

# **Saint Matthew's**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Holy Eucharist - Rite II**  
**The Third Sunday in Lent**  
**March 8, 2026**  
**10:00 am**



Guests and friends of St. Matthew's will find copies of **Lenten Meditations**, a series of poems and readings for every day of Lent. Please take one home that you turn to it as a resource for your journey through Lent.



On Wednesday evenings in Lent St. Matthew's offers a simple supper of soup, salad and bread prior to a liturgy of healing in the church.

Dinner begins at 6pm. The Liturgy begins at 7pm. All are welcome for the laying-on-of hands and healing prayers marking the liturgy.

This liturgy offers a quiet space for resting gently in Christ Jesus. In a time of great turmoil in the world, we offer a time and place for contemplation and restoration.

# Welcome to St. Matthew's! We are glad you are here.

Welcome to St. Matthew's! Whether you join us in person or online, we welcome you to this Episcopal Church, one of many in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, throughout the United States and around the world. As part of the Anglican Communion, our ministry stretches over the face of the earth. Our worship, found in the Book of Common Prayer, was established in the middle of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, modified to accommodate contemporary tastes and times.

We invite families with young children to sit close to the Communion Table that you see and hear clearly. A play space for young children is provided on the east side of the church towards the rear. All children are absolutely welcome in worship as their wonder and curiosity inspires us all.

Rubrics, the *italicized* words of the bulletin give guidance for worship—when to sit, stand or kneel. At St. Matthew's, we also embrace silence at various times, occasions when we speak to and listen for God.

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## + THE WORD OF GOD +

### **Prelude**

*Prelude*

by Johann Krebs

*The hymns can be found in the blue hymnals. Please stand as you are able.*

### **Processional Hymn 523**

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Glorious things of thee are spoken*

### **A Penitential Order: Rite Two**

*Celebrant*

Blessed be the God of our salvation.

*People*

**Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

*The Celebrant says*

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Celebrant 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 says*

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

*The congregation continues to kneel through the Collect.*

# Trisagion S102

*sung by all*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score consists of two systems of vocal staves. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,'. The second system contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines.

## The Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

## The First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*Lector* Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

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

# Psalm 95

*sung by all*

## Antiphon



Hard - en not your hearts, as your fore - bears did in the wil - der - ness.



- 1 *Come, let us sing to the LÓRD; \**  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our / salvátion.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout / to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a gréat God, \*  
and a great King a/bove áll gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the éarth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are / his álso.
- 5 The sea is his, for he máde it, \*  
and his hands have molded / the drý land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bénd the knee, \*  
and kneel before the LORD / our Máker.
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hánd. \*  
Oh, that today you would hear/ken tó his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wílderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when / they témped me.
- 9 They put me to the tést, \*  
though they / had séen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and sáid, \*  
“This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do / not knów my ways.”
- 11 So I swore in my wráth, \*  
“They shall not enter / into my rest.” [Ant.]

## The Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*Lector* Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Sequence Hymn 658

MARTYRDOM

*As longs the deer for cooling streams*

## The Gospel

John 4:5-42

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the

Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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

## **The Nicene Creed**

*The Celebrant and People say together*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

# The Prayers of the People

# Form I

*The People respond with the words in bold.*

*Intercessor* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

*Intercessor* For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For our Bishops, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; the clergy of St. Matthew's and for the search and call of the next rector of St. Matthew's; for St. Martin's, Hartford; St. Monica's, Hartford; Trinity, Hartford and for the Haitian ministry in Connecticut, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For Donald our President, and Ned our Governor, and for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For this town of Wilton, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Kathy, Shelly, Patty, Ty, CaroleAnn, Joan, Ann, Winter, Susan, Kristen, Vinny, Antonio, Aaron, Liz, Scott, Vanessa and Melinda., let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, especially those in harm's way in the Middle East, in the Horn of Africa and Gaza, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* In the communion of Matthew and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*People* **To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Silence.*

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

*The People may add their own intercessions either silently or aloud.*

*Celebrant* Concluding Collect

*Please stand as you are able.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

## + THE HOLY COMMUNION +

*After the Celebrant says an Offertory sentence, the congregation may be seated.*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## Offertory Anthem

arr. by Mosews Hogan

*Steal Away*

*Whether you've joined us today from near or far, in person or online, we invite you to make a gift of thanksgiving to support God's work St. Matthew's. Visit [www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering](http://www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering). Designate it as a gift or as part of your pledge.*



*Please stand as you are able.*

## Hymn at the Presentation

TAIZÉ

*I am sure I shall see the goodness of the Lord, Taizé*



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I am sure I shall see the good-ness of the Lord in the land of the  
Li-ving. Yes, I shall see the good-ness of our God, hold firm, trust in the Lord.

# The Great Thanksgiving

*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 proceeds*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as shout with joy:

## Sanctus – Wonder Love and Praise 858

*Sung by all*

5 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might,\_\_\_\_

9 heaven and earth\_\_\_\_are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in\_\_\_\_the high - est.

13 Bless - ed is\_\_\_\_the one who comes in the name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_Ho -

san - na in - the high - est.\_\_\_\_Ho - san - na in\_\_\_\_the high - est.

*The People remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Celebrant and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Celebrant continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Matthew, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Celebrant and People*

**Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

# The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem

*Sung by all*

TAIZÉ

### *Lamb of God, Taizé*



Lamb of God, who takes a - way\_ the sins of the world. Have mer-cy\_ on us.

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Lamb of God, who takes a - way\_ the sins of the world. Have mer-cy\_ on us.

9  
Lamb of God who takes a - way\_ the sins of the world. Grant\_ us peace.

*Celebrant*      The gifts of God for the People of God.

*We receive communion at the altar rails of St. Matthen's. Please follow the ushers guiding you forward down the center aisle to the communion rails, filling in from the outside wall. You may stand or kneel to receive. Gluten-free bread is available. Those desiring gluten-free shall present their hands, palms down. The chalices contain consecrated wine. With guidance from the chalice bearer, those who choose, drink from the common cup. The same cup offered to those choosing to intinct--dipping the bread oneself lightly in the wine and consuming.*

*Please kneel or sit to sing.*

## Communion Hymn 676

BALM IN GILEAD

*Sometimes I feel discouraged*

## Communion Hymn 699

ABERYSTWYTH

*Jesus, Lover of my soul*

## **The Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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 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.**

## **Parish Announcements**

### **Blessing**

*The Celebrant blesses the people saying*

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn 685**

TOPLADY

*Rock of ages, cleft for me*

*After the Celebrant offers the dismissal, the People respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

*Fugue*

by Johann Krebs

## **Worship Leaders**

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. John Branson
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Dr. Tommy Watson
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Anne Newton, Sharon Pearson
<i>Lectors</i>	Jean Campbell, Adair Garis
<i>Intercessor</i>	Paul Reis
<i>Music Director</i>	Irina Georgieva
<i>Choir</i>	St. Matthew's Church Choir
<i>Coffee Host</i>	Rob & Melissa Kyle
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sharon McKenna, Kim Olson
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Keith DeAngelis, Joy Ruterma

## **Prayer Requests**

*Specific prayer requests will be kept on the prayer list for six weeks. Please call or email the office if you have additions or deletions to the prayer list.* You are encouraged to offer your own prayers silently or aloud as indicated in the Prayers of the People. Today and throughout the week, we remember all those who have been commended to our prayers. For those who are sick or in need: Susan, Kathy, Ty, CaroleAnn, Joan, Aaron, Liz, Ann, Winter, Shelly, Patty, Kristen, Vinny, Antonio, Scott, Vanessa and Melinda. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau.



Our liturgy this morning is found in Enriching Our Worship,  
one of the alternative liturgies provided by the  
Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music of the Episcopal Church.

## Lenten Healing Liturgies

One of the traditions of St. Matthew's is the honoring of Lent through programs highlighting the traditional Lenten call for prayer and adoption of various spiritual disciplines including reading and meditating on scripture.

This Lent, St. Matthew's will offer a Wednesday evening, *simple supper* and a *healing liturgy*. Sparked by the Social Justice Group, this series of Lenten offerings will emphasize *healing*, including anointing and the laying-on-of-hands. As the Gospel of Luke recounts, *all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to Jesus; and Jesus laid his hands on each of them and cured them.* (Lk. 4:40)

The **Laying on of Hands and Anointing** (BCP, p. 455) is one of the practices and traditions of the Episcopal Church. This Lent, we shall recall the power of Jesus to heal the sick and restore wholeness to individuals as well as communities. These Lenten liturgies remind us how we as members of St. Matthew's, our families, communities, and nation are in need of healing, reconciliation and amendment of life. All members of St. Matthew's are encouraged to participate.

Dinner, consisting of a simple meal of soup, salad and bread, begins at 6pm. At 7pm, we gather in church for our healing liturgy. Simple music, easily sung by all is provided by Irina Georgieva, our excellent director of music ministries. Reflections will be provided by members of St. Matthew's. **Wednesday evenings in Lent, March 11, 18 and 25.**

If interested in providing assistance in the liturgy or dinner, please contact Eleanor Arnold, [eleanorarnold6@gmail.com](mailto:eleanorarnold6@gmail.com), or Bob Giolitto, [bgiolitto@aol.com](mailto:bgiolitto@aol.com).



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# St. Patrick's Day Party

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AND FUNDRAISING



Join us for a festive evening **where faith, fellowship, and a little Irish luck come together.**

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with good friends, a delicious dinner, and a lively small auction filled with treasures you won't want to miss.

Enjoy:

-  A hearty Irish-inspired meal
-  Cheerful company and community spirit
-  A bit of friendly bidding for a great cause

Come share laughter, lift your paddle, and celebrate the blessings that bring us together.

*May your glass be full, your heart be light, and your evening be touched with a wee bit of Irish delight!*

For tickets and donations: <https://StPatricks2026.auctria.events>



## OPEN DOORS Urgent Plea from Open Doors Shelter

As the winter weather continues to be incredibly cold this season, we're very much in need of men's coats in all sizes (Small through XXL and above). Every men's coat that comes into our community closet goes right back out to someone who needs it almost immediately. We are really struggling to keep the rack stocked for everyone who's still in need, especially knowing that this cold weather is going to stick around for a while longer. If you would be able to help keep our neighbors warm this winter with a donation of men's coats, we would truly appreciate it. Our community and volunteer manager, Laura Lopez, is the best contact person to coordinate a drop off time at [llopez@opendoorsct.org](mailto:llopez@opendoorsct.org) or 203-515-8091. Or leave in the Donation Station box outside or the bin in the narthex.

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As we enter Lent, Spirited Sisters will come together as a group to support each other in our spiritual journey over these 40 days. Here are some ways that you can connect:

- **Join our Spirited Sisters Group Chat**-we will connect, inspire, and pray for each other. Send your cell number to [staceysavas70@gmail.com](mailto:staceysavas70@gmail.com) if you would like to be a part of the Chat.
- **Download the app *Venite***. This app was developed by the Episcopal church to facilitate prayer and meditation
- **Attend the Healing Service** and dinner on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Dinner is from 6-7:00. Service follows 7-7:30.
- **Add yourself to our email distribution** – send your email to Stacey.



## Weekly Calendar – March 8 - March 15

### **Sunday, March 8**

10:00am

10:00am

11:15am

11:30am

11:30am

### **The Third Sunday in Lent**

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2

Church School

Coffee Hour

Confirmation Class

Social Justice Group meeting

### **Monday, March 9**

7:00-9:30pm

Education for Ministry

### **Tuesday, March 10**

11:00am

Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, March 11**

6:00pm

Lenten Healing Supper & Liturgy

### **Thursday, March 12**

7:30-9:00pm

St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

### **Saturday, March 14**

6:00pm

St. Patrick's Day Party/Dinner

### **Sunday, March 15**

10:00am

10:00am

11:15am

### **The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2

Church School

Coffee Hour

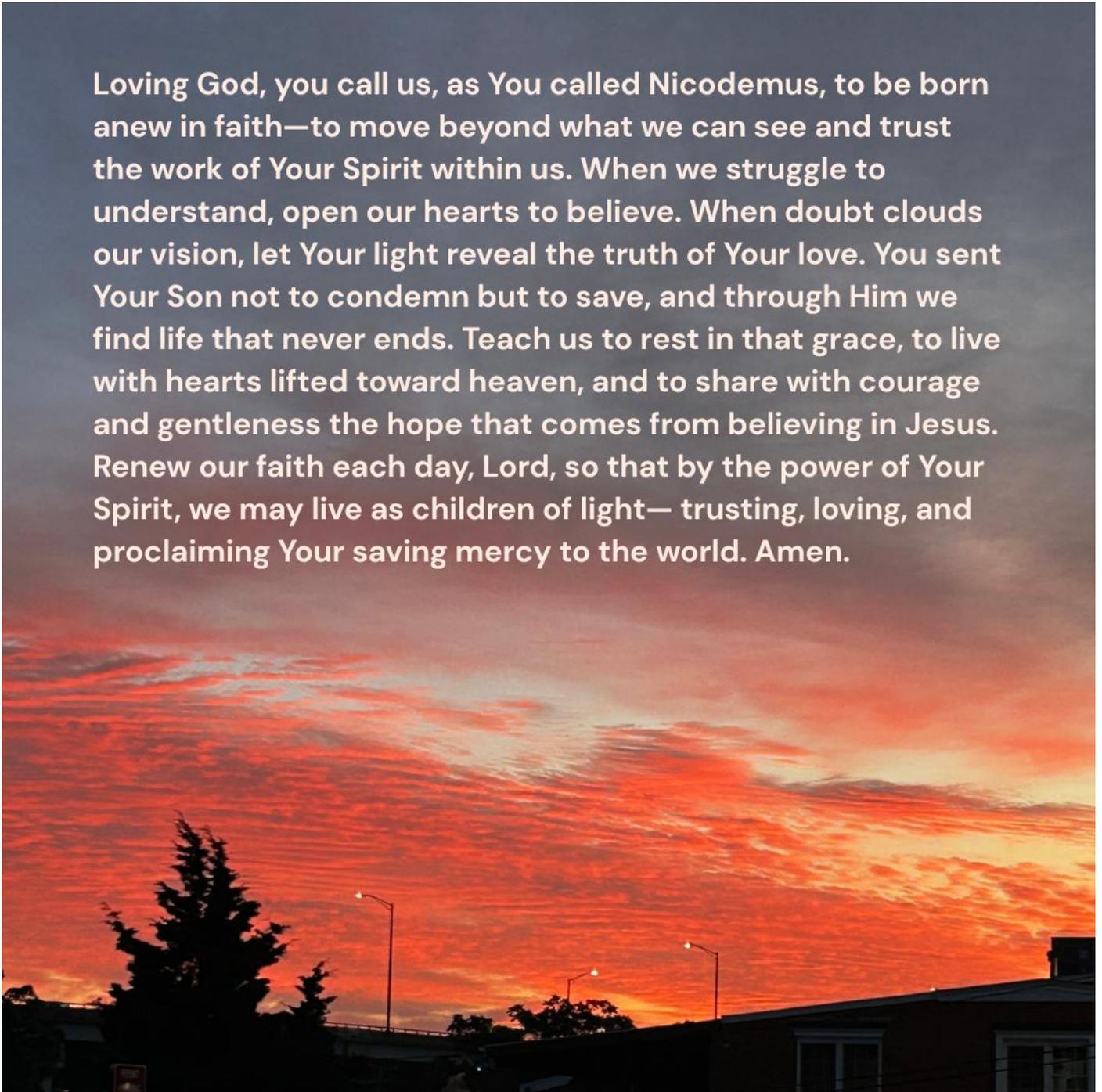
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## **Save the Dates for Pub Theology**

- Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at Red Rooster
- Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6pm at Marley's
- Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at Cactus Rose

## This Week's Prayer from our Social Justice Group

Loving God, you call us, as You called Nicodemus, to be born anew in faith—to move beyond what we can see and trust the work of Your Spirit within us. When we struggle to understand, open our hearts to believe. When doubt clouds our vision, let Your light reveal the truth of Your love. You sent Your Son not to condemn but to save, and through Him we find life that never ends. Teach us to rest in that grace, to live with hearts lifted toward heaven, and to share with courage and gentleness the hope that comes from believing in Jesus. Renew our faith each day, Lord, so that by the power of Your Spirit, we may live as children of light— trusting, loving, and proclaiming Your saving mercy to the world. Amen.



# Holy Week



Palm Sunday 10am

Maundy Thursday 7:30pm

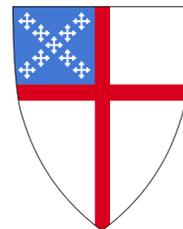
Good Friday 12pm & 7:30pm

Easter 10am



## Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am



*Please keep an eye on our website and social media as well as our e-news. You will find information to connect with friends and members of all ages.*

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