



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Maundy Thursday
Contemplative Service with Taizé Music
April 6, 2023
7:00 pm

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

The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. If you're joining us from home, please stand, kneel, sing, and pray with us as you're able. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

Children are most welcome and are encouraged to participate in worship.

To the parents of children: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Sit toward the front so your little ones can see and hear. Go ahead and quietly answer their questions. If you don't know the answer, the priest would love to talk to your little one. When you sing the hymns and join in the prayers, you teach little hearts how to be faithful; you are their best model. If you need to leave the service, that's okay. Don't be shy about coming back. It was Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me."

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Matt's.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

On this day the ministers enter in silence.

Entrance Song

Taizé

"In the Lord I'll be ever thankful"

1. Choir — 2. All — 3. Choir — 4. All

In the Lord I'll be e-ver thank-ful; in the Lord I will re-joice!
Look to God; do not be a-fraid. Lift up your voic-es; the Lord is
near. Lift up your voic-es; the Lord is near.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Tonight we begin the Great Three Days of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection, the journey from the supper table to the cross, from the cross to Easter dawn. We are followers in his way, exploring his truth, encountering his life.

This is the night when Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would betray him.

This is the night when Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night when Christ our Lord gave us this holy feast, that as we break the bread and drink the cup we may here proclaim his holy sacrifice, and come at the last to his table in heaven.

This is the night when Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, showing us how to honor and serve one another in love.

This is the night for watching and prayer.

We give ourselves freely to the demands of these great days, confident that those who die in Christ will surely live with him.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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.**

Kyrie eleison

Taizé



CHOIR: 1. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
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CHOIR: 3. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.
ALL: 4. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am

the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

sung by the Choir

Antiphon: I will lift up the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

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.

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.

Antiphon: I will lift up the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

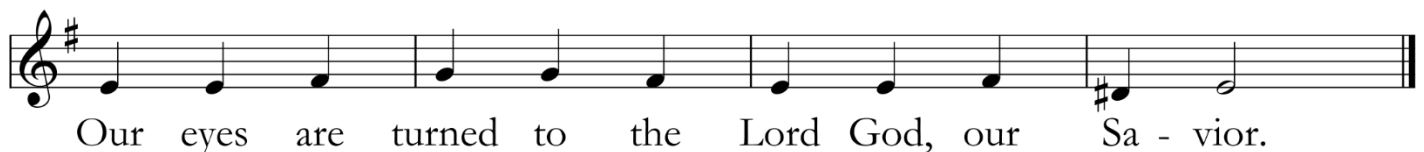
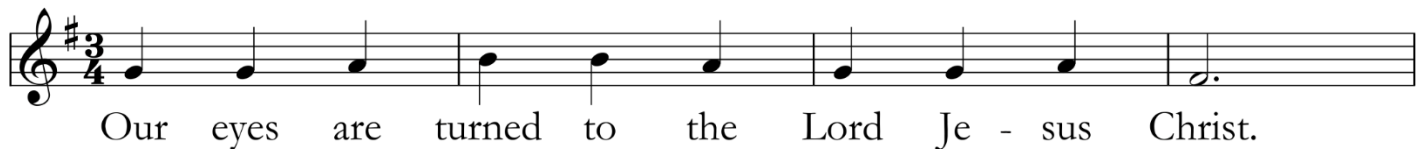
All Stand

Gospel Meditation

Taizé

“Our eyes are turned to the Lord Jesus Christ”

1. Choir — 2. All — 3. Choir — 4. All



The Holy Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You

will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

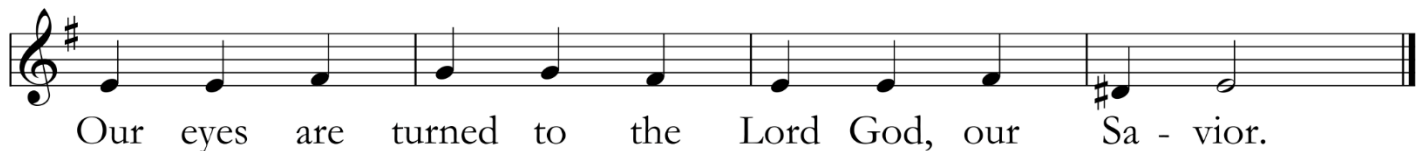
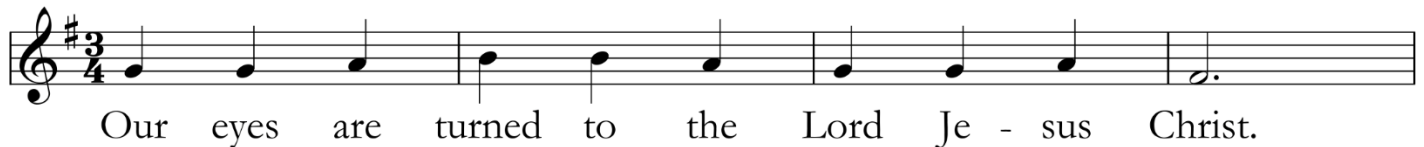
The Gospel Meditation is sung again.

Gospel Meditation

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The Reflection

The Rev. Dr. Linda Spiers

The Confession of Faith

Celebrant and People say together

**O Lord, I believe and confess
that You are truly Christ, the Son of the living God,
who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first.**

**Accept me today as a partaker
of your Mystical Supper, O Son of God:
for I will not reveal Your Mystery to Your enemies,
nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas,
but like the thief I confess to You:**

**Remember me, O Lord,
when You shall come into Your kingdom.
Remember me, O Master,
when You shall come into Your kingdom.**

The Prayers

*The People respond with the words in **bold**.*

Intercessor

Loving, listening God, ever-attentive to the voices of those in need,
we call on your name so that we might live. Now hear our prayer:
For the church that bears Christ's name, that the world may know we are his
disciples by the love that we have for one another.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For leaders of nations and all persons in positions of authority,
that their lives may be marked by Christ-like service and love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are oppressed and living in captivity, that they may escape from
evil and death to find the land of freedom you have promised.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are hungry and thirsty this day and for those who have too much, that we all may learn to share your generous gifts, O God.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are dealing with loss or facing death,
that the presence of Christ may bless and keep them.

The People add their own intercessions either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Answer us in the day of trouble, O God, so that we may lift up the cup of salvation in the presence of your people, giving thanks for all your goodness to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Song of Prayer

Taizé

“Jesus, remember me”

1. Choir — 2. All — 3. Choir — 4. All

Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your king- dom.

Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your king- dom.

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord is here.

People **God's Spirit is with us.**

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 offer thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

Honor and worship are indeed your due, our Lord and our God, through Jesus Christ, for you created all things; by your will they were created, and for your glory they have their being.

We were bound in sin, but in your compassion you redeemed us, reconciling us to yourself with the precious blood of Christ. Therefore with people of every nation, tribe, and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks and say:

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

The People remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues

All glory and honor to you, God of grace, for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ once for all on the cross to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

The night before he died, he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you for this is my blood of the new covenant

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

The Celebrant continues

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom.

O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God; how unsearchable are your judgments and untraceable your ways.

From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever. AMEN.

Silence may be kept.

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.

The following is said

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant Holy Food for Holy People.

Communion Song

Taizé

“Eat this bread, drink this cup”

1. Choir — 2. All — 3. Choir — 4. All



All are welcome to come forward, as directed by ushers, to receive communion or a blessing. The Ushers will help you move toward the center in single file, socially distanced, lines. When you reach the center of the space, please open your hands and lay them flat to receive the bread or cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

Let the Priest know if you need a gluten free wafer by first extending your palms down.

If you would like to have communion brought to your pew, please let an usher know.

If you are joining from home or have not received communion, you may offer this prayer to the Lord.

The Act of Reception

Saint Augustine's Prayer Book (2nd ed)

The Celebrant and the People say together

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant and People say together

**We give thanks to You, O Master, Lover of all people,
benefactor of our souls,
that this day You have made us worthy
of Your heavenly and immortal Mysteries.**

**Make straight our path,
confirm us in our fear of You,
guard our life, make firm our steps,
through the prayers and intercession
of the glorious Mother of God the Virgin Mary,
and of all Your Saints.**

**For You are our sanctification, and to You we send up glory,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people saying

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit guard you this night and forevermore. **Amen.**

Song of Blessing

Taizé

“In God alone my soul can find rest and peace”

1. Choir — 2. All — 3. Choir — 4. All



In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.



On-ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

At this time, a great silence descends on the congregation. Other than those participating in the singing of the psalm, no other voices are heard. That silence is maintained in the church until the Noon service on Good Friday.

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22

sung by the Choir

Antiphon: They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

- ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
- ² O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- ³ Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- ⁴ Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- ⁵ They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- ⁶ But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- ⁷ All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- ⁸ "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- ⁹ Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- ¹⁰ I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- ¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
- ¹² Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- ¹³ They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- ¹⁴ I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

- ¹⁵ My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- ¹⁶ Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.
- ¹⁷ They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.
- ¹⁸ Be not far away, O LORD; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- ¹⁹ Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.
- ²⁰ Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- ²¹ I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- ²² Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- ²³ For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- ²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- ²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- ²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

- ²⁷ For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- ²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- ²⁹ My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- ³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Antiphon: They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

The People may remain in the church for a time of silent prayer.

They may also visit the Altar of Repose and stop to pray.

The People leave in silence.

The Watch begins.



A special note about tonight's service:
Some of the pieces of our worship come from the early church.
The Eucharistic Prayer is from the New Zealand prayer book.

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The Rev. Dr. Linda Spiers

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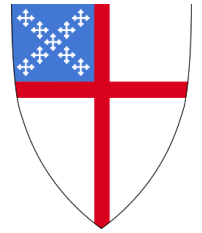
Andrew Leslie Cooper

Choir

St. Matthew's Church Choir

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. There you'll find information and opportunities to connect for friends and members of all ages.

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