



We Welcome You to
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church!
214 College Ave., Henderson, Texas
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Liturgy of the Word
February 8, 2026
5th Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

— *Stand* —

HYMN 7 CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY
Verses 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.

Celebrant:

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant:

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-12

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the

ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and he LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112:1-10

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

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *and have great delight in his commandments! **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house, *and their righteousness will last for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending *and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; *the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, *until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, *and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *the desires of the wicked will perish.

THE SECOND LESSON *I Corinthians 2:1-16*

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom.

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in

much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also, no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

— *Stand* —

HYMN 488 BE THOU MY VISION

Verses 1-3

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 5:13-20

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

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

THE SERMON

Mrs. Michelle King

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

— *The Leader & People Pray Responsively* —

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. (*Silence*)

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. (*Silence*)

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. (*Silence*)

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. (*Silence*)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all on our *St. Matthew's Prayer List*, and 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. (*Silence*)

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. (*Silence*)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Linda, Isabelle and Michelle 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.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Officiant:
Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and 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:
Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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:

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 667 SOMETIMES A LIGHT

(SUNG TO AURELIA HYMN TUNE)

VERSES 1, 2, 4

The Officiant dismisses with these words:

Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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LEADERS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE
Celebrant: *Michelle King*

Altar Guild Team: *Kim Robinson* & *Michelle King*

Acolyte: *Aaden King*

Lector: *Matthew Craig*

Greeters: *the King family*

Vestry Person: *Josh King*

Coffee Refreshments: *Michaelle Green*

Altar Flowers Are Given to the Glory of God
by Ben Patterson & Rick Ortiz

Birthdays this Week

Linda & Isabella Craig 11th
Michelle King 14th

TODAY

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

TUESDAY, FEB. 10TH
7:30 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, FEB. 12TH
10:30 a.m. Clericus

SUNDAY, FEB. 15TH
9:30 a.m., Liturgy of the Word,
Coffee Fellowship
Vestry Meeting

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER
On Tuesday, February 17th, we will gather for our annual pancake supper. Rick Ortiz & Ben Patterson are again serving as our pancake supper planners. **Men that want to help, please arrive by 5:00 p.m.** to begin setting up and cooking. The men will **serve parishioners from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

OPEN PLATE OFFERING

Our **February** Sunday open plate (undesignated cash or checks) will go to the **Rusk County Pets Alive**. 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.

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 1st, we will have **volunteers to sign up to provide treats for our coffee fellowship.** The sign-up sheet is posted on the parish hall bulletin board. The Vestry Person of the day will continue to prepare our coffee and have cups/sugar/creamer set out.

PRAYER LIST

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

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