



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

May 24, 2026
Day of Pentecost - Whitsunday

PRELUDE

— *Stand* —

HYMN 511 HOLY SPIRIT, EVER LIVING
VS.1 & 2

Officiant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 2:1-21

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like

the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:25-35, 37

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

O LORD, how manifold are your works! *in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to
number, *creatures both small and
great.**

There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *which you
have made for the sport of it.

**All of them look to you *to give them
their food in due season.**

You give it to them; they gather it; *you
open your hand, and they are filled with
good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; *you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles; *he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him; *I will rejoice in the LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. *Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON
I CORINTHIANS 12:3B-13

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to

another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

— Stand —

HYMN 513 LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE
DOVE’S SONG
VS. 1 - 3

THE GOSPEL
JOHN 20:19-23

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are

forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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 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:

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, Hector, Kai (Kay) and Brian, our Bishops; and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

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

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

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

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)*

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

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping those who serve in our armed forces at home and abroad. As we remember this Memorial Day all those who sacrificed themselves for our nation's ideals, defend with your heavenly grace all who risk themselves in these times; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Officiant:
Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:"
Regard not our sins, but the faith of your

Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant:
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

Our May Sunday open plate will go to Friends of the Library. If you would like to give electronically, see the QR code on the back of the bulletin.

— 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 531 O SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

VS. 1 – 4

The Officiant dismisses with these words:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

LEADERS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Celebrant: Tracy Allen

Altar Guild Team: Marty Brown & Michaelle Green

Lector: Michaelle Green

Greeters: Roberta Vallantyne & Bonnie Geddie

Vestry Person: Marty Brown

Coffee Refreshments: Rick Ortiz

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO

THE GLORY OF GOD

by Carol & Tom Roberts

in ??????????????????

TODAY - PENTECOST

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

Coffee Fellowship

MAY 25TH

Memorial Day – Parish Office Closed

6:30 p.m., Men’s Prayer Group

MAY 26TH

June Messenger deadline

7:30PM A.A.

MAY 31ST

9:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist

led by The Rev. Cliff Rucker,
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: Brad, Christy Jo, Marnie, Julie, Donna, Zoe, the Brooks' family, Misty, Holly, Pastor Blake & Family, 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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