

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 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025

8:00 A.M. – 10:00 AM

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

Processional Hymn #544 (verses 1-3)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

BCP 355

All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

All sit.

The Reading

2 Kings 5:1-14

A Reading from the Second book of Kings.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

`So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30 *Exaltabo te, Domine*

- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD,
 because you have lifted me up *
 and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
 and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
 you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
 give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
 his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
 but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,
 "I shall never be disturbed. *
 You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
 and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
 I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
 will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
 O LORD, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
 you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
 O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Second Reading

Galatians 6:7-16

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #471 (verses 1-2)

We sing the praise of him who died

All stand.

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them,

"I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn #471 (verse 3)

We sing the praise of him who died

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 I)

BCP 383

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, the Church of Nigeria, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; David & Angela, our Bishops; Cristopher & Barbara, our Clergy; Trinity Church, Edna; Trinity by the Sea, Port Aransas; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, our President; the Congress; Greg, our Governor; the men and women of the Armed Forces, especially those deployed, including **Mitchell**; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, and those in need, especially **the Wyatt Family, the Rodriguez Family, Ben & Joan, Jason, Chavis & Family, Millie, Abraham, Roland, Sally, the Stofer & Clere Families, the Alexander Family, the Buell Family, the Thomas Family, the Tatum Family, Mary, Zachary, Max & Suzi, Yamil, Bianca, Amber, Sharon, Eric, Jess, Bill & Kathy, and the Blake Family;**

Silence. (The People may add their own thanksgivings.)

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

With thanksgiving for **Byron, Shawn, Terry & Diane, and Ron & Jayne;**

Silence. (The People may add their own thanksgivings.)

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially **Lucy, Meg, Elijah, Carol, Willie B., and Anne;**

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

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Matthew and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

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 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.*

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.*

Flowers were given by Tarawanda Howard in memory of Erddie Howard for their wedding anniversary.

Offertory Hymn #719

O beautiful for spacious skies

Giving to St. Matthew's Church:

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



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 B, BCP p. 367)

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.

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:

Sanctus (Hymnal S-124)

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Matthew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 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)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia

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

Communion Hymn #345

Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise

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.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people

Hymn #718

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Announcements:

- **RACAP is asking for donations of school supplies** to provide basic supply packets to school-age children who apply for them. Please consider donating these packets for **K- Elementary School and Middle/Junior/ High School**. There are sample packets in the Narthex and 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. **“The School Supplies Program”** will continue until the July 14th. Thank you for helping us help others. In addition, RACAP is in desperate need of **Brown Bags, Meat Helpers, Muffin Mix, Jelly, Pasta Meals, and Feminine Hygiene Pads**. 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.

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

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THE PARISH VESTRY

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

Janet Clere '25, Senior Warden
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Richard Guerrero '25, Terry May '26
Tarawanda Howard '27, Ellen Yelverton '27
(The end of a member's term is indicated by the year)