



We Welcome You to
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church!
214 College Ave., Henderson, Texas 75654
Liturgy of the Word
August 3, 2025
Proper 13

PRELUDE

— *Stand* —

HYMN 594 GOD OF GRACE VS.1-3

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:

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse
and defend your Church; and, because it
cannot continue in safety without your help,
protect and govern it always by your
goodness; 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

Hosea 11:1-11

Reader:

A Reading from the book of Hosea.

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out
of Egypt I called my son. The more I called
them, the more they went from me; they kept
sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense

to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes.

My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 107:1-9, 43

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

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; *from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes; *they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

They were hungry and thirsty; *their spirits languished within them.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *and he delivered them from their distress.

He put their feet on a straight path *to go to a city where they might dwell.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *and the wonders he does for his children.

For he satisfies the thirsty *and fills the hungry with good things.

Whoever is wise will ponder these things, *and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

THE SECOND LESSON *Colossians 3:1-11*

Reader:

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil

desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

— *Stand* —

HYMN 516 COME DOWN, O LOVE vs. 1-3

THE GOSPEL *Luke 12:13-21*

Officiant:

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

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will

do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

THE SERMON

Mrs. Kim Robinson

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 Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Officiant:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for 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:

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

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:

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 435 AT THE NAME OF JESUS VS. 1,5,6

The Officiant dismisses with these words:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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LEADERS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Celebrant: *Kim Robinson*

Altar Guild: *Kim Robinson & Michelle King*

Acolyte: *Sophia Robinson*

Lector: *Matthew Craig*

Greeters: *Roberta Vallantyne & Bonnie Geddie*

Vestry Person: *Kim Robinson*

TODAY

9:30 a.m., Liturgy of the Word,
Coffee Fellowship w/guest speaker, Mr. Bill
Preston, from the TX Ramp Project

Monday, Aug. 4th

6:30p.m. Men's Prayer Group

Tuesday, Aug. 5th

7:30p.m. A.A.

Sunday, Aug. 10th

9:30 a.m., Liturgy of the Word,
Coffee Fellowship,
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OPEN PLATE OFFERING

Our **August open plate** will go to the Henderson Interchurch Ministry. 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.

We stand in prayer and solidarity with our Hill Country family. Let's respond with love and support in this time of need. All funds will be given directly to the Diocese of West Texas. Go to **epicenter.org** and click on the red box **Donate to Hill Country Flood Relief** to make your donations.

PRAYER LIST

Our St. Matthew's Family: Mother Patsy+ & Family, Charlene, David, Sheryl, Isabella, Jimmy, Walt & Anne, June, Lisa & John, Heath, Justin, Sophia, Roberta, Ann, and Catherine.

Friends & Loved Ones: Judy, John, Maverick, Christy Jo, Marnie, Julie, Donna, Nancy, Ray, Misty, 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.

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