



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

A Neighborhood Church with a Worldwide Community

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Please stand if you are able during the portions indicated by a +. The congregation is invited to say the words in **bold** and to sing along to the music printed in the bulletin or in the red hymnals in the backs of the pews.

Please be aware that we live-stream our services on Facebook and your image may appear in the video.

If you do not want your image to appear, please speak to an usher.

We are committed to children and youth meeting God in worship. For that reason we have a staffed nursery downstairs, a play area in the Parish Hall, and a PrayGround at the right front of the sanctuary, where you can sit together with your children so they have a space to wiggle when needed and they have age-appropriate resources to keep their hands busy. In the PrayGround, please be extra gentle with each other, help each other be respectful of one another's space and safety, and help each other reflect prayerful voices and movements.

GATHERING

Prelude

Concerto Grosso, Op. 6
George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

- I. Largo
- II. Allegro
- III. Larghetto
- IV. Allegro moderato

+ **Opening Hymn** "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" *Hymnal #207*

*During this hymn we share the light of Christ from the Paschal Candle.
Bells are also rung each time we sing the word "Alleluia."*

+ **Acclamation**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

+ **Welcome**

+ **Collect (Prayer) for Purity** (*said by all*)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ **Gloria in excelsis**



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa -

ther. Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,

re - ceive our pray'r.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone

are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo-ry of God the

Fa - ther. A - men,

a - men.

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+ Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open through Jesus Christ, in whom we live and move and have our being. **Amen.**

WORD *Please be seated.*

First Lesson *Acts 10:34–43*

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

Thanks be to God.

Response

“Now the Green Blade Riseth”

Hymnal #204

Stanza One: All
Stanza Two: Women
Stanza Three: Men
Stanza Four: All

Second Lesson *1 Corinthians 15:1–11*

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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+ **Gospel Acclamation** (*cantor begins, all repeat “Alleluia”*)



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Verse: The stone that was rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

+ **Gospel Reading** *Luke 24:1–12*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.

While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

+ **Anthem**

“Mary, Mary”

Joseph M. Martin

Sung by the Sunday School Children and the Parish Choir

Mary, Mary, why are you a-cryin’?
Mary, Mary, why do you weep?
Mary, Mary, why don't you stop a-cryin’
The Lord is risen, wipe your tears away.

Mary, Mary, run and tell Peter.
Mary, Mary, run and tell John.
Mary, run and go tell all the disciples.
The Lord is risen, wipe your tears away.

Mary, don't you cry. Mary, Mary, stop!
Jesus Christ is risen as he said!
Mary, Mary, why are you a-cryin’?
The Lord is risen, wipe your tears all away.

Sermon

The Rev. Christopher Rogers

followed by silence

+ **Nicene Creed**

**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,**

The Nicene Creed is a confession of faith from the fourth century that affirms the two great mysteries of Christian faith: that ultimate reality (God) is a community of love (the Trinity) and that God joins us in our life and suffering (the Incarnation of Jesus). We say it in unity with followers of Jesus around the world and across the ages.

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.

+ Prayers of the People

Place your hands together in prayer and move them back and forth.

(hands at forehead) **God be in my head and in my thinking.**
(hands at mouth) **God be in my mouth and in my speaking.**
(hands at heart) **God be in my heart and in my loving.**
(hands open palms up) **God be in my hands and in my helping.**

O God, you have promised to hear us when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore we pray with confidence and trust in this Easter season:

Enliven the Church for its mission
that we may be salt of the earth and a light to the world.

Breathe new life into your people.
Give us power to embody the teachings of Christ in word and action.

Creator of all, lead us in the ways of justice and peace.
May we respect the dignity of every human being.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to use its resources rightly in the service of others.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.
That they may lead with integrity, courage and compassion.

Bless those whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love one another as he loves us.

God of hope; comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.

In the midst of strife and divisions amongst us.

May we be instruments of your peace.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

We commend them to your mercy.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for Matthew, Beatrice, and all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

May their lives inspire and encourage us.

Risen Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence:

your love in our hearts,

your truth in our minds,

your strength in our wills;

It is in your name we pray. Amen.

Confession and Absolution (*please kneel as you are able*)

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

+ **Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

TABLE

Offertory

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

“Christ our Passover”

Sir John Goss (1800–1880)

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast;

Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness,

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

When we've heard God's word from the Bible and the sermon, and offered our communal prayers for the healing of ourselves and all of creation, we take a moment to be honest about our brokenness—and to hear God's steadfast promise of forgiveness and mercy. We then share the peace with each other as a sign of our reconciliation in Christ.

+ Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

+ Sanctus and benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

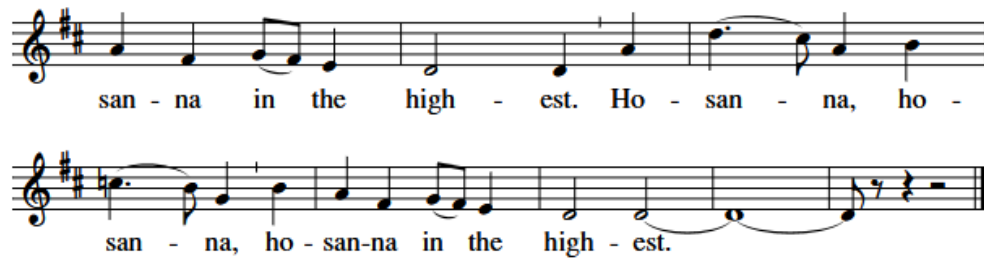
might. Heav - en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -

san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -



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Holy and gracious Father: 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 Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He 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 Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son 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 for ever. **Amen.**

+ **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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**

+ Fraction Anthem



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+ Invitation to Communion

The table of bread and wine is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus and all those who love him. So come to this table you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often and you who have not been in a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet Him here.

Communion

All are welcome at Christ's table. Please come forward to receive communion. If you cannot come forward for communion, please let an usher know and a clergy person will come to you.

We offer bread broken from a common loaf and wine from a common cup. The church teaches that you have received fully if you only receive the bread. If you choose to receive the wine, you are encouraged to drink directly from the common cup rather than to dip.

There are also individually-wrapped gluten-free wafers and a pewter chalice reserved for gluten-free. Please indicate to the clergy if you would prefer this option.

Communion Motet (sung by choir)

"Ave Verum"

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Ave verum corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum
immolatum
in cruce pro homine,
cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

Hail the true body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffered
and was sacrificed
on the cross for all people,
from whose pierced side
flowed water and blood:
Feed us now
and at our death.

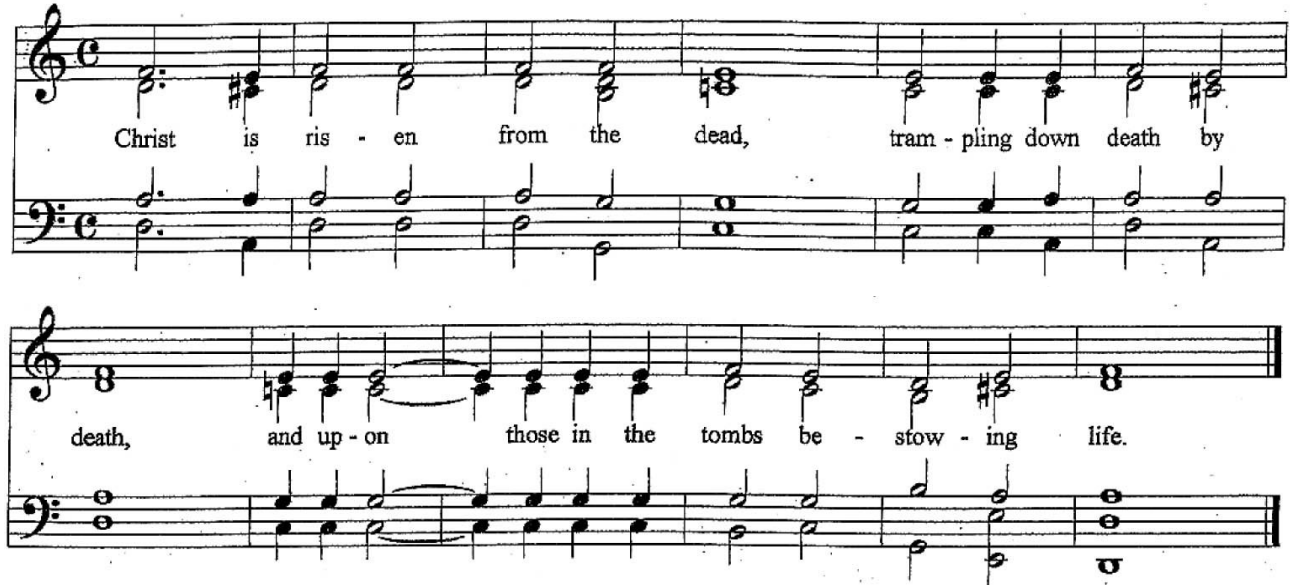
Hymn During Communion "On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days"

Hymnal #201

Stanza one - All
Stanza two - Women
Stanza three - Men
Stanza four - All

When all have received communion, the following is sung by all standing:

+ **Troparion of Pascha**



Orthodox Chant.

+ **Post-Communion Prayer**

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.

*After we experience this foretaste of
God's great heavenly banquet, to
which people from every tribe and
nation are invited, we are sent
forward into the world to
participate in God's healing of all
creation. When the liturgy ends,
our lives of service and worship
continue beyond these doors, shaped
by how God has met us here.*

SENDING

+ **Sending of Eucharistic Visitors** (*when requested*)

N., in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that N., to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

+ **Blessing**

Go forth into the world in peace. Be strong and of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve the Risen Christ in whom we live and move and have our being. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

+ **Closing Hymn**

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives;
 2. He lives, to bless me with his love;
 3. He lives, and grants me dai - ly breath;
 4. He lives, all glo - ry to his name;

What joy the blest as - sur - ance gives!
 He lives, to plead for me a - bove;
 He lives, and I shall con - quer death;
 He lives, my Sav - ior still the same;

He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
 He lives, my hun - gry soul to feed;
 He lives, my man - sion to pre - pare;
 What joy the blest as - sur - ance gives;

He lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head!
 He lives, to help in time of need.
 He lives, to bring me safe - ly there.
 I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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+ **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve our God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Allegro from Concerto Grosso in D Major, Op. 6, No. 5
 George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)



If you are new to St. Matthew's and would like to learn more about our church, you are invited to come forward immediately after the service for a seven-minute welcome led by Gwen Odney.

All are invited to come downstairs afterwards for Coffee Hour.

Scripture readings next week (The Second Sunday of Easter):

Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 150

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Liz and Larry O'Toole

In thanksgiving for our wonderful volunteers in our Altar Guild ministry at St. Matthew's

EASTER LILIES ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Nancy and Jerry Alholm

*in loving memory of Violet and Oiva Alholm
and Betty and Paul Grambsch*

Jenny Bach

*in loving memory of The Bach brothers:
Jacob, Haakon, Sverre, Robert, and Harald*

The Billing Family

in loving memory of John and Dorothy Rudeen

J Michael Compton

*in loving memory of the Rev. Thomas F.A. O'Brien,
Golda Mae Compton and Donald Lee Compton,
and David Elliot Compton*

Lis and Mike Christenson

*in loving memory of Gus Donhowe
in thanksgiving for Elliot Christenson*

Kathryn Grambsch

*in loving memory of Darryl Wieser
and Paul and Betty Grambsch*

Kristine Granias and family

in loving memory of Chris Granias

Susan Hardman

*in thanksgiving for the life of
the Rev. Robert Rankin Hardman*

Valerie Heffron

in loving memory of Margaret Heffron

The Hosch Family

*in loving memory of Robert D. Muller, Sr.
and Ethel V. Muller*

Lynn Jenkins

*in honor, blessing, and thanksgiving
for the Blue House*

The Lageson Family

in loving memory of Anna Sophia Lageson VanVoorhis

Cindy Land

in loving memory of Chuck Land

Karen Pfeifle

in thanksgiving for all the musicians of St. Matthew's

Warren Poole and Rosa Uy

in loving memory of Everett and Velma Poole

Christopher Rogers

*in loving memory of all whose funerals I have taken over
the last year; Paul Jenkins, knight; and Ernest Lawson*

The Stemmer-Albrecht Family

*in loving memory of Mary Renee Albrecht
and Duane Hausman*

John Tillotson

in loving memory of Joan and Brian Tillotson

Announcements

Faith Formation

St. Matthew's offers faith formation for all ages each week at 9:15 am during the academic year, except for Easter Sunday, where we gather instead at 9:00 am for a Potluck Breakfast. Regular faith formation will continue next week, except for the Faith Forum, which will return on Sunday, May 4. For more information on Sunday School and youth group, please contact Mia Millares at kids@stmatthewsmn.org. For more information on the Faith Forum, please contact Chris Lilley at chrisl@stmatthewsmn.org. For more information on the Sunday Morning Book Group, please contact Linda López at lindablopez@gmail.com.

Nursery

The nursery is open each Sunday. Parents are welcome to drop off their children in the nursery downstairs near the bathrooms starting at 10:15 am.

Staff Vacations

After a busy Holy Week, Christopher will be taking time off. He will leave next Sunday, April 27, until Saturday, May 10. In case of pastoral emergencies while Christopher is away, please call Dave McEachron at 612-816-7100.

ECMN Confirmation

St. Matthew's has two Confirmation class series running, one for youth and one for adults. Members of both will join together this **Saturday, April 26** at 2:00 pm at St. Mark's cathedral to be confirmed. Those being confirmed are Frankie Billing, Barrett Fisher, Kiersten Millares, Hana Randle, Abbey Thomas, and Katelyn Vold. Jenny Bach and Kurtis Hanna will be received into the Episcopal Church, and Dan White will make a re-affirmation of faith. All are invited to attend and to celebrate!

Mothers' Tea for the Blue House

On the morning of **Saturday, May 3**, at 10:00 am, celebrate mothers at the fellowship hall of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church! Enjoy specialty teas (and coffee too), a brunch buffet—sweet and savory—with live harp melodies to set the mood. Moms, grandparents, dads, kids and friends are all welcome. And you won't want to miss a special program about Lillian and her journey from poverty to the Blue House, and becoming a doctor! Tickets will be available at St. Matthew's after the Sunday morning Eucharist today and next Sunday, or you can buy them online. More info and tickets at blue-house.org/mothers-tea.

Community Singalong

The Community Singalong with Dan Chouinard and Ann Reed returns tomorrow, Monday, April 21. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please email Terese Lewis at teresemn@gmail.com.

Opening Up Our Building for Prayer

Beginning in the Easter season, on two afternoons each week we will open our church to welcome any who wish to enter for prayer, rest, or to have a look around. We need volunteers to monitor the door and assist if anything arises. Shifts will each be one hour long, with two volunteers in each shift. We hope to have the doors open each Wednesday and Friday, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm, starting on April 23 and going through the end of May. If you can volunteer for a slot, please do so at stmatthewsmn.org/open-church.

Cooks' Night Out

We will gather at 6:00 pm this **Thursday, April 24** at Master Noodle, located at 1337 University Ave W. in the Midway area. This Chinese noodle house makes fresh hand-pulled noodles. All are welcome!

Men's Breakfast

The next men's group breakfast will be this **Saturday, April 26** at 8:00 am in the Parish Hall. Breakfast Master Ray Dietman will preside and the eats will be great. We are also looking for three or four volunteers to help with the event. If you can help, or have any other questions, please contact Dan White at danielawhite1124@gmail.com. Thanks and see you there!

Sunday Morning Book Group

The Sunday Morning Book Group will begin reading a new book next **Sunday, April 27**, *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith* by Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde. All are welcome to join them! If you have any questions, please contact Linda Lopez at lindablopez@gmail.com.

CCEC: Status of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives

As part of its program on racial reconciliation, the Community Conversations Ecumenical Consortium invites you to learn about the status of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) on Saturday, May 3 at 3:00 pm at Hamline Church (1514 Englewood Ave). Although American Indian women and girls make up just one percent of the state's population, eight percent of all murdered women and girls in Minnesota were American Indian. This presentation is by Ana Negrete, the Interim Director of the MMIR Office. The event is free but please register at tinyurl.com/ccec-mmir.

Faith Forum Series: The Episcopal Church: History, Tradition, and the Road Ahead

Have you ever wondered where the Episcopal Church came from and what has shaped it into the rich and varied tradition we know today? Join us beginning on **Sunday, May 4**, at 9:15 am in the Church Library as we begin a new series exploring both the history and future of the Episcopal Church. Whether you're a lifelong Episcopalian or simply curious about our heritage, this class offers a chance to deepen your understanding and engage in thought-provoking discussions. If you have any questions, please reach out to Chris Lilley (chrisl@stmatthewsmn.org).

Intergenerational Bingo

Parishioners of all ages are invited to play Bingo after the morning Eucharist on **Sunday, May 4**. Join in to win prizes and have lots of fun!

Spiritual Writing Group

Judy Johnson is starting a monthly spiritual writing group, to provide a safe, supportive, and loving place to share the sacred stories of our lives. Participants should have a desire to write, to share their personal stories and to listen to each other. Writing should be non-fiction, but can take a variety of forms including stories, journals, essays, dreams, poetry or exploring spiritual questions. We will meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the church library. If you are interested in attending, please email Judy at j.niemi.johnson@gmail.com and join the first meeting on **Tuesday, May 6**.

Spiritual Practice for the Easter Season: The Examen

Become aware of God's presence.

Reflect on the day with gratitude.

What was lifegiving?

What was lifetaking?

Pray into what was lifetaking today.

Look in hope to the day tomorrow.

Prayer list

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

ECMN Intercessory Calendar: Please pray for the work of the House of Prayer and all spiritual directors serving in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, and pray for all engaged in Faithful Innovation and New Christian Communities.

Prayers: Cindy, Bridget, Cathy, the Trans community, Winnie, Kristine, Ale, Laura, Greg, Katrina, Larry and Pam, Ray, Lance and Chris, Rosie, Birdie, Pat, Nancy, Bonnie, Chris, Sarah, and family, Mary, Elaine, Evelynne, Callum and Boden, June, Jarrett, Jon, Martha, James and Barbara, Richard, Larry, Tom and Elaine, Nevin, Judy, Ruth and family, Jewel, Ken, Michael, Michele, Gail.

Deceased: (*recent*) Sara Millerey Gonzalez; (*Parish History*) Frederick Walter Milligan, Sarah Curry Wylde, Clifford W. Olson, Edward Francis, John H. Williams, Blanche L. McDougall, Alcestis Irene Von Edeskuty, William McKewin.

Congregational Calendar

Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday

- 9:00 am Easter potluck breakfast (Parish Hall)
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Christopher Rogers preaching (sanctuary)
- 11:45 am Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
- 12:00 noon Crafting and Fellowship (library)

Monday, April 21

- 7:00 pm Community Singalong (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, April 22

- 7:00 pm Vestry meeting (library)

Wednesday, April 23

- 12:00 noon Noonday Eucharist and Lunch (Parish Hall or Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Choir practice (sanctuary)

Thursday, April 24

- 10:00 am SAP Faith Communities meeting (St. Matthew's)
- 6:00 pm Cooks' Night Out (Master Noodle)
- 7:00 pm Crafting and Fellowship (Zoom)

Saturday, April 26

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Parish Hall)
- 9:30 am Centering Prayer (library)
- 2:00 pm ECMN Confirmation (St. Mark's Cathedral)

Sunday, April 27 The Second Sunday of Easter

- 9:15 am Sunday School (Parish Hall)
- 9:15 am Sunday Morning Book Group (Gathering Room)
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Dan Anderson preaching (sanctuary)
- 11:45 am Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)

All weekdays

- 8:00 am Daily Morning Prayer (Zoom)

*For more information about any of these offerings or the Zoom links,
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Today's worship leaders

Shawn Hofer and Kate Reinhardt, readers
Mariana Tuttle and Liv Tuttle, prayer leaders
Jesse Mackin, verger
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Paul Kiehne, live-streaming
Mollie Jenkins and Liam Kiehne, nursery
Olivia Kingston, Emily Kingston, and Aine Johnson, childcare assistants
Gwen Odney, seven-minute welcome
Jenny Bach and Kathryn Grambsch, counters
Barrett and Amy Fisher, hospitality team coordinators
Christopher Sibilis, cantor
Jenny Bach, Peter Cartford, Lars Christensen, David Colwell, Laura Corcoran,
Heather Craig, Kristine Granias, Lynn Jenkins, Judy Jones, Susan Jones,
Dave McKenna, Christopher Sibilis, Daniel Sinaga, and Dave Wilkowske, choir
Laura Corcoran, Strider Hofer, Jon Poupore, Jeremy Swider, Judith Eisner and J Michael Compton, violins
Laura Sewell, cello
Sara Thompson, bass
Janet Murphy, flute
David Colwell, trumpet
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