

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

ALL ARE WELCOME!
214 COLLEGE AVE., HENDERSON, TEXAS
Liturgy of the Word

October 25, 2026
Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

— *Stand* —

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

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and the 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.

Officiant:
The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Officiant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
Officiant:
Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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
DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17

— The Leader & People Recite Responsively by Whole Verse —

Lord, you have been our refuge *from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, *"Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; *we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; *in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works *and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

THE SECOND LESSON
I THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

— Stand —

HYMN 551 RISE UP, YE SAINTS
VS. 1-3

THE GOSPEL
MATTHEW 22:34-46

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

> 'The Lord said to my Lord,
> "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 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.

— Please Kneel, if Able —

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

— The Leader & People Pray Responsively —

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Brian our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *(Silence)*

— The People may add their own petitions —

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *Alyssa* as she begins another year. Grant that she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen her trust in your goodness all the days of her life.
Amen.

Gracious God, you have knit us together in this community of faith at St. Matthew's that we might share in Christian love, discipleship and worship with one another. Open our doors and our hearts anew to the wider community that surrounds us. Grant us the grace and courage to draw new members into our fellowship, that our witness may grow and your name be praised; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *(Silence)*

—The People may add their own thanksgivings—

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(Silence)*

— The People may add their own petitions —

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *(Silence)*

Leader and People:
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Officiant:
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.**

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:
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 October open plate giving will go to the Animal Protection League.

— 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:

— Please Kneel, if Able —

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:

God love us and have mercy upon us; through the cross of Christ, pardon us and set us free; in the name of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

— Stand —

HYMN 680 O GOD, OUR HELP
VS. 1- 3, 6

The Officiant dismisses with these words:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

LEADERS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Leader: *Tracy Allen*
Altar Guild Team: *Anne Davenport*
Lector: *Ben Patterson*
Greeters: *Roberta Vallantyne & Bonnie Geddie*
Vestry Person: *Katy Bartels*
Coffee Refreshments: *Michaelle Green*

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Alyssa Thornley 30th

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

By Linda Craig in Memory of June Fuller

TODAY
9:30 a.m., Liturgy of the Word,
Coffee Fellowship,
2 – 5 p.m., Patch Open

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH
7:30 p.m., AA in the Parish Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
10:00 a.m. – 4 p.m., Patch Open,
Closing Day of the Patch

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
9:30 a.m., Liturgy of the Word with
Pledge Ingathering,
Patch Clean-up after Worship,
Coffee Fellowship

St. Matthew's Parish Group
WhatsApp group

Join the
St. Matthew's text
group on
WhatsApp!

All text message and
weekly reminders
will transition to
being sent through
this group.



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PRAYER LIST

Our St. Matthew's Family: Charlene & David, Christopher, Mary Jo, Jimmy, Anne, June, Gail & Dan, Lisa & John, Randy, Tom & Carol, Justin, Sophia, and Ann.

Friends & Loved Ones: Christy Jo, Marnie, Donna, Zoe, Misty, Shawn, 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."

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