

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
the episcopal diocese of maryland
8A.M. ♦ MARCH 19, 2023



Welcome to St. Matthew's Parish, a congregation of the Episcopal Church in Garrett County, the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, and spiritual home to the blessed company of all faithful people, of which you are one. Please know that simply by your presence here, you are considered a member of this church and welcome to receive Holy Communion as the Spirit moves you.

In this place you will discover a diverse community of the People of God, with many interests and one purpose – to use their gifts in service to all who may be in need. We hope you will join us in that service. William Temple, former Archbishop of Canterbury (1942-1944), wrote that “the church is the only institution that exists for people who are not its members.” We offer many avenues for the expression of that service at St. Matthew's – The Nearly New Shop, It's in the Bag, Stephen's Table and House Church to name a few. We are also open to new ideas for ministry, if you have one...let us know!

The Episcopal Church in Garrett County is recognized as one of the leaders in mission and ministry in the Diocese of Maryland. We do this through the active participation of our membership and through their generous giving each week. In addition to funding our ministries, there are still bills and salaries to be paid, and, being a small, rural, church, we have to rely on weekly giving and the Nearly New Shop to meet our financial needs. For your convenience, scanning the QR code on this page with your cell phone camera will take you to a window from which you can easily make a donation in any amount through your PayPal account. Or you can simply write a check to St. Matthew's Parish. Either way, the gift you make will help continue the mission and ministry of St. Matthew's Parish and The Episcopal Church in Garrett County. Thank you!



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD AT 8

Be thankful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord.

During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

The people standing,

Celebrant: I see you.

People: **We are here.**

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 *DOMINUS REGIT ME*

The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON:

EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All stand for

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for St. Peter's, Ellicott City; St. Paul's, Mount Airy; St. Mary's, Woodlawn.

We also pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Eugene and Bob our Bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

People: **For all who serve God in his church.**

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Please warmly greet one another with the peace of Christ

PARISH LIFE

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Please stand as the Offering is brought to the Altar

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness,

vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant and People:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant and People:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips. You may receive the bread only, if you prefer. After consuming the bread, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

today

other info

lenten meditations

Lenten meditations and Holy Eucharist are held weekly at St. Matthew's from 12 - 12:30 pm each Wednesday throughout Lent.

confirmation classes

Confirmation classes meet in the Parish Hall at St. Matthew's every Friday in March at 4 pm. Adults who wish to be confirmed or received will meet separately, date/time to be determined.

bishop search meet & greet

The Diocese of Maryland has been in a months-long search process to find candidates to stand for election in March to replace retiring Diocesan Bishop Eugene Taylor Sutton. That search process has been completed and an election will be held at a special convention at St. John's, Ellicott City on **March 25th**. For more information on the candidates, visit: <https://episcopalmaryland.org/bishop-slate/>

house church

House church meets every other Wednesday at 7:30 pm at the Ludwig home (101 F St. in Mt. Lake Park), with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday March 29th. The book is called 'Fearless: Imagine Your Life Without Fear' by Max Lucado. If you would like to join this study, reach out to Kendall Ludwig at mkendallludwig@gmail.com

prayer list review

Please help us review the prayer lists in the bulletin. Without updates from those of you who ask for prayer for loved ones, we don't know when someone can be taken off the lists. You can call Julie or send us an email with your updates.

nearly new spring work day

Please join us on Monday, **April 3rd** for our Spring Work Day at Nearly New!

Come for a half hour, an hour, or two as we pack away our winter merchandise and bring on spring and summer. We will be working from **10 – 2** and will have pizza at noon.

If you've ever thought about helping at Nearly New, this is a perfect opportunity to meet our great group of volunteers – we are fun! – and see what we do. We are always looking for help sorting donations, keeping the merchandise neat and organized or running the cash register. Nearly New's proceeds contribute monies to support ECGC community outreach.

Nearly New is open Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 – 2. We also plan to be open on Thursdays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Volunteers are always welcome to help for as little or as much as you like each week. No retail experience needed.

If you have any questions, please contact us through any of the following ways:

Send an email to nearlynewcrew@gmail.com and Kathy or Maryn will get in touch with you. Contact Kathy Zimmer by cell at 412-287-7483 or by email at kathyzimmer24@gmail.com Contact Maryn Fisher by cell at 240-409-6845 or by email at mhffisher@comcast.net

We look forward to seeing you on April 3rd!

ministers of today's service

Celebrant:

The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee

prayer list

We pray each Sunday and Thursday for members, relatives and friends of this faith community who have asked for our prayers. Requests should be renewed the first of each month to be kept on our list. You may call Julie in the Church Office at 301-334-2510 or email your request to

episcopalchurcingarrettcountry@gmail.com

Let us pray to the Lord and for each other, especially for Dolores Andrew, Ron Krug, Mark Hartman, Wayne Baker, Carolyn Germain, Mary Ann Crawford, Kim Lovett, Sherri Fredlock, Jessica Stansbury, Jake Fazenbaker, Lexie Byrne, Sharon Caple, John Amato, Jessie Harris, Larry Tichnell, Billy, Stevie, and Fletcher Layne Fazenbaker, Mabel Butler; Bobbi & Peter Banse, Karen Reckner, Bonnie Weiler, Bill Seling, Terry Turner, Jacques Hourtal Mart, Dave Arnold, Jane Hazlett & family, and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

(Silence)

In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for St. Peter's, Ellicott City; St. Paul's, Mount Airy; St. Mary's, Woodlawn.

We also pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Eugene and Bob our Bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers.

In the Anglican communion we pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

For relatives and friends of this faith community serving the victims of disasters and political unrest around the world, for those who are in harm's way in war zones, and for those who are working for peace everywhere.

For all victims of natural disaster, terrorism, war, economic and environmental injustice and addiction.

Members of our Faith Community for whom we are praying

Karen Adams, Hugh Andrew, Thomas Ashby, Mike Barnes, Luke Bowser, Patricia Burkholder, Wayne Caple, Nick & Oksana Carlson, Randy Chamblin, Joseph R. Clark, Sr., Jenna Conn, Betty Jane Cook, Robert Coughlin, Rev. Crites, Dave Culler, Susie Culler, Harold DeBerry, Virginia Dillsworth, Carolyn Dore, Terry Elliott, Ron Gebron, Mary Jane Germain, Kathleen Gibbs, Mimi Gigax, Laurie Grant, Sherry & Bud Gunter, Lauren Hatcher, Jeremy Henry, Charles Herman, Stacy Holler, Emily Imgrund, Jane Ann Kane, Paul Keister, Thomas Kovach, Joan Lambert, Evelyn Lamp, Smith Lantz, Charlotte Laumann, Shirley Lotz, Nancy Louie, Carol Mattingly, Carole Maynard, Joe Methany, Sue Meyer, Pat Michener, Christy Montgomery, Judy Morgan, Janet Mosser, Greg Myers, Derek Parker, Rebecca Paugh, Logan Perry, Brenda Rathgeb, Donald Richter, Doug Roberson, Betty Rundquist, Ralph Schmidt, Irene Schrock, The Scott Family, Tommy Scott, William Seling, Katie Shearon, William Smeltzer, Bob Smith, Joshua Snider, Sean Snider, Alice Soberg, Heidi & Deva Solomon, Kyle Swaim, Darlene Terlizzi, Lillian Wall, Daryl Walters, Tom Watts, Jennie Weeks, Pat Wilkinson, Samantha Hodge-Williams, Kerry Chartrau Willoughby, Nancy Wright, Andrew Yoder, Garrett Yoder, and Chuck Zellefrow.

also

Little ones have a place at St. Matthew's!

Our Sunday school and nursery is open at 10:15, upstairs in the Parish Hall. Please ask anyone for directions.

Stay in touch with us digitally!

To receive the Parish E-news, please add your name, address, phone number, and email address to the guest register just inside the door of the narthex, or use the form on our website home page at www.episcopalchurcingarrettcountry.org. When you are not able to be with us on Sunday, you can watch the televised webcast live at either 8 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. each week, or listen to the 8 a.m. service live, locally, over WMSG, 1050 AM.

In case of rare snow closures or sudden changes in our worship schedule, we will send an email to our address list and also an automated telephone message to everyone on our call list announcing the change.

Please note that we delete addresses that report as nonexistent and cause our emails to bounce back. Make sure you add **episcopalchurcingarrettcountry@gmail.com** to your computer's address book to ensure that our email does not end up in your spam folder.

Sunday, March 19

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45 a.m. Coffee hour in the chancel immediately following the service

Sunday, March 26

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45 a.m. Coffee hour in the chancel immediately following the service

weekly

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8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Tuesday

4:45 p.m. Yoga with Tina (through March 21st)

Wednesday

11 a.m. Packing-It's in the Bag - St. John's
12 noon Lenten meditations and Holy Eucharist (through April 5th)
4:45 p.m. Yoga with Tina (through March 22nd)

Thursday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Friday

4 p.m. Confirmation class (through March 31st)

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**St. Matthew's
Episcopal Church
Easter Lily Memorial Flowers**

Please indicate below the number of plants you would like to order and the names of those family members and loved ones in whose memory they will be placed and return it to the church (if mailing, send to P.O. Box 303, Oakland, MD 21550) with your check by Monday, April 3rd.

Ordering _____ Plants @ \$15.00 each.

In Memory Of:

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