



We Welcome You to  
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church!  
214 College Ave., Henderson, Texas  
75654  
Liturgy of the Word  
October 26, 2025  
*Proper 25*

---

PRELUDE

— *Stand* —

HYMN 680 O GOD, OUR HELP  
VS. 1 - 4

*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.**

*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      Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

*Reader:*

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Although our iniquities testify against us,  
 act, O LORD, for your name's sake;  
 our apostasies indeed are many,  
 and we have sinned against you.  
 O hope of Israel,  
 its savior in time of trouble,  
 why should you be like a stranger in the  
 land, like a traveler turning aside for  
 the night?  
 Why should you be like someone  
 confused,  
 like a mighty warrior who cannot  
 give help?  
 Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,  
 and we are called by your name;  
 do not forsake us!  
 Thus says the LORD concerning this  
 people:  
 Truly they have loved to wander,  
 they have not restrained their feet;  
 therefore the LORD does not accept  
 them,  
 now he will remember their iniquity  
 and punish their sins.  
 Have you completely rejected Judah?  
 Does your heart loathe Zion?  
 Why have you struck us down  
 so that there is no healing for us?  
 We look for peace, but find no good;  
 for a time of healing, but there is  
 terror instead.  
 We acknowledge our wickedness,  
 O LORD,  
 the iniquity of our ancestors,  
 for we have sinned against you.  
 Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;  
 do not dishonor your glorious  
 throne; remember and do not break  
 your covenant with us.

Can any idols of the nations bring rain?  
 Or can the heavens give showers?  
 Is it not you, O LORD our God?  
 We set our hope on you,  
 for it is you who do all this.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 84:1-6

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

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling,  
 O LORD of hosts! \*My soul has a  
 desire and longing for the courts of  
 the LORD; my heart and my flesh  
 rejoice in the living God.
- 2 **The sparrow has found her a  
 house and the swallow a nest  
 where she may lay her young;  
 \*by the side of your altars,  
 O LORD of hosts, my King and  
 my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your  
 house! \*they will always be praising  
 you.
- 4 **Happy are the people whose  
 strength is in you! \*whose  
 hearts are set on the pilgrims'  
 way.**
- 5 Those who go through the desolate  
 valley will find it a place of springs,  
 \*for the early rains have covered it  
 with pools of water.
- 6 **They will climb from height to  
 height, \*and the God of gods  
 will reveal himself in Zion.**

THE SECOND LESSON  
*II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*

*Reader:*

A Reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

— *Stand* —

HYMN 656 BLEST ARE THE PURE IN HEART  
VS. 1-4

THE GOSPEL      *Luke 18:9-14*

*Officiant:*

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

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

*Officiant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

THE HOMILY  
*Mrs. Michelle King*

*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

*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.

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.

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.

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.

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal 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.

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.

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Alyssa and Mother Patsy 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.**

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.**

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 &  
PLEDGE INGATHERING

Gracious God, we give thanks for these gifts, the promises of our members for giving in the year to come. We pray that you inspire us with the example of your freely-given love to serve our neighbors, heal the world, and strengthen our community. Bless the intentions, pledges and promises of our wealth, works, and wisdom for the needs of our church. **Amen.**

— *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:*

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 636 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION VS.  
1,4,5

*The Officiant dismisses with these words:*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

POSTLUDE



If you would like to  
give electronically,  
scan the QR code to  
be taken to a secure  
payment site.

LEADERS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE  
Celebrant: Michelle King  
Altar Guild: Kim Robinson & Michelle King  
Acolyte: Aaden King  
Lector: Ben Patterson  
Greeters/Oblationers: the King family  
Vestry Person: Josh King

### Open Plate Offering

Our **October open plate** will go to AA. 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.

### TODAY

9:30 a.m., Liturgy of the Word  
w/Pledge Ingathering,  
Coffee Fellowship  
2-5:00 p.m., Patch Open

Monday, Oct. 27th  
6:00 p.m., Men'd Prayer Group

Tuesday, Oct. 28th  
7:30p.m. A.A.

Thursday, Oct. 30th  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Patch Open

Friday, Oct. 31st  
Closing of the Patch

Saturday, Nov. 1st  
Set your clocks back an hour before bedtime

Sunday, Nov. 2nd All Saints Sunday  
9:30 Liturgy of the Word,  
Coffee Fellowship  
Birthdays this Week  
Alyssa Thornley 30th  
Mother Patsy 1st

## HIM REQUEST

On November 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 12noon, HIM has requested our help to prepare Thanksgiving boxes to be distributed to families in need. For more information contact Mary Jo Colombo.

## PRAYER LIST

**Our St. Matthew's Family:** Mother Patsy+ & Family, Charlene, David, Sheryl, Jimmy, Anne & Family, Alexa, June, 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.

**WWW.STMATTHEWSHENDERSON.ORG**

STMATTHEWS@SUDDENLINKMAIL.COM

** Like us on Facebook by Searching for:**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Pumpkin Patch