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ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

WITH HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE CHURCH



*St. Matthew's is a safe and caring community
where acceptance and our journey of faith bring us together.
We welcome all and our commitment to others inspires us to reach out,
take action, and make a difference.*

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church sits on the traditional homelands of the people of the Council of Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa nations. This land was also a place of travel and trade to many other tribes, including the Menominee, Ho-Chunk, and Miami tribes. These Native Peoples were forced off their lands with the Second Treaty of Prairie du Chien in 1829. After a series of land transfers, St. Matthew's acquired its current site within this territory in 1906. Today, Cook County is home to tens of thousands of Native Americans from many tribes. We acknowledge and respect our Indigenous neighbors, as we strive to be good stewards of this Native land.

COVID GUIDELINES

In unity and care for and with each other, we will abide by all city and state guidelines when gathering.

Currently, this includes:

- Everyone wearing masks whenever inside church property,
- Masks and hand sanitizer are available in the rear of the church,
- N95 masks – medical grade – provided are required for indoor congregational singing,
- Maintaining appropriate physical distance between households, sitting where designated,
- Following communion guidelines as given,
- Remembering that restrooms are single occupancy only.

Thank you for recognizing our need to protect each other during this difficult time.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW'S

December 8	7:30am	Lectio Divina with Charlie
December 9	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
December 10	5:30pm	Play Reading Buy-in Party with Allyn Rawling (Parish Hall)
December 12	8/10:30am	The Third Sunday of Advent
	8:15am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
December 14	7:30pm	Stitchers Meeting (Assembly Room)
	7:30pm	Finance Team meets
December 15	7:30am	Lectio Divina with Charlie
December 16	7:00pm	Book Group Discussion <i>Becoming a Welcoming Church</i> (Zoom)
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
December 19	8/10:30am	The Fourth Sunday of Advent
	8:15am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
December 20	7:00pm	Vestry
December 22	7:30am	Lectio Divina with Charlie
December 24	4:00pm	Christmas Eve Family Service – A “Brown Bag” Christmas Pageant
	10:00pm	Christmas Eve Music: <i>The Christ Child</i> by C. B. Hawley (Choir and Soloists)
	11:00pm	Christmas Eve Eucharist
December 25	9:00am	Christmas Day Service
December 26	10:30am	First Sunday after Christmas: Carol Sing & Holy Eucharist (Single Service)
January 7		Annual Reports Deadline
January 30	11:30am	Annual Meeting

A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

We are deeply honored to welcome these community leaders serving as lectors today:

Daniel Biss, Mayor of Evanston • **Susan Murphy**, Executive Director, Interfaith Action of Evanston
Eleanor Revelle, Seventh Ward Alderman • **Susan Trieschmann**, Executive Director, Curt's Cafe

THE PRELUDE

Watchman, tell us of the night
Tim Patenode, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

The congregation stands, as able, as a handbell is rung.

THE MATIN RESPONSORY

I look from afar

G.P. da Palestrina

Megan Cook, soprano; Alannah Spencer, mezze-soprano
Jonathan Weyant, tenor; Terry Bucher, bass

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
High and lo, near and far, one with another, go ye out to meet him and say:
Hear O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, Tell us...
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Presider People of God: be glad!
Your God delights in you,
giving you joy for sadness
and turning the dark to light.
Be strong in hope therefore;
for your God comes to save.
You are God's children.

People **Lord, make us one in the love of Christ today and for ever. Amen.**

Two candles on the Advent Wreath are lit.

Creator God,
you call us to repent of our sins:
soften our proud and stubborn hearts.
Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider Lord Jesus,
you declared the forgiveness of God:
teach us to forgive one another.
Christ, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider Holy Spirit,
you search our hearts and show us the truth:
direct us in your way of righteousness.
Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

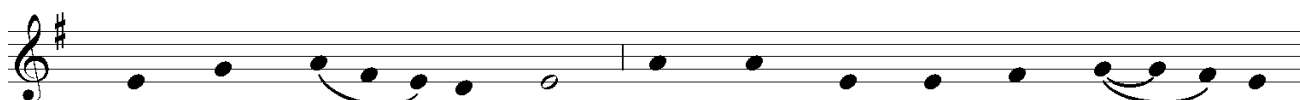
The people standing, as able, sing the verses indicated.

THE OPENING HYMN 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel
vs. 1-3, 6-8

Veni, veni, Emmanuel



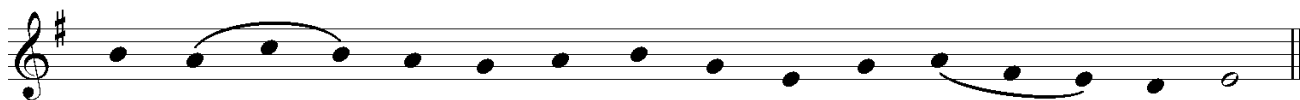
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Presider Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Child of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose in the glorious redemption brought to us by God's holy Child Jesus and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church.

And because God particularly loves them, let us remember in God's name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children.

Finally, let us remember before God that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

People **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:1-15

Reader: Donald Churchill

Adam and Eve rebel against God

AN ADVENT CAROL

Adam lay ybounden

Frank Boles

Adam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple, An apple that he took
As clerkes finden written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been
Ne had ne'er our lady abeen heavene Queen.

Blessed be the time the apple taken was
Therefore we moun singen Deo gracias

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

Reader: Eleanor Revelle

The prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile

The people stand, as able, and sing

THE HYMN 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalms 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

The people sit.

THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-15

Reader: Susan Trieschmann

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God With Us"

AN ADVENT CAROL

A spotless rose

Herbert Howells

Jeremiah Strickler, baritone

A spotless rose is blowing, sprung from a tender root, of ancient seers' foreshowing, of Jesse promis'd fruit; its fairest bud unfolds to light amid the cold, cold winter, and in the dark midnight. The rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said, is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid; for through our God's great love and might the blessed Babe she bare us in a cold, cold winter's night.

THE FOURTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

Reader: Daniel Biss

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

AN ADVENT CAROL

Gabriel's Message

Paul Nicholson

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame
"All hail", said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady. Gloria!
For known a blessed mother thou shalt be all generations laud and honor thee,
thy son shall be Emmanuel by seers foretold, most highly favored lady Gloria!
Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head," To me, be as it pleaseth God," she said
"my soul shall laud and magnify his holy name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!
Of her Emmanuel, the Christ was born in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn, Gloria!
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say, "Most highly favored lady."

THE FIFTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-23

Reader: Susan Murphy

St. Matthew tells of the coming birth of the Savior

The people stand, as able, and sing

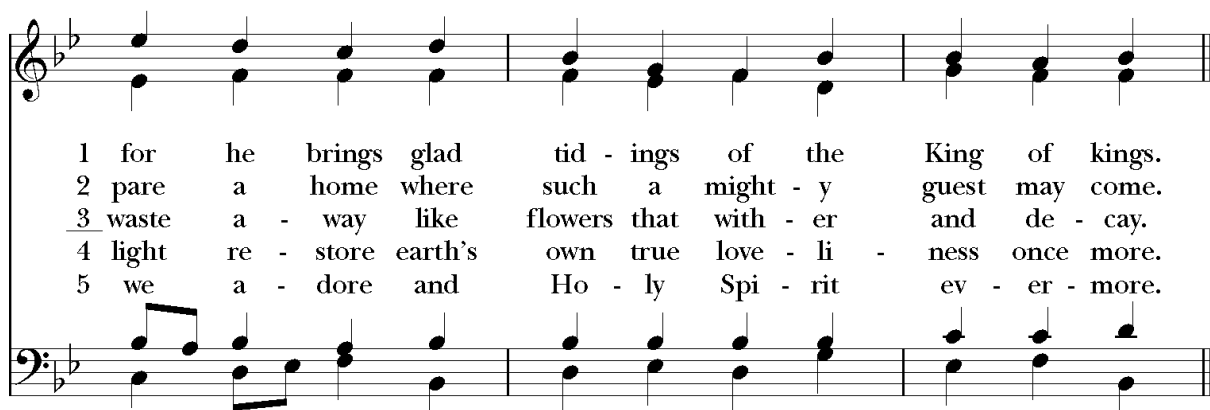
THE HYMN 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther



The people sit.

THE SIXTH LESSON

Mark 1:1-15

Reader: Terri Morrissey

Jesus is baptized by John and proclaims the coming of the kingdom of God

AN ADVENT CAROL

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you, and grace from him who freed us from our sin,
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
who was and is and is to come, sing holy Lord!

Rejoice in heaven all ye that dwell therein,
rejoice on earth ye saints below,

For Christ is coming soon.

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
they need no light, nor lamp, nor sun, for Christ will be their All.

The people stand as able to pray.

A PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

Presider O God, you made us in your own image
and redeemed us through Jesus your Son:
Look with compassion on the whole human family;
take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts;
break down the walls that separate us;
unite us in bonds of love;
and work through our struggle and confusion
to accomplish your purposes on earth;
that, in your good time,
all nations and races may serve you
in harmony around your heavenly throne;
through Jesus Christ,
our Savior.

All Amen.

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Presider Let us pray together

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *We wait for thy loving kindness*

William McKie

Karlos Piñero-Mercado, tenor

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God, In the midst of thy Temple. Alleluia.

O God, according to thy name, so is thy praise unto the world's end.

Thy right hand is full of righteousness. Alleluia. O Lord send us now prosperity. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

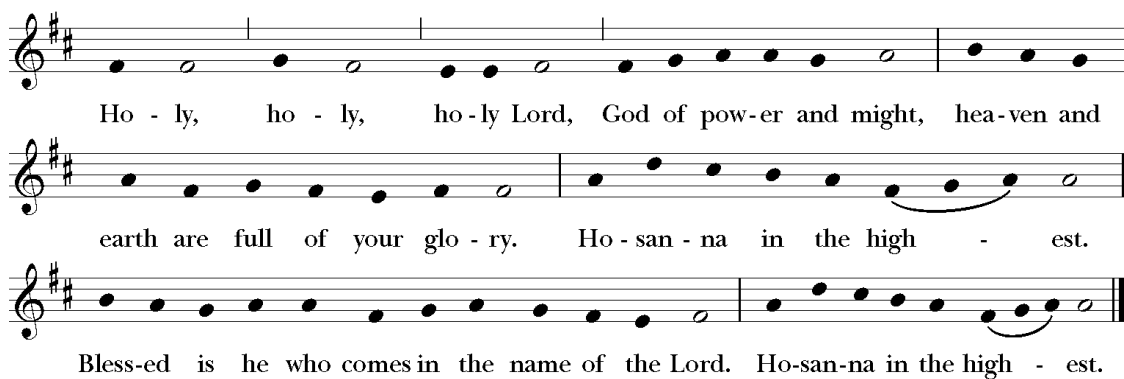
We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Jesus of everlasting life; that when Jesus shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:



The people stand or kneel as able.

Presider Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Child, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and after giving thanks to you, Jesus broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and after giving thanks, Jesus gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Matthew and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through our Savior Jesus Christ: 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 forever.

All **AMEN.**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All **Our Father in heaven,**
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The people join in singing the Fraction Anthem.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.
 Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith,
 you are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and wine made holy.

Communion is distributed.

Please follow the instruction for receiving communion, which are subject to change as conditions change.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

There is no rose

Mark Sedio

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu,
Alleluia.

By that rose we may well see
That he is God in persons three,
Pari forma.

Leave we all this worldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth,
Transeamus.

For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space,
Res miranda.

The angels sungen the shepherds to:
Gloria in excelsis deo:
Gaudeamus.

Alleluia, res miranda,
Pares forma, gaudeamus,
Transeamus.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Creator,
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 Christ's 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 ADVENT BLESSING

Presider May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you
and scatter the darkness from before your path;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Creator, the Savior, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
rious: her star we is risen, her light grows bright.
tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

LEADING OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Preacher/Presider: The Rev. Charles A. de Kay*Deacon:* The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey*Organist:* James Janssen*Choir Director:* Mark Crayton*Usher:* Jennie Woodring*Acolytes:* Ghost de Kay, Christina Padilla*Readers:* Donald Churchill, Eleanor Revelle,

Susan Trieschmann, Daniel Biss, Susan Murphy,

Terri Morrissey

Livestream Technician: Diane Senechal*Green Team:* Deborah Williams*Altar Guild:* Roberta Buchanan, Deborah Williams,

Kate Lauderbaugh, Melissa Warden

*The Choir:*Soprano

Monique Austin

Charlotte Bishop

Ginger Carr

Megan Cook*

Alice Dolan

Tamara Fusselman

Alannah Spencer*

Alto

Scott Bass*

Nancy Churchill

Allyn Rawling

Amy Shuldiner**

Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*

**Choir Librarian and Assistant

Tenor

Jerry Fusselman

Francis Lynch

Karlos Piñero-Mercado*

Jonathan Weyant*

Bass

Nikolas Arden

Terry Bucher*

Steve Carr

Jeremiah Strickler*

*Section Leader

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**Olive Oil from Palestine**

Bottles of olive oil from Palestine are available for purchase year round. Palestinian olive oil is among the very best in the world. Ours is produced by a fair-trade cooperative in Palestine, shipped here by a Canadian not-for-profit organization, and sold at cost to support farmers and families who are under increasing political and economic pressure. Your purchase will further the cause of justice and peace in the Holy Land.

The large, 750-mL bottles cost \$22, and the smaller 500-mL bottles of organic oil are \$16. This oil makes a great holiday gift and may become a staple in your own kitchen. To buy, contact Deborah Williams (dsw60201@gmail.com, text 847-869-6279).

Observing a Holy & Healthy Advent

A time for preparation and focus on the coming Christ Child in the Manger. Living Compass once again provides us with daily devotions, a means of setting aside time each day to walk through Advent with patience in all parts of our lives. Books will be available in the church office or in the back of church. You can also get these daily devotions online:

- Enroll for free to receive each day's reading via a daily email.
- Join our private Facebook discussion group moderated by Robbin Brent, Carolyn Karl, Jan Kwiatkowski, and Scott Stoner.
- Download our Advent devotional as a FREE PDF file in English and Spanish.
- Purchase our Advent devotional as an e-book from Amazon.

www.livingcompass.org/Advent



**ANNUAL
REPORT**

Annual reports + to Julie + end of day + January 7.

The annual meeting is January 30!



Stitching Together!

All are welcome to join the Stitchers Group as we convene in person for the first time in many months. We will meet **Tuesday, December 14 at 7:30pm** in St. Matthew's Assembly Room, following current church safety protocols. We look forward to sharing our current projects and good conversation.

NOT YOUR PARENT'S ALTAR GUILD!

As with most things during COVID, the Altar Guild has changed as we have adapted to a new world. Silver chalices have been replaced with compostable cups, and the cloths from communion are mostly washable now. But we still want to set a special table and provide a liturgically meaningful and aesthetically pleasing Sunday experience.

We welcome *all* ~ not just women ~ to this ministry. If you want to help "behind the scenes," this can be a perfect way to support St. Matthews and find community.

Contact Kate Lauderbaugh (klauderbaugh@gmail.com) and try out Altar Guild, with no obligation, to see if it's a good ministry for you.

RACISM EDUCATION

Why can't we *do* something about racism? Many of us want to rush out and change the broken racial structures in our country. We are horrified by how people of color are treated, and we feel an urgency to fix it. Before we can act, though, we need to understand how we got to this point. We can't solve a problem we don't truly understand. Some important first steps are to explore and understand:

1. How we got to this point as a country (**our history**)
2. How we as white people have benefited at the expense of people of color (**our privilege**)
3. How we have unconsciously absorbed a system that sees white people as superior and people of color as inferior (**white supremacy**)

Thank you to Charlie for the reminder about these steps, that they are important and necessary work for becoming a welcoming community.

ST. MATTHEW'S BOOK GROUP

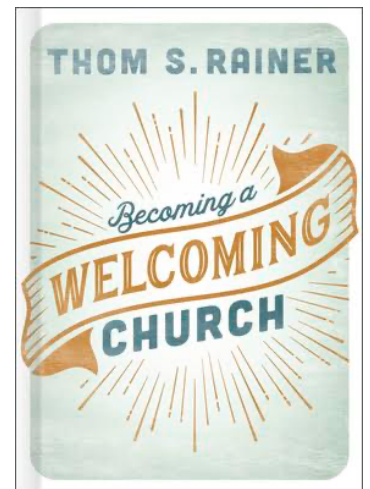
Thursday, December 16th,
from 7pm to 8:30pm.

St. Matthew's has discerned a focused call to be **Welcoming Our Neighbors Near and Far**. In other words, we will be "joyfully doing God's work in the world" through welcoming and hospitality.

To get us started, Charlie is inviting everyone to read Thom S. Rainer's *Becoming a Welcoming Church*. It's a little book – a quick read – yet crammed with ideas and strategies and do-it-yourself audits.

The book is available from all the usual outlets, including used copies at thriftbooks.com (under \$5). A few copies are available in the St. Matthew's library on the first floor.

We will gather on Zoom to discuss the book on A Zoom link will be published in early December.



Refugee One can still use 2022 Calendars!

They are hitting your mailboxes about now. Hang on and bring them to church (drop off in back of church or outside the office) or contact Ann Searles to arrange pick up searlesil@yahoo.com.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are encouraged to include these names in your daily prayers.
During Sunday worship, you are encouraged to offer silently or aloud your prayers to God.
If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, email julie@stmatthewsevanston.org.
Names are listed for 4-weeks. Please email Julie to arrange extended prayers.
The Prayer List is prayed for by the Prayer Group and daily by the Rector.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for The Anglican Church of Burundi.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for the Organizations of Episcopal Charities & Community Services, specifically for Ravenswood Community Center, Shelter Care Ministries, Holy Family School, St. Leonard's Ministries, St. Mary's Services, Youth Guidance, and Waukegan to College.

For our Companion Dioceses: We pray for the organizations of the Dioceses of Southeast Mexico and of Renk, the Republic of South Sudan.

For St. Matthew's congregation as we embrace our new mission to be welcoming all in community and joyfully doing God's work in the world.

We pray for our community: For the safety of all and especially for those who were injured during the shooting in Evanston earlier this week. We pray with all who mourn.

We give thanks and pray for those celebrating birthdays in the month of December: David Senechal, May Sichandra, Tilly Vogel, Kristin Jacobsen, Finley Paul, Grace Viner, Jane Durfee, Jack McCarthy, George Darrell, John Lloyd-Still, David Frederickson, Anne Branning, Oliver Arima.

We give thanks and pray for those celebrating anniversaries in the month of December: Judy Royal & Tim Patenode, Connie & Dudley Conley, Corky & Bill Siegfriedt, Kate & Gregg Lauderbaugh, Diane & David Senechal.

We pray for equal opportunity and equal treatment under the law for all people; that we may be agents of God's kingdom, dismantling systems of injustice wherever and whenever we can, and for the will to enact common sense gun control laws.

We pray for those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf: Jeremy Garrett, Aaron Grant, Thomas Greenwich, Lee Henderson, Tyler Howland, Peter Marks, Ian McGuffin, Jeremy and Molly Robinson, Joseph Sanford, Daniel Seckinger, Emma Seckinger, Dan Teska, members of our city's fire and police departments, and for their families.

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit or who have asked for our prayers: Terry Ling, Clemence, Jane Durfee, Nancy Ferguson, Maurine Bohne, Sid Simpson, Jessica Mueller, Betty Stafford, Roy Gobin, Mark Austin, Steve Cropper, Maeve Shampine, Fame Brooks, Emily Dyer, Juli Magness, Mike Wagner, Cathy Fiala, the Rev. Canon Paula Clark, Maggie Walker, Corky Siegfriedt, Mark Jacobsen, and Tom Olsen.

We pray for all in need, including: those struggling with the Coronavirus, all victims of this pandemic, organ donors and those awaiting transplant, the lonely and isolated, our nation, especially those oppressed by our current systems, those protesting racial injustice, all elected officials seeking to lead communities in this challenging time, the unemployed and under-employed.

We pray for those suffering from warfare and acts of violence, natural disasters, and their aftermaths, especially in Evanston; in Waukesha, Wisconsin; and in Oxford Township, Michigan.

We pray for all who have died especially for Norman Recla, father of Julie Worden, who died Monday; for Carl Dennison III, the 17-year-old Evanston student shot and killed Sunday night; the four shot and killed at Oxford High School on Tuesday; the six killed at the Waukesha Christmas parade the week prior, and for all who mourn their passing.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

While the shape and format of our service is from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, St. Matthew's strives to offer worship that is relevant, inclusive, and hospitable: worship which is in keeping with our mission to be "welcoming all in community, joyfully doing God's work in the world."

Therefore, we draw upon a variety of authorized sources, adapting them as necessary.

In today's service, the Opening Acclamation, the greeting for the Collect of the Day, and the Great Thanksgiving come from *Enriching Our Worship I*. The Collect of the Day is taken from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* by Steven Shakespeare. Scripture readings are taken from the *New Revised Standard Version* of the Bible. The Blessing is adapted from the writings of Henri Frédéric Amiel.

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Deborah Williams, *Clerk of the Vestry* (2022)

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Delegates:

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Sandi McPhee
Mary Clark

Alternates:

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