



We Welcome You to
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church!
214 College Ave., Henderson, Texas 75654
Liturgy of the Word
September 14, 2025
Proper 19

PRELUDE

— *Stand* —

HYMN 423 IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE VS.1, 3, 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:

O God, because without you we are not able
to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy
Spirit may in all things direct and rule our
hearts; through 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 *Exodus 32:7-14*

Reader:

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at
once! Your people, whom you brought
up out of the land of Egypt, have acted
perversely; they have been quick to turn

aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 51:1-11

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

1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your loving-kindness;
*in your great compassion blot out
my offenses.

2 **Wash me through and through
from my wickedness *and
cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For I know my transgressions, *and
my sin is ever before me.

4 **Against you only have I sinned
*and done what is evil in your
sight.**

5 And so you are justified when you
speak *and upright in your
judgment.

6 **Indeed, I have been wicked from
my birth, *a sinner from my
mother's womb.**

7 For behold, you look for truth deep
within me, *and will make me
understand wisdom secretly.

8 **Purge me from my sin, and I shall
be pure; *wash me, and I shall
be clean indeed.**

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness,
*that the body you have broken
may rejoice.

10 **Hide your face from my sins
*and blot out all my iniquities.**

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
*and renew a right spirit within me.

THE SECOND LESSON *I Timothy 1:12-17*

Reader:

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to
Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord,
who has strengthened me, because he
judged me faithful and appointed me to

his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

— *Stand* —

HYMN 646 THE KING OF LOVE
VS. 1 - 3

THE GOSPEL *Luke 15:1-10*

Officiant:

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the

ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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 God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Dan, Hannah and Lisa 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 *Rick and Ben*, 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:
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.**

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 708 SAVIOR LIKE A SHEPHERD
VS. 1, 2

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: Carol Roberts & Deborah Kangerga

Acolyte: Sophia Robinson

Lector: Tracy Allen

Greeters/Oblationers: Roberta Vallantyne &
Bonnie Geddie

Vestry Person: Kim Robinson

TODAY

9:30 a.m., Liturgy of the Word,
Coffee Fellowship,
DOK

Tuesday, Sept. 16th
7:30p.m. A.A.

Thursday, Sept. 18th
6:30p.m. Craft Night

Sunday, Sept. 21st
9:00 a.m., Bishop to meet with Confirmands
9:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist & Confirmation
w/Bishop Doyle,
Brunch,
Vestry Meeting

Birthdays This Week
Dan Love 10th
Hannah Peeks 15th
Lisa Melvin 17th

Anniversaries This Week
Rick Ortiz & Ben Patterson 16th

Open Plate Offering

Our **September open plate** will go to Linda's
African 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.

PRAYER LIST

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

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