

# ***St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*** ***Universal City, Texas***

*We serve Jesus Christ as a community rich in the Episcopal tradition  
by welcoming the seeker, providing a caring family, encouraging spiritual growth,  
and reaching into our neighborhood and world.*

## **The Day of Pentecost**

**May 19, 2024**

**8:00 A.M. & 10 A.M**

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*This is the House of God! We invite you to be reverent, thoughtful, and silent. In the course of the service give yourself in worship and speak to the Lord God Almighty; be open to and listening for what He might say to you in return. After the service greet with joy your fellows.*

***Guests:*** *Thank you for worshipping at St. Matthew's.*

*We invite you to participate in the worship to the extent you feel comfortable.*

*The page numbers referenced in this bulletin refer to the books in the pew:  
the black **Book of Common Prayer** and the blue **Hymnal 1982**.*

## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Processional Hymn #225**

***Hail thee, festival day!***

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**BCP 355**

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

*The following is sung, all standing (S 280)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*All sit.*

### **The Reading**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are

cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 104:25-35, 37**        *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

**Second Reading**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn #510 (verses 1-2)**

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove*

*All stand.*

**Holy Gospel**

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sequence Hymn #510 (verses 3-4)**

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove*

**Sermon**

*A time of silence for reflection and prayer will follow the sermon.*

**Nicene Creed**

*All stand.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

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

### **Prayers of the People (Form III)**

**BCP 387**

*All remain standing or kneel. Additional prayer needs may be offered aloud during the period of silence.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; the Anglican Church of Canada, Church of the Holy Spirit, San Antonio; and Church of the Holy Spirit, Dripping Springs;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; David, our Bishop; Cristopher, our Rector; and Tim, our retired Rector;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Joe, our President; the Congress; Greg, our Governor; the men and women of the Armed Forces, especially those deployed, including **Mitchell and Nicole**; and wisdom for the leaders of all nations;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

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

We pray for **Maribeth, Max, Hilda, the Grannum Family, Ella, Jordon, the Capt Family, Kimberly, Denise, Richard, Louis, David, Ben & Ann Marie, Lance, Arlene & Steve, Jason, Jacque, Kathryn, Eric, Kristina, Terry & Diane, Alan, Tarawanda, and Johnnie & O'Neal;**

*Silence (The People may add their own petitions)*

We give thanks for **Rusty & Cindy and Jacob & Melanie;**

*Silence (The People may add their own petitions)*

We pray for those who have died, especially **Bud and Sue;**

*Silence (The People may add their own petitions)*

## **Confession of Sin**

*All kneel. The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silence is observed.*

*Celebrant and People*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Celebrant stands and says*

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.*

*Silence*

## **Peace**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**BIRTHDAY PRAYER:** O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYER:** O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Candles** were given by Richard Guerrero in honor of Remi Guerrero for her birthday.

**Offertory Anthem**

**“Fruit of the Spirit”**

**by Natalie Sleeth**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All Stand. The service will continue with the offertory sentences.*

### **The Doxology**

**(Hymn #380 verse 3)**

*Celebrant and People*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

### **Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p. 361)**

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Sanctus (Hymnal S-130)**

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel.*



*The Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

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 forever.  
*AMEN.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

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 forever. *Amen.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread (BCP p. 364)**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion in God's Table.*

### **Communion Hymn #508**

*Breathe on me, Breath of God*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send  
us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Anointing of the Prayer Minister**

#### **Blessing**

*The priest blesses the people, saying the following or another blessing*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the  
knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of  
God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with  
you always. *Amen.*

### **Hymn #509**

*Spirit divine, attend our prayers*

#### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## Announcements:

- Please join us for a new 8-week study on Wednesday evenings beginning June 5<sup>th</sup> in Creasy Hall. The book we've chosen is **“Signs of Life: Nurturing Spiritual Growth in Your Church”** written by Jay Sidebotham. We will start at 6:00 p.m. with heavy hors d'oeuvres/light meal. You may sign-up to lead a discussion/meal. Several books were ordered from Forward Movement for \$14 each. Please pay Diane Woods for your book. A signup sheet is available in the Narthex.
- **May Dining Out:** Join us on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May at Salsalitos, 14535 Nacogdoches Rd., in San Antonio, 6:30PM. Please RSVP by May 28<sup>th</sup> to Liz & John, (210)386-5999 or by calling the office at (210)658-5956. Hope to see you there.
- **“The RACAP School Supplies Program”** will continue until the middle of June. RACAP provides basic school supply packets to school-age children who apply for them. Please consider donating these school supply packets for **Elementary School and Middle/Junior/ High School**. There are sample packets in Creasy Hall. Also, there are flyers posted with more information and lists of supplies. Snap a picture of the flyer if you need the list (saving on paper and printing). Thank you for helping us help others. **In addition**, RACAP is in desperate need of the Following: **Cornbread Mix, Jell-O, Jelly, Soup, Shampoo, Toothpaste, and Diapers (size 4,5, & 6)**. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.
- A **Prayer Minister** will be available immediately following the service at the far end of the first pew in the choir section for anointing and prayers for anyone who has a special need.

## Giving to St. Matthew's Church:

- Make checks Payable to: St Matthew's Episcopal Church.
- 1. Mail to: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 810 Kitty Hawk Rd. Universal City, TX 78148.
- 2. Use your Credit Union or Bank's ability to send periodic checks to the church; this is especially useful for fulfilling your annual pledge.
- 3. Use the QR Code to donate through VANCO.



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**THE PARISH VESTRY**

**If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to a Vestry member.**

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Richard Guerrero '25, Terry May '26

Arlene Stalvey '26

(The end of a member's term is indicated by the year)