



# St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

214 College Ave., Henderson, Texas  
75654

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
*July 19, 2026*  
*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

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PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

— *All Stand, if Able* —

HYMN 365 COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING  
vs. 1-4

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

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now  
and forever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant:*

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

GLORIA S-280

— *All Sing in Unison* —

**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.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant:*

God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know  
our necessities before we ask and our  
ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our  
weakness, and mercifully give us those things  
which for our unworthiness we dare not, and  
for our blindness we cannot ask; through the  
worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

— *The People May be Seated for the Lessons* —  
THE FIRST LESSON  
GENESIS 28:10-19A

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel. *Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 139:1-11, 22-23  
— *The Leader and People Recite Responsively by Full Verse* —

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places\* and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

**You press upon me behind and before \*and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*where can I flee from your presence?**

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**If I take the wings of the morning \*and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

Even there your hand will lead me \*and your right hand hold me fast.

**If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \* and the light around me turn to night,"**

Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; \* darkness and light to you are both alike.

**Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \* try me and know my restless thoughts.**

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

THE SECOND LESSON  
ROMANS 8:12-25

*Reader:* A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our

bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

— Stand —

HYMN 423 IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD  
VS. 1, 2, 4

THE GOSPEL  
MATTHEW 13:24-30,36-43

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him,

saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

— *Sit* —

#### THE SERMON

*The Rev. Canon Christine Faulstich*

— *Silence* —

*Celebrant:*

Let us now stand with Christians past and present, and from all over the world in proclaiming our common faith.

#### THE 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, 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.**

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

— *Stand or, if Able, Please Kneel* —

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**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;

**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;  
**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. (*Silence*)

#### CONCLUDING COLLECT

*Celebrant:*  
Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:*  
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

— *Silence* —

*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.**

*Celebrant:*

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.**

#### THE PEACE

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

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

— *Sit* —

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*Celebrant:*  
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

#### THE OFFERTORY

*To give electronically, see the QR code on the back of the bulletin.*

*Our July open plate giving will go to the Texas Ramp Project.*

— *Stand, if Able* —

THE DOXOLOGY

— *All Sing in Unison* —

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

— *Remain Standing, if Able* —

*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.**

*Celebrant:*

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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 S-130

— *Sing in Unison* —

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are**

**full, full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

— *Kneel, if Able* —

*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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has  
taught us, we are bold to say,

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant and People:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be  
thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be  
done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us  
this day our daily bread. And forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who  
trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation but deliver us from evil. For  
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and  
the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for  
us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

AGNUS DEI S-157

—Sing in Unison—

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins  
of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins  
of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins  
of the world, grant us thy peace.**

*Celebrant:*

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, including children, are  
invited to receive Holy Communion. —

*The Bread & Cup are given to the communicants  
with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

**Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

**Amen.**

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

—If able, please kneel—

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

**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.**

*The Priest may bless the People*

—Stand—

HYMN 344      LORD, DISMISS US  
VS. 1-3

*The Priest dismisses with these words:*  
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People: Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

LEADERS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Celebrant: *The Rev. Canon Christine Faulstich*  
Altar Guild: *Marty Brown & Michaelle Green*  
Chalice: *Jim Kangerga*  
Acolyte: *Sophia Robinson*  
Lector: *Michaelle Green*  
Greeters: *Roberta Vallantyne & Bonnie Geddie*  
Vestry Person: *Marty Brown*  
Coffee Refreshments: *Rick Ortiz*

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO  
THE GLORY OF GOD  
by Rick Ortiz & Ben Patterson  
TODAY  
9:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
Coffee Fellowship  
Vestry Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 20TH  
August Messenger deadline

TUESDAY, JULY 21ST  
7:30 p.m. AA

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH  
9:30 a.m., Liturgy of the Word  
Coffee Fellowship



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PRAYER LIST

**Our St. Matthew's Family:** Mother Patsy+, Charlene & David, Christopher, Mary Jo, Jimmy, Anne, Alexa, Jimmy, June, Gail & Dan, Lisa & John, Randy, Heath, Justin, Sophia, Ann, and Catherine.

**Friends & Loved Ones:** The Smith & Baker families, Brad, Christy Jo, Marnie, Julie, Donna, Zoe, Misty, Holly, Nancy, Cody, Holly & son, Shawn, the McAnally family, Ashley, Monica & Bubba, Cynthia, Debbie, Jane and Mary.

**We pray for all of our Military, at home and abroad.**

ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church is a body of believers united in a common desire to love and serve the Lord and our neighbors. Our faith journey is to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God.

—Adapted from Micah 6:8

ST. MATTHEW'S VISION STATEMENT

"To be a Christian community that demonstrates God's love to those around us through prayer, caring, visitation, worship, and teaching."