



WE WELCOME YOU TO
ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
214 College Ave., Henderson, Texas
Liturgy of the Word

July 5, 2026
Independence Day

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

— *Stand* —

HYMN 720 THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the
perilous fight, o'er the ramparts we
watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs
bursting in air, gave proof through the
night that our flag was still there. O say
does that star-spangled banner yet wave
o'er the land of the free and the home of
the brave?

O thus be it ever, when freemen shall
stand between their loved homes and the
war's desolation! Blest with victory and
peace, may the heaven-rescued land
praise the Power that hath made and
preserved us a nation! Then conquer we

must, when our cause it is just, and this be
our motto, "In God is our trust." And the
star-spangled banner in triumph shall
wave o'er the land of the free and the
home of the brave!

HYMN 716 GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND
vs.1-2

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:

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; 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 10:17-21

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

The LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:1-9

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

I will exalt you, O God my King, *and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you *and praise your Name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
*there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another *and shall declare your power.

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *and all your marvelous works.

They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *and I will tell of your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is loving to everyone *and his compassion is over all his works.

THE SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 11:8-16

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Hebrews.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing

where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

— *Stand* —

HYMN 719 AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL
VS. 1-3

THE GOSPEL
MATTHEW 5:43-38

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

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

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

THE SERMON
Kim Robinson

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* —

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic
Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may
truly and humbly serve you;
**That your Name may be glorified by all
people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
**That they may be faithful ministers of
your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold
authority in the nations of the world;
**That there may be justice and peace on
the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we
undertake;
**That our works may find favor in your
sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from
any grief or trouble;
**That they may be delivered from their
distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially
Clayton Smith and Bostyn Baker;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have
entered into joy;
**May we also come to share in your
heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of
others. (*Silence*)

— *The People may add their own petitions* —

Almighty God, you instructed Noah to see the
rainbow you placed in the sky as a sign of
covenant after the flood: On the anniversary
of their departing, we remember the 135 who
came to eternal rest in the catastrophic Texas
Hill Country Flood; Let light perpetual shine
upon them; Comfort those who mourn; And
in the midst of things we cannot understand,
empower us to see the covenant of your
never-failing love in all things. **Amen.**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *Mary Jo* 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.**

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.**

Officiant:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

To give electronically, see the QR code on the back of the bulletin.

Our July open plate giving will go to the Texas Ramp Project.

— *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:

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 717 MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE
VS. 1-4

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: *Kim Robinson*

Altar Guild Team: *Anne Davenport*

Acolyte: *Sophia Robinson*

Lector: *Katy Bartels*

Greeters: *Roberta Vallantyne & Bonnie Geddie*

Vestry Person: *Katy Bartels*

Coffee Refreshments: *Katy Bartels*

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO

THE GLORY OF GOD

by Mary Jo Colombo

in Memory of Lou

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Mary Jo Colombo 7th

TODAY

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

Coffee Fellowship

JULY 7TH

7:30 pm, A.A.

JULY 11TH

11 a.m., Celebration of the Rev. Patsy Barham's
ministry at St. Matthew's in the Parish Hall

JULY 12TH

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

Coffee Fellowship



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PRAYER LIST

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

Friends & Loved Ones: The Smith & Baker
families, Brad, Christy Jo, Marnie, Julie, Donna, Zoe,
Misty, Holly, Nancy, Cody, Holly & son, Shawn, the
McAnally family, 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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