St. Matthew's Episcopal Church



A Service of Remembrance

Celebrating the Lives of our Loved Ones

Sunday, November 1, 2026

5:00pm

Please enter in silence.

We invite you to quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the prelude.

PRELUDE Meditation on "Great is Thy Faithfulness" **Thomas O. Chisholm (1923)**
The text to this hymn is printed for your contemplation arr. Vanderlee

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

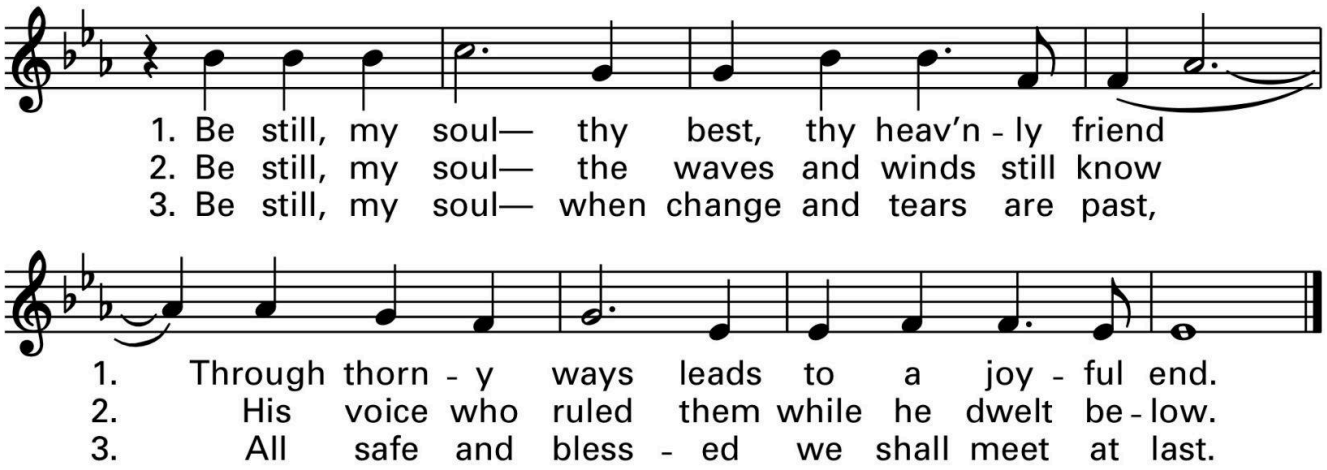
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.

Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

❧ *Please stand, as you are able*

OPENING HYMN Be Still, My Soul **LEVAS 118 - FINLANDIA**





❧ *Please remain standing*

OPENING SENTENCES

Come among us God,
You, who cast the plants into space,
And cradle the sparrow in her nest;
Come God, and meet us here.

Come among us God,
You, who bless the poor and the broken,
And stand by the sad and the strong;
Come God, and meet us here.

Come among us God,
You, who dance in the silence,
And shine in the darkness;
Come God, and meet us here.

OPENING PRAYER

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

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit, lift us, we pray you, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

❧ *Please be seated*

FIRST READING **Isaiah 61:1-3**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

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

PSALM 116 *Read 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.
2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.
3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
5 The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
for the LORD has treated you well.
7 For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.
9 I believed, even when I said,
"I have been brought very low."
In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."
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.
Hallelujah!

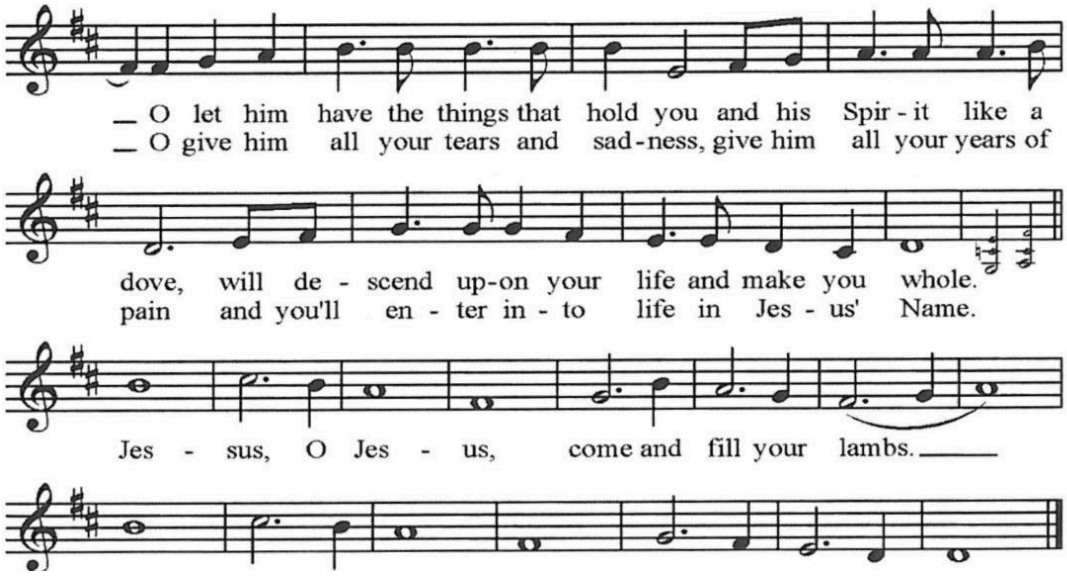
SECOND READING **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

But we do not want you to be uninformed, children,
about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so,
through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.
For this we declare to you by the word of the LORD, that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the LORD,
will by no means precede those who have died.
For the LORD himself, with a cry of command,
with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet,
will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the LORD in the air,
and so we will be with the LORD forever.
Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Celebrant: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN Spirit Song **LEVAS 118 -** J. Wimber





THE GOSPEL **JOHN 11:17-27**

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

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

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

REFLECTION **Mary Koffend**

INSTRUMENTAL POST-REFLECTION MEDITATION

You are invited at this time to come forward to the table near the altar and light a candle in remembrance of your loved ones who have died.

The text associated with this music is printed for your contemplation below:

Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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 has 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:

Eternal Spirit, **From the New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book**
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

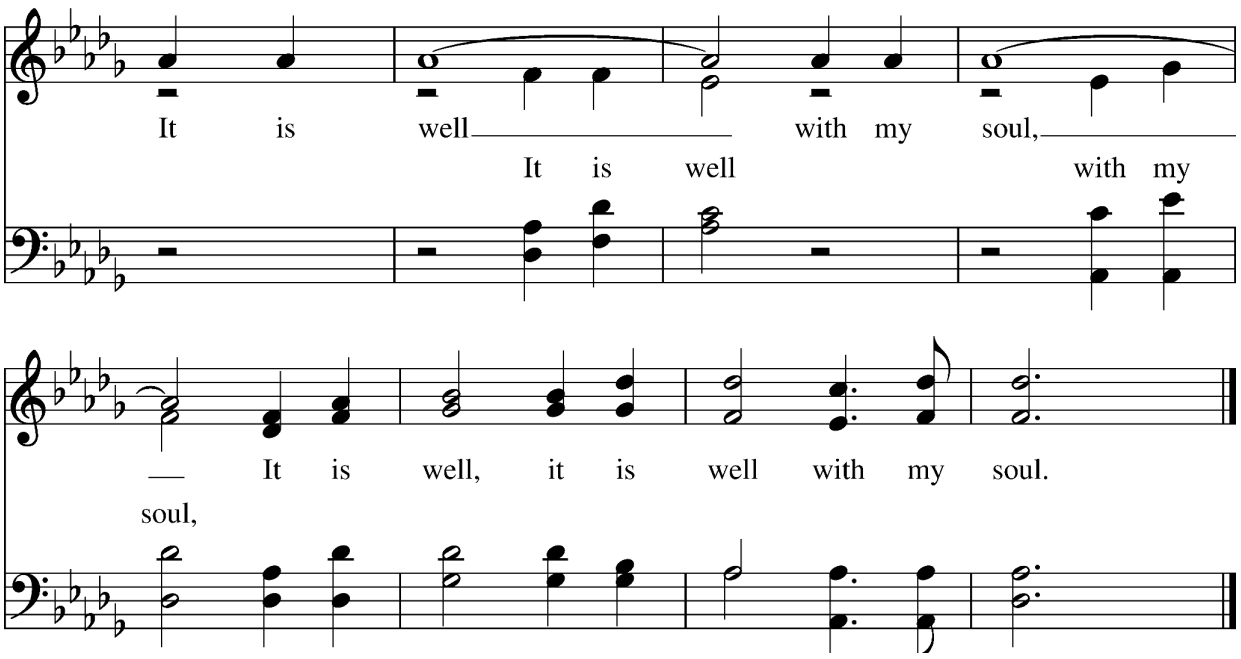
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

❧ *Please be seated. All baptized Christians, of any church or denomination, are invited to come forward to receive communion, you need not be Episcopalian. You will receive bread and then may dip it in the wine, or you may choose to drink from the chalice directly. People of all faiths, and none, are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. To indicate this desire, simply cross your arms over your chest. Should you require gluten-free elements, just tell the ministers "gluten free." If you need communion brought to you, please notify an usher.*


1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be
1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -
1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food, in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth, a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love in the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PRAYER

Eternal God,
we acknowledge the uncertainty of our life on earth.
We are given a mere handful of days,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but your word will stand forever.
In this is our hope
for you are our God.
Even in the valley of the shadow of death,
you are with us.
O LORD, let us know our end and the number of our days,
that we may learn how fleeting life is.
Turn your ear to our cry, and hear our prayer.
Do not be silent at our tears,
For we live as strangers before you,
wandering pilgrims as all our ancestors were.
But you are the same
And your years shall have no end. Amen.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The celebrant pronounces God blessing over the people saying:

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

It has become our tradition to remain seated until the Postlude has finished.

INSTRUMENTAL POSTLUDE Goin' Home **Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904),** arr. Fisher

Goin' home, goin' home,
I'm a goin' home;
Quiet like, some still day,
I'm just goin' home.

It's not far, just close by,
Through an open door;
Work all done, care laid by,
going to fear no more.

Mother's there expecting me,
Father's waitin' too;
Lots o'folk gathered there,
All the friends I knew.

Nothin' lost, all's gain,
No more fret nor pain,
No more stumblin' on the way,
No more longin' for the day,
Gwine to roam no more!

Mornin' star lights the way,
Restless dreams all done;
Shadows gone, break o'day,
Real life just begun.

There's no break, ain't no end,
Just a livin' on;
Wide awake, with a smile
Goin' on and on.

Goin' home, goin' home,
I'm just goin' home.
It's not far, just close by,
Through an open door;



Following the service, we warmly invite you to walk the labyrinth, this spiraling, ancient spiritual path to deepen your fath, to be comforted, to be still and know God.

Please join us in the lobby to visit with one another. Light refreshments are provided by the St. Matthew's pastoral care council.

If you brought a framed photo for the Remembrance Table, Please remember to take your photo with you.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.
2 Corinthians 1:3-5

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We pray for our loved ones who have died



Those in the parish who have died since November 1, 2025

B.J. Andrews
Jill Bacon
Pamela Jo Bates
Diane Elizabeth Bennett
Elfie Hinterkopf
Scott Jennings
George Meihaus III
Steve Ryder
Nancy Cunningham Satterfield
Shelly Francis Kalmbach Stall



Rosemary Alexander
Carolyn Allen
Clyde Allen
Janet Allen
Hub Armstrong
Ryan Assunto
Stan Bacon
Julie Bailey
Wyatt Balman
Don Barnhill
Weldon and Margaret Barnhill
Mary Claire Becker
John G. Becker, Jr.
O T Simmons Becker
John G. Becker, Sr.
John Bremer
Paula Broadshoe
Donna Brockie
Jim Brockie
James Logan Brown
Carol Burton
Gertrude 'Trudy' Calloway
Irving 'Gene' Calloway
Brent Walter Campbell
Margaret Canby
Thomas Dawson Canby, Sr.
Patty Canby
Charles Canby
Elizabeth Dawson Canby
George Rust Canby
Janet Coon
Valerie Sue Thedford Cooper
Martin Delker
Mildred Deleery
Wheaton Gribble Doggett
Haskell Lee Doggett
Dante Escalante
George Frank
Nell Frank
Bob Frank
Deidre Frank
Lisa Frank
Fred, Susan, and Ted French
Jack Frucella
Brian Frucella
Mike Frucella
Mary Jean Fryer
Samuel Ryan Garman
Joanne Gibbs
Rev. John R. Gibbs
Jo C. Hall
Michael James Hampson
Diane Brownlow Harding
Harvey Hazlewood
William 'Bob' Henley
Rev Chuck and Carolyn Huffman
Christopher 'Chris' Hyatt
Nicholas Ivanovich, Jr
Jane and Will
Brooke Noelle Johnson
Hink and Nancy Johnson
Kathleen Jones
Dick Keller
David R. Kerr
Marian Kerr
Jerry Kiel
Lance Killoran
Carol Lane
Judith and Ken Leavenworth
Lisa Loehr
Elva 'Jean' Maldonado
Gilbert Maldonado
Maly and Tony
Jerry Maxfield
Carolyn McCauley
Patrick McCauley
Lee McKee.
Ryan Mecredy
Rev. Chuck Meyer
Jane Michael
Dyson R.C.Miller
Holly Miller
Laura Myers-Doughty
Mary, Lester, and Douglas Naeve
Don & Betty Neely
Jason Neely
Lois and Ralph Novak
Thom O'Donell
Nicole Passanante
Brodie Pemberton
Lucy Pemberton
Bud Pemberton
Veta Pennyworth
Nadine Bizzell Player
Genevieve Purple
Helen Clark Rea
Dixie Rea
Theresa Rea
Don Rieken
Jane Novak Robertson
Arch Robinson
Dorothy Robinson
Elizabeth 'Bobbie'; Rose Paula Schumacher
William Burleigh Seaver
Ronald Shrum
Beth Ann Huffman Sikes
John Slade
Jimmy Smith
Mollie & Reed Smith
Olga Smith
Jim Sparks
Kevin Sparks
Raymond & Dorothy Starfelt
Lorenda Smith Starfelt
Rae Jean Starfelt
Reenie Twohill Starfelt
Mary Barrett Stevens
Ciel Steward
Edward Stork
Margaret Teague
Donald Teague
Edward Tisdale
William Thomas
Rev. Martie Thompson
Ashley Turner
Don Valdez
Eileen Vanderlee
Dorothy Watson
Gwenette Wetzel
Rueben Wetzel
Ruby Wetzel
Suzanne Widmar
Frances Irene Williams
Ben Woodson
Sally Youngs



Thank you for joining us for this special service of Remembrance

"May you be held in compassion…
May your pain and sorrow be eased…
May your spirit be strong…
May you be filled with a deep sense
of healing and goodness…
May you feel safe and protected
and be at peace…
May you be held by love."

If you are feeling lonely or sad as we embark on the season of Advent and approach our Christmas celebration, Please know that you are not alone. Your clergy would love to hear from you, talk with you, and to pray with you. Please do not hesitate to contact Mtr. Katie, or Fr. Andrew if you would like to speak with a priest.
Office Phone: (512) 345-8314

Verses from Scripture for Remembrance and in times of grief:
Romans 8:35-39
1 Corinthians 15:51-55

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