



We Welcome You to
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church!
214 College Ave., Henderson, Texas
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Liturgy of the Word
February 15, 2026
Last Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

— *Stand* —

HYMN 427 WHEN MORNING GILDS
Verses 1, 4, 5

Officiant:

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Officiant:

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

— *Sung 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.**

Celebrant:

The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant:

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

— *The People May be Seated for the Lessons* —

THE FIRST LESSON EXODUS 24:12-18

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 2

— *The Leader & People Pray Responsively*
by Full Verse —

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, *against the LORD and against his Anointed?**
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 **He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *the Lord has them in derision.**
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 **"I myself have set my king *upon my holy hill of Zion."**
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: *he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
- 8 **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 **And now, you kings, be wise; *be warned, you rulers of the earth.**
- 11 Submit to the LORD with fear, *and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 **Lest he be angry and you perish; *for his wrath is quickly kindled.**
- 13 Happy are they all *who take refuge in him!

THE SECOND LESSON
2 Peter 1:16-21

Reader: A reading from the second Epistle of Peter.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom.

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of

this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also, no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

— Stand —

HYMN 618 YE WATCHERS
Verses 1, 4

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 17:1-9

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high

mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

— *The People May be Seated for the Sermon* —

THE SERMON
Mr. Tracy Allen

Officiant:

Let us now stand and join 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.

— *Stand or, if Able, Please Kneel* —

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
The Leader & People Pray Responsively

Leader:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all on our *St. Matthew's Prayer List*, and all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants *Marty, Rick and Tom* as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Therefore continue to send your blessing upon *Ana and Matthew*, that they may love, honor,

and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may continue to be a haven of blessing and peace.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Officiant:

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Officiant:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence*)

Officiant 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.

Officiant:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Officiant says to the People:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

— *The People May Seated for Announcements* —

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Officiant:

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

— *Stand* —

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.

Officiant:

And now, to gather all our petitions, let us pray in the words our Savior Christ himself has taught us:

— *Stand or, if Able, Please Kneel* —

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant 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.

Officiant:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

— *Stand* —

HYMN 460 ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS!

VERSES 1, 4, 5

The Officiant dismisses with these words:

Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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LEADERS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Celebrant: *Tracy Allen*

Altar Guild Team: *Anne Davenport*

Acolyte: *Sophia Robinson*

Lector: *Ben Patterson*

Greeters: *Roberta Vallantyne & Bonnie Geddie*

Vestry Person: *Tracy Allen*

Coffee Refreshments: *Ana & Matthew Craig*

Birthdays this Week

Marty Brown 15th

Rick Ortiz 18th

Tom Roberts 20th

Anniversaries this Week

Ana & Matthew Craig 17th

Altar Flowers this Week are Given to the Glory of God

by the Roberts' family in honor of Tom's birthday, by Carol & Tom Roberts in honor of Marty Brown's birthday and by Linda Craig in honor of Linda & Isabella's 18th birthdays

TODAY

9:30 a.m., Liturgy of the Word,

Coffee Fellowship

Vestry Meeting

MONDAY, FEB. 16TH

PRESIDENTS' DAY

TUESDAY, FEB. 17TH

5:00 p.m., Men to arrive to prepare for Pancake

Supper
5:30-7:00 p.m. Parishioners are served
7:30 p.m. AA

ASH WEDNESDAY
6:30 p.m., Imposition of Ashes

THURSDAY, FEB. 19TH
6:30 a.m. Craft Night

SUNDAY, FEB. 22ND
9:30 a.m., Liturgy of the Word,
Coffee Fellowship

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER
On Tuesday, February 17th, we will gather for our annual pancake supper. Rick Ortiz & Ben Patterson are again serving as our pancake supper planners. **Men that want to help, please arrive by 5:00 p.m.** to begin setting up and cooking. The men will **serve parishioners from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

OPEN PLATE OFFERING
Our **February** Sunday open plate (undesignated cash or checks) will go to the **Rusk County Pets Alive.** If you want your **cash donation to go into the General Fund,** please place it in an envelope and note your wishes on the envelope.

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 1st, we will have **volunteers to sign up to provide treats for our coffee fellowship.** The sign-up sheet is posted on the parish hall bulletin board. The Vestry Person of the day will continue to prepare our coffee and have cups/sugar/creamer set out.

PRAYER LIST

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

Friends & Loved Ones: Brad, Judy, John, Maverick, Christy Jo, Marnie, Julie, Donna, Nancy, Ray, Misty, Nancy, Wilder, Cody, Bruce, Linda, Russell, Holly & son, Lin, Shawn, Theron, Vania, Kurt, Richard, Randy, Ashley, Monica & Bubba, Cynthia, Debbie, Valentina, 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.”

Anyone who in need of **pastoral care** or desires to **share suggestions & concerns** for ministry at St. Matthew's, please speak to our Priest-In-Charge, Mother Patsy+ or our Senior Warden, Carol Roberts.