August 9, 2020
Morning Prayer
10:30am via Zoom

Building Community in a Complicated World
Form the Faithful  •  Grow the Church  •  Change the World
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.
WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW’S
Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith, you are welcome here.
May you be strengthened for the journey by God’s presence in the scriptures, songs and prayers, and through the gathering of this holy community.

THE PRELUDE
My Faith Has Found a Resting Place
James Janssen, piano
Traditional Norwegian
arr. Howard Helvey

THE OPENING SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE
Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(Silence may be kept. Please mute your microphones.)

All 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.

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

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER
Officiant Lord open our lips.
All And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

All offer the Antiphon appointed for the day:

\[\text{The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:}\]

\[\text{Come let us adore him.}\]
(Please mute your microphones for the canticle.)

THE VENITE

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

4. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

5. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his
All repeat the Antiphon appointed for the day:

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45B

All join in the chant.
19 Until his prediction came to pass, *  
the word of the LORD tested him.
20 The king sent and released him; *  
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
21 He set him as a master over his household, *  
as a ruler over all his possessions,
22 To instruct his princes according to his will *  
and to teach his elders wisdom.
45 Hallelujah!  
Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit *  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (10:5-15).
Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Lector       Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All           Thanks be to God.
The Response: Hymn 558

Faith of our fathers! living still

1. Faith of our fathers! living still in spite of dungeon,
   fire and sword: O how our hearts beat high with joy,
   when-ever we hear that glorious word:
   holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

2. Faith of our fathers! faith and prayer shall win all nations
   unto thee; and through the truth that comes from God,
   mankind shall then indeed be free. Faith of our fathers,
   holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

3. Faith of our fathers! we will love both friend and foe in
   all our strife: and preach thee, too, as love knows how,
   by kindly deeds and virtuous life.

St. Catherine
A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (14:22-23).

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.
Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior. Refrain.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; Refrain

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world. Refrain

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Refrain
THE APOSTLES' CREED

(We confess our faith together. Please mute your microphones)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
    creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
    He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
    and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
    was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
    the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
    the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
    and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PEACE

Officiant    The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People       And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet each other in the name of the Lord.
THE PRAYERS

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

*(Please unmute your microphones.)*

*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 SUFFRAGES

*(We pray together responsively.)*

*Officiant*  Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
*All*       Govern and uphold them, now and always.

*Officiant*  Day by day we bless you;
*All*       We praise your name for ever.

*Officiant*  Lord, keep us from all sin today;
*All*       Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant*  Lord, show us your love and mercy;
*All*       For we put our trust in you.

*Officiant*  In you, Lord, is our hope;
*All*       And we shall never hope in vain.
THE COLLECTS

The Collect of the Day

Officiant

God of Compassion,
whose heart goes out
to the hungry and destitute;
who takes our lack
and transforms it into much:
give us the bread that satisfies,
the food without price,
that our lives may be freed
to share your overflowing love;
through Jesus Christ, the breaker of bread.

All

Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

Officiant

O God,
you make us glad
with the weekly remembrance
of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord:
Give us this day such blessing
through our worship of you,
that the week to come may be spent in your favor;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

A Prayer for Mission

Officiant

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people
is governed and sanctified:
Receive our supplications and prayers
which we offer before you
for all members of your holy Church,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may truly and devoutly serve you;
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All

Amen.
THE OFFICE HYMN

Precious Lord, take my hand

(Please mute your microphones for the singing of the hymn.)

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
   near, when my life is almost gone;
   near, and the day is past and gone;

2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
   hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I
   at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my

3. When the darkness appears and the night draws light, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.
   fall, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.
   hand, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.
INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

**Leader** In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for new Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda and their Bishop, the Most Reverend Laurent Mbanda. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for congregations in the Waukegan Deanery, especially St. Ignatius of Antioch in Antioch, St. Mary in Crystal Lake, St. Gregory in Deerfield, St. Andrew in Grayslake, and Annunciation of Our Lady in Gurnee. As we remember our companion diocese in other parts of the world, we pray for the people who were killed and wounded by gunmen in an Anglican cathedral compound in South Sudan’s Anglican Diocese of Athooch. We pray also for the children taken hostage by the gunmen.

*All Amen.*

**Leader** We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit or who have asked for our prayers, especially Terry, Clemence, Jane, Nancy, Maurine, Sid, Jessica, Betty, Roy, Mark, Norbert, Fame, Emily, Jim, Mahmoud, Juli, Steve, the Warner, Long, Bruner, Choirmorrow, Janes, and Perkins families, Brianna, Greg, Bonnie, Elyse, Mark, Nancy, Maeve, Ramona, Harry, and Josie.

We pray for organ donors and those awaiting transplant; for the lonely and isolated; for our nation; for the whole human family and especially those suffering from systemic racism and other forms of oppression as well as all who protest, seeking justice for the oppressed. We pray also that we might re-learn what it is to be kind, caring, and compassionate people.

*All Amen.*

**Leader** We pray for victims of the pandemic. We pray for essential workers including hospital workers, truck drivers, railway workers, grocery store and delivery workers and all others whose work is considered essential. We ask your care on the lab technicians, ICU nurses, Patient Care Technicians, and Chaplains at Glenbrook Hospital. We pray for family and friends risking their health daily in public service including Joe, John, Lisa, Syra, Anne, Mary, Jacqueline, Fulton, Tilly, Niels, Levi, Shawna, Ingrid, Mike, Sean, Kristin, John, Christina, Kinzie, and Lauren. We pray also for all mayors and governors trying to lead communities through this difficult time.

*All Amen.*

In the midst of this pandemic, we pray for all teachers, students, school administrators, staff and other support persons as they continue to navigate what is safest and best for everyone involved in educating our children. We pray also for parents and families as they face the unknown of this coming academic year. May they be granted peace, wisdom, courage, and endless reserves of love and grace for each other in this difficult situation.

**Leader** We pray for those who have died, especially those whom we have lost due to the coronavirus and to racial violence.

*All Amen.*

**Leader** We pray for those whose names we bring before you now.

*Pause. We invite your prayers for any in need silently or aloud, if you wish for them to be included in our weekly prayer list please write their names in the “CHAT” box.*
Leader  Lord, in your mercy,
All    Hear our prayer.

(Please mute your microphones for the prayer.)

THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSTOM

All   Almighty God, you have given us grace
      at this time with one accord
      to make our common supplication to you;
      and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
      that when two or three are gathered together in his Name
      you will be in the midst of them:
      Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
      granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
      and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon   Let us bless the Lord.
People   Thanks be to God.

THE FINAL GRACE

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy
      Spirit, be with us all evermore.
People   Amen.

Fr. Charlie returns from vacation on Monday, August 10th. If you have any pastoral needs, please
contact Terri Morrissey (terri@stmatthewsevanston.org or 847-691-7009). Should need arise, a priest is
on call at all times.
PLEASE JOIN US!

Virtual Coffee Hour

Leading Worship This Morning
Preacher: Mark Crayton
Officiant: Terri Morrissey
Music: James Janssen, Mark Crayton
Lector: Quincy Senechal | Intercessor: Xander Senechal

Sunday Morning Bible Study continues!
9:30am Sunday via Zoom.
If you want to join the conversation, please contact
Don Scott: donaldscott39@comcast.net for an invitation.

Thoughts from the Newly-Formed Anti-Racism Team
The Anti-Racism Team of St. Matthews offers the following tip as we strive together to walk with Jesus in values of equality, respect, and love: Rather than identifying yourself as "not racist," commit to lowering your tolerance for unconscious and/or institutionalized racism by switching to a policy of "anti-racism." This is an immediate paradigm change that can open your heart and mind to new opportunities for manifesting God's kingdom on earth.

Andrew Warden and Kristin Jacobsen
Co-leaders, Anti-Racism Team
STEPHEN MINISTRY – THE HOME EDITION

UNTIL WE CAN GIVE YOU MORE

They have a whole section on display at the local drug store devoted to “Sympathy Cards.” Yet, we may not even be venturing to a retail store these days. But I am here to tell you that even if the card would have promised the “with Deepest Sympathy,” it is not what you need if you are going through this COVID Quarantine. What you need is not sympathy; you need Empathy.

Sympathy can be from a person who says “that must be awful…” Empathy is best expressed by “I am here for…and with…you.” While our Stephen Ministry empathy is “with you” at distance or via ZOOM these days, it is still real. And it is just while we are waiting for the restrictions to be lifted and we can all get together for real. We all will be back.

There is a great YouTube segment that speaks to this issue…or I should say sings to the issue, because it is an Episcopalian priest singing some encouragement that “We’ll be Back.” It is to the tune from the George III ditty from Hamilton, and I actually get a feeling of what we are presently doing without while we do “distance churching” when I listen. What the singing priest offers that maybe we can’t offer in song as Stephen Ministers, however, is HOPE, but it is part of what we deliver.

Stephen Ministry is not about platitudes aimed at “lightening things up.” It is about being there down in the pit of life with the person who is dealing with more than it seems they can really manage. It can be about job loss, divorce, life-threatening illness, death of a loved one, empty nest, caregiver burnout, a miscarriage or COVID that cause a person to suffer with what may seem to be unbearable sadness.

Stephen Ministers are not counselors. But Stephen Ministers are trained to listen, and we can do that on the digital platform with you. So if you ask for a Stephen Minister to share your moments of profound lament, you know what they do? They listen. They empathize. And while that is happening, the Spirit shows up. The Spirit who is the one who shows up “wherever two or more are gathered…” Please also remember that we all will be back; hold on to the HOPE and reach out to Father Charlie or Terri or me, Steve.

And click here for our singing priest… https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CFduNE4pXAQ

…and smile.

THE MOVIE GROUP
Will meet August 22 @ 4:30pm to discuss Who Killed the Electric Car?
Contact Ann Searles for the Zoom invitation information (searlesil@yahoo.com.)
It can be viewed at the following locations:
Racial Equity Workshop Series

Racism and anti-racism seem to be everywhere right now. Maybe you are feeling like you want to do something to become more actively anti-racist but, like me, are overwhelmed and not sure where to start.

One possibility is a YWCA equity workshop. Racial justice is one of the YWCA’s three areas of focus. The workshops below are on topics such as white supremacy culture, implicit bias, understanding power and privilege, and history of oppression, among others.

I’ll be attending the Advocacy in Action ZOOM workshop on August 20. These workshops cost $75, and I am willing to fund the first three people who contact me. I hope you’ll join me in exploring this issue. Kristin Jacobsen, Junior Warden

Register here: [https://www.ywca-ens.org/equity-institute/](https://www.ywca-ens.org/equity-institute/)

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**Aug 20, 2020, 2-4pm**

**Advocacy in Action**

*new workshop*

This workshop is for those who want to see systemic change in their locale, their institution, or their sector, but don't know where or how to start. [sign up now](#)

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**Aug 26, 2020, 2-4pm**

**Developing Cultural Humility**

We'll explore how an organization can become inclusive and understanding of a variety of cultures, races, abilities, and differences. [sign up now](#)

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**PARTNERSHIP BOOK DISCUSSION**

*Dear America, Notes of an Undocumented Citizen*  
by Jose Antonio Vargas

Thursday August 20th | 7 - 8PM on Zoom

Please contact Craige Christensen for the Zoom invitation information:  
sally.craige.christensen@gmail.com with “Book Group RSVP” in the subject.

Please contact Cynthia Doucet with any questions  
(cdoucet32@gmail.com or 847/476-6229).
**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 write your prayers in the “CHAT” box during our Sunday worship, we will add them to this prayer list where they will remain for 4 weeks.

The Prayer List is prayed for by the Tuesday morning Prayer Group and daily by the Rector at Morning Prayer.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for new Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda and their Bishop, the Most Reverend Laurent Mbanda.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for congregations in the Waukegan Deanery, especially St. Ignatius of Antioch in Antioch, St. Mary in Crystal Lake, St. Gregory in Deerfield, St. Andrew in Grayslake, and Annunciation of Our Lady in Gurnee as well as those working in our Companion Dioceses of Southeast Mexico and Renk in the Republic of South Sudan.

**In the St. Matthew’s Cycle of Prayer:** We pray that our lay leadership will serve faithfully as trusted servants, listening carefully to our community and constituents, discerning God’s will, and boldly acting in love. We pray for our wardens, vestry, treasurers, trustees, finance team, formation team, buildings and grounds team, personnel team, and all those who lead. We pray that all we do might communicate God’s love for the world through acts of love for each other.

**For St. Matthew’s congregation** as we discern our future as a place of God’s love in action and for the work flowing from our cottage meetings.

**We pray for all those who celebrate birthdays in August:** Jane McCarthy, Shannon Taylor, Karen LaBranche, Artimis de Kay, Megan Cook, Evan Gowell, Terry Bucher, Leila Vogel, Karen MacKay, Anna Hamrick, Jennie Woodring, Susan Turner, John Searles, Alexander Turner, Susan Torma, Dorothy Lloyd-Still, David Torma, Christian Schultheis, John Herder, David Van Zanten, Garret Lauderbaugh

**We pray for those who celebrate wedding anniversaries in August:** Antje & Don Draganski, Nancy & Don Churchill, Mark Crayton & James Janssen, and Susan Rundle & Philip Castillo.

**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, James McMillan, 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 suffering from warfare and acts of violence, natural disasters, and their aftermaths.**

**We pray for those who have died** especially those who have lost their lives due to the coronavirus and racial violence.

**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, Norbert Dishaw, Fame Brooks, Emily Dyer, Jim Janssen (father of James), Mahmoud, Julie Magness, Steve Crotty, Erica, Paulette, Brianna Willis, Greg Caraballo, Bonnie, Elyse, Nancy Trimble, Maeve Shampine, Ramona, Harry Feller, the Long, Warner, Bruner, Janes, and Perkins families, and Josie Magness.

For all hospital workers, specifically the lab technicians, ICU nurses, Patient Care Technicians, and Chaplains at Glenbrook Hospital.
† For healthcare workers and those on the front line, especially those we know and love including especially Joe Castello, John Castello, Lisa, Syra, Anne, Mary, Dr. Jacqueline Cameron, Dr. Fulton Porter, Dr. Tilly Vogel, Niels Stuart Olsen, Levi, Shauna, Ingrid, Sean Finnegan, Mike, Kristen Walker, John Prout, Christina Padilla, Kinzie, Lauren Fairman.
‡ For truck drivers, railway workers, grocery store and delivery workers and all others whose work is essential.
‡ For all victims of this pandemic.
‡ For Organ Donors and those awaiting transplant.
‡ For the lonely and isolated.
‡ For our nation, especially those oppressed who feel knees at their throats by our current systems.
‡ For those protesting racial injustice.
‡ For mayors and governors trying to navigate this challenging time.
‡ For all teachers, administrators, students, support staff, parents, and families as they discern how best to navigate the beginning of the coming school year.

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 “building community in a complicated world.” Therefore, we draw upon a variety of authorized sources:

The Collect of the Day is from Prayers for an Inclusive Church by Steven Shakespeare. Scripture readings are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

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