la - le - lu - ia!

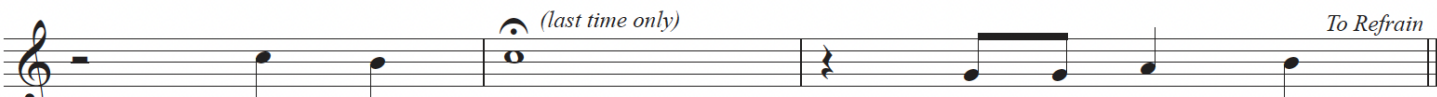
Verses



1. Give a lit - tle wave to a friend next to you, give a lit - tle wave and sing a - long.
2. Pat a lit - tle hand of a friend next to you, pat a lit - tle hand and sing a - long.
3. Scratch a lit - tle back of a friend next to you, scratch a lit - tle back and sing a - long.
4. Do a lit - tle dance with a friend next to you, do a lit - tle dance and sing a - long.



Give a lit - tle wave to a friend next to you, give a lit - tle wave and sing,
Pat a lit - tle hand of a friend next to you, pat a lit - tle hand and sing,
Scratch a lit - tle back of a friend next to you, scratch a lit - tle back and sing,
Do a lit - tle dance with a friend next to you, do a lit - tle dance and sing,



(last time only) sing this song! And the song goes...

sing this song!
sing this song!
sing this song!

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 413

Celebrant:

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People:

And Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.³

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.

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

³ Bold portions are spoken together by the congregation.

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.

GOOD MORNING LORD (GLORIA)

Marjorie Bounds



Good Mor-ning Lord, it's a beau-ti-ful day;

Good Mor-ning Lord, I'm go-in' your way.

O-pen my eyes and let me see some-one who needs a friend like me. I know that I can

sure-ly be lo-ving, ca-ring, al-ways sha-ring. Good Mor-ning Lord, it's a

beau-ti-ful day; Good Mor-ning Lord, I'm go-in' your way.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

When Joseph realized his brothers who did not recognize him were standing before him, he was overcome with emotion and asked everyone to leave. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph. Is my father doing well?" They did not answer out of fear. Joseph said to them, "Come close to me. I am your brother Joseph. I am the one you sold as a slave to Egypt. Now don't be worried. Don't be angry with yourselves for what you did. It was God's plan for me to come here. I am here to save people's lives. This terrible famine has continued for two years now, and there will be five more years without planting or harvest. So God sent me here ahead of you so that I can save your people in this country. Joseph said, "Hurry up and go to my father. Tell him his son Joseph sent this message: 'God made me the governor of Egypt. So come here to me quickly. Don't wait.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

LEVAS 217

1. He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand. He's got the whole world in His hand.

2. He's got you and me, sister, etc.

3. He's got you and me, brother, etc.

4. He's got everybody here, etc.

⁴ The Episcopal Church follows a three-year cycle of readings called a "Lectionary." These are the same lessons being heard in congregations of all types throughout the world on this day.

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

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

Jesus called the people to him. He said, “Listen and understand what I am saying. It is not what people put in their mouth that makes them wrong. It is what comes out of their mouth that makes them wrong...Surely you know that all the food that enters the mouth goes into the stomach. Then it goes out of the body. But the bad things people say with their mouth come from the way they think. And that’s what can make people wrong.”

Jesus went from there to the area of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that area came out and began shouting, “Lord, Son of David, please help me! My daughter has a demon inside her, and she is suffering very much.” But Jesus did not answer her. So the followers came to him and said, “Tell her to go away. She keeps crying out and will not leave us alone.” Jesus answered, “God sent me only to the lost people of Israel.” Then the woman came over to Jesus and bowed before him. She said, “Lord, help me!” He answered her with this saying: “It is not right to take the children’s bread and give it to the dogs.” The woman said, “Yes, Lord, but even the dogs eat the pieces of food that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus answered, “Woman, you have great faith! You will get what you asked for.” And right then the woman’s daughter was healed.

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

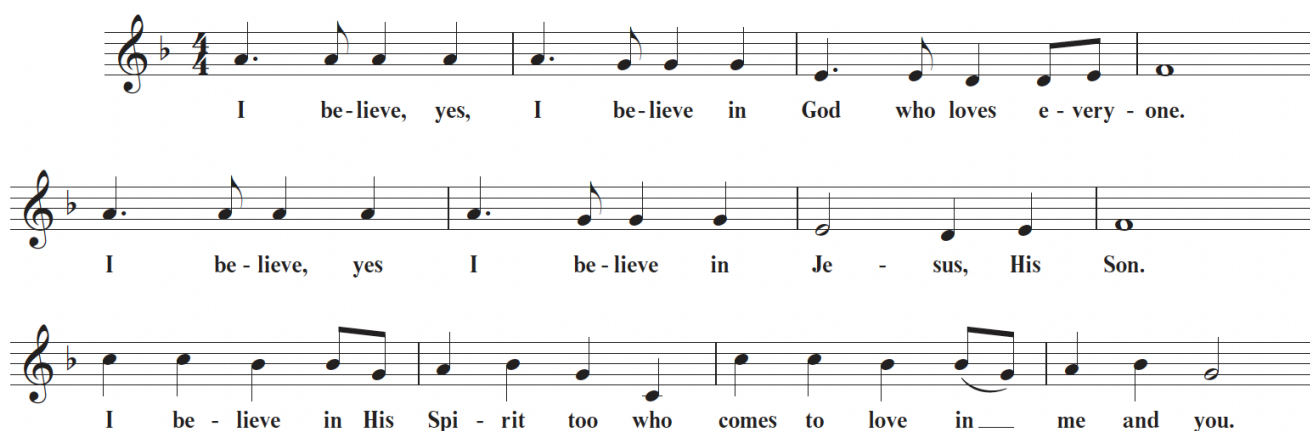
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Rev. Katie Leuba

CHILDREN’S CREED⁶ (Sung) 🕯️ *Please stand.*

Marjorie Bounds (1984)



I be-lieve, yes, I be-lieve in God who loves e - very - one.

I be - lieve, yes I be - lieve in Je - sus, His Son.

I be - lieve in His Spi - rit too who comes to love in — me and you.

⁵ **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.

⁶ **The Creed** - The Episcopal church holds the ancient Creeds, such as the Apostles’ and the Nicene to be our statements of faith. They contain the core of our belief as Christians, but do not limit our faith. We use the English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC) text of the Nicene Creed approved for use in the Episcopal Church in 1994. The use of “We believe,” is appropriate as the creed is a statement of the faith of the whole Church, at all times and places, and not only that of a particular congregation or person. The Nicene Creed was created in 325AD by the first council (gathering of bishops) in Nicaea.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form III; BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Minister: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

☞ *Silence may be held.*

Minister and People:

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant stands and says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE⁸

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 (Weekly Word) and more,
are available on the credenza in the Sanctuary lobby.*

The Weekly Word can also be accessed online by scanning the QR code provided above, with your mobile device.



⁷ We sin when our behavior—either by acting or failing to act—disrupts our relationship with God and with others. We come together each week and **confess this sin** to God with the intention to improve and turn back to God. We have the courage to make this confession because we have been assured by Jesus that when we confess and repent (turn around), God will forgive us.

⁸ **The Peace** - We affirm our reconciliation with one another as preparation for receiving the Eucharist (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.

BLESSING OF STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS

Eternal God, father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our great teacher and savior, bless these your servants as they begin the school year. Your Son was once himself a child learning and teaching in the temple. Grant that all who enter into places of learning as students and educators this year be filled with your grace and heavenly wisdom: that all their efforts be directed by your Holy Spirit, and work to your praise and glory. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR INSTRUMENTS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Almighty God, we bring before you these instruments of teaching and of learning. We pray that your Holy Spirit of wisdom goes forth with all who carry them this year: that all bearers of briefcases and of backpacks will rest secure in the knowledge of your abiding strength, peace, and love. May they, like the young Jesus, grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God. And so we bless these backpacks in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE⁹

OFFERTORY

This Little Light of Mine

Trad. Spiritual

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: 'This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine! This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine! This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine! Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!' The final note of the last line is a whole note with a long horizontal line underneath it, indicating a sustained sound.

2. Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it shine...
3. Won't let anyone blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine...
4. Shine so bright for the world to see! I'm gonna let it shine...

⁹ 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 on the back of this bulletin with your phone's camera.** A notification will appear which will take you to our Realm giving site, www.onrealm.org/stmattsaustin/give/now.

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

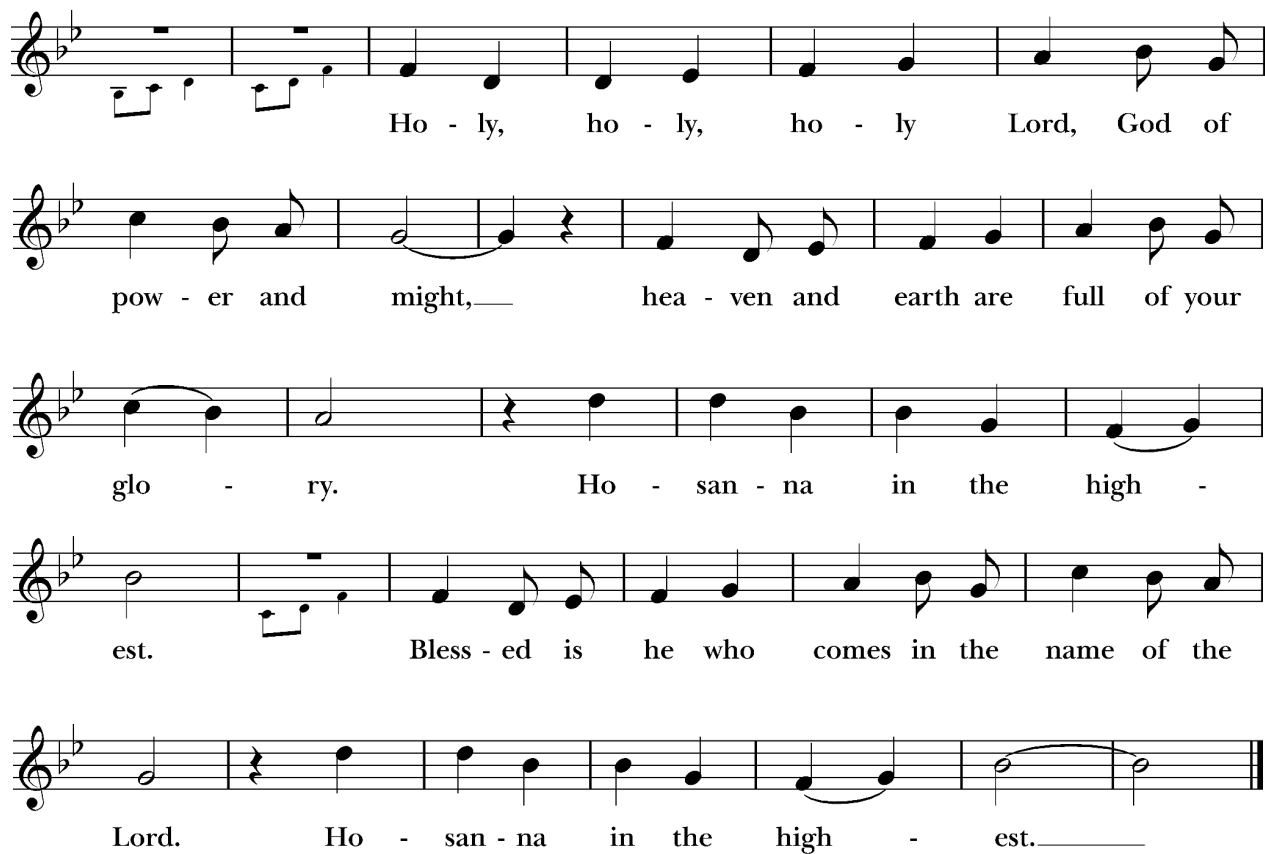
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

S131



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son... “Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father.

Celebrant and People in unison:

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven hal-lowed be thy name. Thy king-dom come, thy
will be done on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,
and for-give our sins as we al-so have for-gi-ven those who sin a-gainst us; and
lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, and de-li-ver us from e-vil. For thine is the
king-dom, and the po-wer, and the glo-ry for e-ver, A men.

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. Also, there are also members of the Prayer Team in both side aisles of the church, who welcome your prayer requests in person.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Peace Like a River

LEVAS 201

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2. I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a
 3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1. riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my
 2. foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain in my
 3. o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my

1. soul; I've got riv - er in my soul.
 2. soul; I've got foun - tain in my soul.
 3. soul; I've got o - cean in my soul.

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu

PD

Hal-le - lu, Hal-le-lu, Ha-le - lu, Ha-le-lu-jah! Praise ye the Lord! Hal-le-

lu, Hal-le - lu, Hal-le - lu, Ha-le-lu - jah! Praise ye the Lord!

Praise ye the Lord, hal-le - lu - jah! Praise ye the Lord, ha-le - lu - jah!

Praise ye the Lord, ha-le - lu - jah! Praise ye the Lord!

1st time - Everybody sing everything!

2nd Time - 1/2 stand when singing all the "Hallelu"s; 1/2 stand when singing "Praise Ye the Lord"

3rd time - Switch Groups!
4th time - Everybody sing everything!

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.

THE SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the name of God and this Congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Siyahamba (We Are Marching)

Trad. Zulu

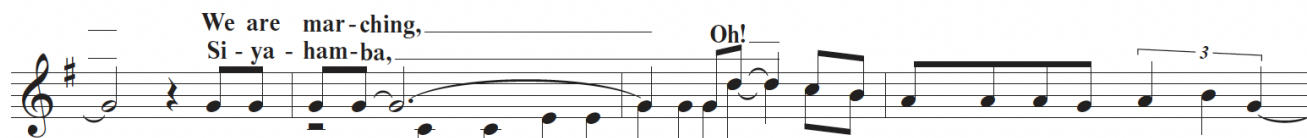
Children of all ages are more than welcome to grab instruments from the white baskets scattered throughout the Sanctuary to join in the joyful noise of our Recessional Hymn



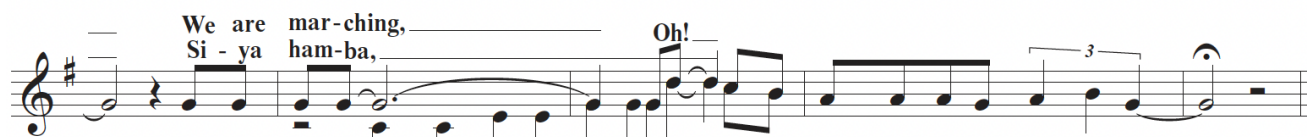
1. We are mar - ching in the light of God, we are mar - ching in the light of God.
 2. Si ya hamb' e - ku-kha-'nyen kwen khos, si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-'nyen kwen khos.



— We are mar - ching in the light of God, we are mar - ching in the light of God.
 — Si - ya - hamb' — e - ku-kha-'nyen kwen khos, si - ya - hamb' - e - ku-kha-'nyen kwen khos.



— We are mar-ching, — Oh!
 — Si - ya - ham-ba, —
 (mar-ching, we are mar-ching. — We are mar - ching in the light of God.
 (ham - ba, si - ya - ham-ba) — si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-'nyen kwen khos.



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*** Alternate verses as needed**

THE DISMISSAL¹⁰

The Deacon or Priest dismisses the congregation.

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

POSTLUDE

I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, Down in My Heart!

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: Debra Erck & Emily Schatzle

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/>
- August 22 - 6:00pm, Annual Pride Parade Eucharist at St. David's Episcopal; 8:00pm Parade
- August 23 - Reception after the service to welcome our new Director of Family Ministries, Rachel Thomas
- August 30 - 11:30am-1:30pm, Women's Story Circle, Huffman Hall
- Sept. 20 - St. Matthew's Day photo and Lunch - Remember to 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

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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