



# St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

214 COLLEGE AVE., HENDERSON, TEXAS

Liturgy of the Word

*August 9, 2026*

*Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost*

PRELUDE

— *Stand* —

HYMN 608 ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO  
SAVE  
VS.1 - 4

*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:*

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your 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

GENESIS 37:1-4, 12-28

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out

of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 105:1-6, 16-22, 25B

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

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*and  
speak of all his marvelous works.**

Glory in his holy Name; \*let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**Search for the LORD and his strength;  
\*continually seek his face.**

Remember the marvels he has done, \*his  
wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

**O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*O  
children of Jacob his chosen.**

Then he called for a famine in the land \*and  
destroyed the supply of bread.

**He sent a man before them, \*Joseph, who  
was sold as a slave.**

They bruised his feet in fetters; \*his neck they  
put in an iron collar.

**Until his prediction came to pass, \*the  
word of the LORD tested him.**

The king sent and released him; \*the ruler of  
the peoples set him free.

**He set him as a master over his  
household, as a ruler over all his  
possessions,**

To instruct his princes according to his will  
and to teach his elders wisdom.

**Hallelujah!**

THE SECOND LESSON  
ROMANS 10:5-15

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to  
the Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness  
that comes from the law, that “the person  
who does these things will live by them.” But  
the righteousness that comes from faith says,

“Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend  
into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down)  
“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that  
is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But  
what does it say?

“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);  
because if you confess with your lips that  
Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that  
God raised him from the dead, you will be  
saved. For one believes with the heart and so  
is justified, and one confesses with the mouth  
and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one  
who believes in him will be put to shame.”  
For there is no distinction between Jew and  
Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is  
generous to all who call on him. For,  
“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord  
shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they  
have not believed? And how are they to  
believe in one of whom they have never  
heard? And how are they to hear without  
someone to proclaim him? And how are they  
to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is  
written, “How beautiful are the feet of those  
who bring good news!”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

— Stand —

HYMN 398 I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER  
OF GOD  
VS. 1-3

THE GOSPEL  
MATTHEW 14:22-33

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

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

*Officiant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

THE SERMON  
*Mr. Matthew Craig*

*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.

**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* —

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 Jo Anne and Bill, and Betsy and Jack, 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. **Amen.**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*Officiant:*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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:*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

## THE OFFERTORY

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

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

— *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 636 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION  
VS. 1, 3, 5

*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: *Matthew Craig*  
Altar Guild Team: *Carol Roberta & Deborah Kangerga*  
Acolyte: *Sophia Robinson*  
Lector: *Linda Craig*  
Greeters: *Roberta Vallantyne & Bonnie Geddie*  
Vestry Person: *Kim Robinson*  
Coffee Refreshments: *Carol Roberts*

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

JoAnne & Bill Bagley 12th  
Betsy & Jack Brooks 12th

## TODAY

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

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 11H

7:30 p.m., AA in the Parish Hall

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

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

## — LOOKING AHEAD —

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD

4:00 p.m., Back to School Ice Cream Social and  
Movie in Parish Hall  
The church will provide the ice cream and toppings,  
BYOB (bring your own banana).

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH

6:00 p.m., You are cordially invited to a celebration of  
New Ministry and the Installation of a Rector, The  
Rev. Shelby, at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Tyler.  
Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall  
before & after.



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## PRAYER LIST

**Our St. Matthew's Family:** Charlene & David,  
Christopher, Mary Jo, Jimmy, Anne, June, Gail &  
Dan, Lisa & John, Randy, Justin, Sophia, and Ann.

**Friends & Loved Ones:** The Smith & Baker  
families, Christy Jo, Marnie, Donna, Zoe, Misty,  
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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