

Welcome to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

May 12, 2024

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday

Holy Eucharist
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Please silence your cell phones if you haven't already

8:00 AM / 10:00 AM

Prelude

Robbie Breaux

Opening Hymn *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

H-214

The Liturgy of the Word

See Slides

Gloria

S-280

Collect of the Day

See Bulletin

The Lessons

Acts (1:15-17, 21-26)

See Bulletin

Psalm 1

See Bulletin

1 John (5:9-13)

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Gospel Hymn

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place

H-517

The Gospel

John (17:6-19)

See Bulletin

Homily

The Rev. Steve Hood

Nicene Creed

See Slides

Prayers of the People

See Slides

The Peace

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings, Welcome and Announcements

The Offertory

Instrumental (8:00 AM)

Robbie Breaux

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling (10:00 AM) St. Matt's Choir

Presentation Hymn	<i>Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing (vs. 1,4)</i>	H-205
The Great Thanksgiving: Rite I, Prayer 2	<i>(8:00 AM only)</i>	BCP 340
The Great Thanksgiving: Rite II, (EOW)	<i>(10:00 AM only)</i>	See Slides
Sanctus		S-125
Lord's Prayer		BCP 336 / BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	<i>This is the Body of Christ</i>	See Slides
Communion Hymn	<i>Instrumental</i>	Robbie Breaux
	<i>Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray</i>	H-315
	<i>Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord (10:00 AM Only)</i>	H-328
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 339 / BCP 365
Blessing		See Slides
Closing Hymn	<i>For All the Faithful Women</i>	See Slides
The Dismissal		
Postlude		Robbie Breaux

The Collect (8:00 AM)

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Collect (10:00 AM)

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Acts of the Apostles (10:44-48)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart."

"Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1

Prayed by leader and congregation in unison

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The First Letter of John (5:9-13)

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Gospel According to John (17:6-19)

Jesus said to his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours."

All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Letter from the Rector

As we approach summertime (yes, even with recent snow on the surrounding peaks), I eagerly anticipate glimpsing your vacation and mountain weekend adventures through your Facebook and Instagram posts. I also hope to see you in worship, and I look forward to hearing of your adventures in person.

With this email update, we're streamlining our parish communications, transitioning from seasonal newsletters and weekly blasts to a consolidated Weekly Evangel via email and posted on the website. While St. Matt's will still issue special newsletters periodically, my hope is that you'll rely on the weekly Evangel as your primary source for updates on events, meetings, and special projects at our parish. If you prefer to receive updates by mail, please reach out to our parish administrator Desiree, and she'll ensure you receive regular copies of the weekly Evangel. We will also post event reminders on Facebook and Instagram, so please acknowledge our events with the appropriate ❤️ or 👍 so others you know will see our events (especially the summer concert series).

As we enter June and July, I encourage you to prioritize worship amidst the flurry of summer activities. These upcoming months will be bustling with various Christian formation opportunities on Sunday mornings including clergy coffee hour and inquirer classes, along with Vacation Bible/Church School for the kids during the last week of June (volunteers needed!). Additionally, don't forget about our Wednesday services at 12:15 pm, offering a brief, tranquil worship experience midweek for those in need.

Our diocesan summer camp at Cathedral Ridge will see a significant turnout from youth from St. Matt's. Additionally, Becky Vroman, Deacon Jamie, and I are all contributing to the camp staff throughout the summer season. Plus, we're proud to have Johna Galbasini joining Cathedral Ridge as a Counselor in Training (CIT).

Mark your calendars for the Summer Concert Series on Sunday evenings in July. We're finalizing the schedule, with several fantastic bands and food trucks lined up,

including our very own music director's band, Katie and the Players, and the Wren's food truck Sitto's. It's a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends and extend invitations to those who haven't visited in a while. Consider carpooling with neighbors or lending a hand to those who may need assistance getting here. Bring along snacks, drinks, pets, children, grandparents, and anyone else for an enjoyable evening of music and fellowship. Wishing you a great summer and Christ's peace.

Fr. Steve+

Announcements

Congratulations St. Matthew's Graduates!



Anna Claire Hood will be donning her cap and gown on June 1st to graduate from GOAL High School. This summer, she's set to embark on a journey as summer staff at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. Looking ahead, she has her sights set on attending Colorado Mesa Tech in the fall, with aspirations to enroll at Fort Lewis College or another state college or university the subsequent year. Her ultimate goal? To pursue a career as an archivist.



Cade Bickham will be graduating from Texas A&M University with a sport management degree on May 11th. He will continue his studies at Texas A&M this fall in a sport management master's degree program.



Owen Bickham will be graduating from Palisade High School on May 13th. He will be attending The University of California, Davis this fall, majoring in environmental science.



Oliver Plank will be graduating from Fruita High School. He will be attending CMU with the ASCENT program for 1 year and transferring to the School of Mines the year after.

Adult Formation & Worship:

Aging with Grace - Join Lyn Fraser and Reenie Neal as they help us continue the conversation about aging issues and questions. These sessions will offer a supportive environment for sharing personal experiences and addressing significant challenges. Whether you're seeking camaraderie or simply a listening ear, this group will provide a spiritual space for exploration and mutual support. **Thursdays from May 30 through June 20, 9:30 am to 11:00 am** at the church. For questions: Lynfraser7@gmail.com. No need to sign-up. All are welcome!

Clergy Coffee Hour - Prayer: A Personal Sharing. *"Lord, teach us to pray"* (Luke 11:1). Over the years we who have been ordained have been asked a similar question in a more indirect way, but with an added assumption: "How do you pray? As clergy it must come easier to you, right? A part of the job description." Join members of St. Matt's clergy as we take turns sharing the joys, struggles, challenges, and insights of our personal prayer journeys at Clergy Coffee Hour. Grab a cup of coffee and join us. Everyone is welcome. **Clergy Coffee Hour will take a break on May 26th but will return on June 2nd. Watch for details!**

Confirmation Class, AKA What it means to be an Episcopalian - These classes are for all who are interested in refreshing their memories or creating new ones of Episcopal history, practices, beliefs, and traditions. It is designed for those wishing to be confirmed, but appropriate for all who are interested in learning more about who we are, what we believe, and how we express our beliefs in the liturgy and sacraments. **The bishop will be at St. Matt's on August 3, 2024.** If you are interested in adult Confirmation, Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, or Reception into the Episcopal Church, please contact Fr. Steve. **Classes begin on Sunday June 2nd and will meet from 11:30-1:00** on the following Sundays. Confirmands are requested to attend the entire series, but others may choose to join in for any or all of the topics.

June 2 - Introduction: History

June 16 - How we approach God: Scripture, Tradition, and Reason

June 30 - Life in Community: Sacraments and Liturgy

July 14 - Christian Formation: Prayer, Study, and Service

July 28 - Organization, Orders of Ministry, and the Bishop's visit.

Children's Ministry

Coming this fall: Youth Group Yard Sale! See Becky for details.

Time to register for VBS! June 24-28. Register on our website under the Connect tab. **We are looking for volunteers to lead, feed, and share the love** of God with our VBS kids. Please see Becky if you are interested in helping kids discover that they're made by God and built for a purpose. **Items needed for VBS:** Large empty metal food cans (gallon or bigger), Extra house paint- brown, blue, yellow, green, purple, old box fan.

Church News

Church Directory Photos - New directory photos will be taken May 12th & May 19th after the 8:00 am service and again after the 10:00 am service. If you would like to update, or to include your photo in the church directory, please see Carl Koizumi.

Giving

Electronic Offering: Please consider supporting the work of the church. You may make an online gift, or learn about the other ways to give, by visiting the St. Matthew's website at stmatthewsgj.org and choosing "Giving" on the toolbar menu. Gifts to St. Matthew's can also be made by scanning the Tithe.ly QR Code. **Thank you for your generous support of our collective work!**



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