

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN GARRETT COUNTY
WORSHIPPING AT ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
the episcopal diocese of maryland
10 A.M. ♦ MARCH 15, 2026

**St. Matthew's and St. John'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
with your check by Tuesday, March 31st.**

If mailing:

St. Matthew's - PO Box 303, Oakland, MD 21550

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Ordering _____ Plants @ \$15.00 each.

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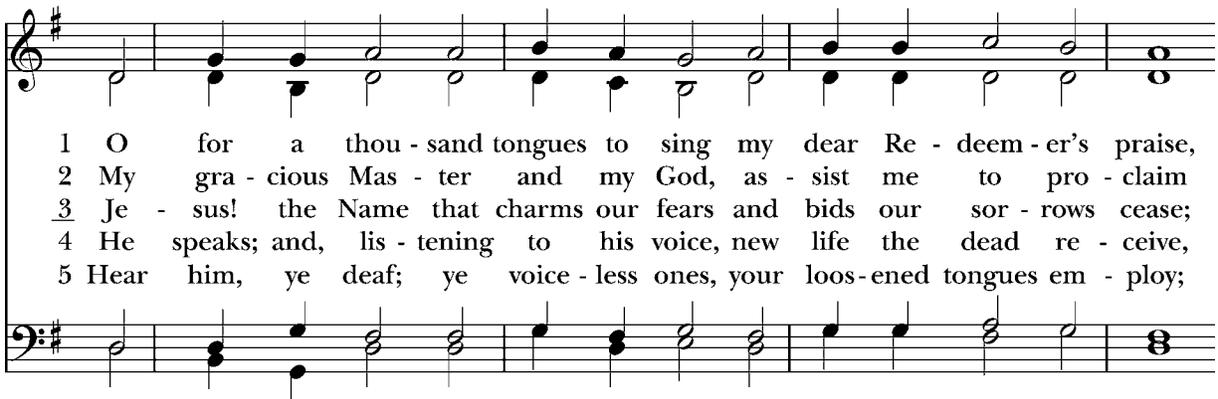
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

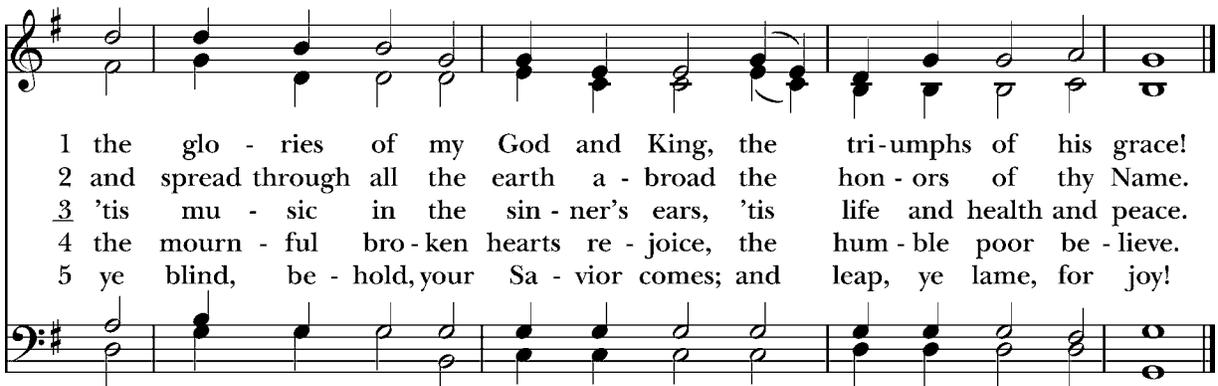
*Be thankful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God.
Before the service, speak to the Lord.
During the service, let the Lord speak to you.
After the service, speak to one another.*

HYMN 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heayen.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE S-102

Trisagion (sung by all three times)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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 people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON:

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

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.**

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

L. DeLauder

Rea - dy my mind for the no-thing-ness. O - pen my heart to the wil-der-ness.

7
Who are we? Then who am I? What's qui - et - ly be-tween my soul and God? Let me
(2nd time)

11
find the les - son in the wil - der - ness.
sing the mes - sage of the wil - der - ness.

The musical score is written on a single staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with a treble clef and a 2-measure rest. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into three systems, with measure numbers 7 and 11 indicated at the start of the second and third systems respectively. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

2024

All standing,

THE GOSPEL:

JOHN 9:1-41

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 (*cont.*)

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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 you 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
People*

The Gospel of the Lord.
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 Living Grace, Urbana; St. John's, Ellicott City; St. Mark's, Highland.

We also pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Carrie our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya.

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

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially for Nancy Ihloff; Madalyn Hoffeditz; Megan Morin; Marshall Stacy; Sharon Pyle; Butch Virts; Roberta Seward; the Hodge-Williams Family; Don Loomis; John & Brenda Rathgeb; Frances Sharpless; Laura Tasker; Walt Tasker; Ron Peterson; Michael Marine; Jason Stum; Kathy & Elon O'Connor; Mary Ely; Smith Lantz; Sarah Reed; Doug Anderson; Barb Riley; John Jorgensen; Hugh & Dolores Andrew; Jessie Harris; Bonnie Weiler; Dave Arnold; Jeff Arnold; Amy Harmon; Kim Lovett & Family; Mary Ann Crawford; Michael Null; Margaret Russ; Matthew Roper & Family; Greg Roper; Jack Skeen; and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

This week's family prayers are for Mike, Carol, Sarah, Meghan, and Zach Voelkel; Ruta Savage; and Helen Nickles.

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. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

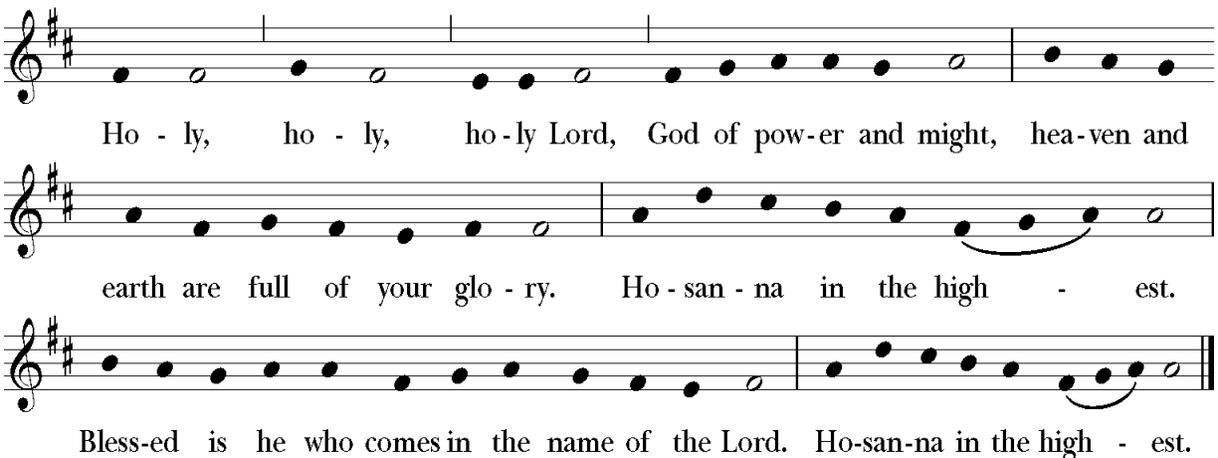
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

HYMN S-124

Holy, holy, holy Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The People stand or kneel

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and
People*

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*Celebrant and
People*

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD S-158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

All here 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. You may also "intinct" by dipping the bread into the chalice. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Sung three times*

Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with a quarter rest, followed by eighth notes, and a quarter note. The bass staff contains a bass line with a quarter rest, followed by eighth notes, and a quarter note. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of musical notation is identical to the first system, consisting of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff with the same melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community
Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

I want to walk as a child of the light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
 I want to look at Je-sus.
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a-like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci-ty of God. *rit.*

a tempo
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

announcements

lenten meditations

Lenten Meditations and Holy Eucharist are held at St. Matthew's from 12 noon- 12:30 PM each Wednesday throughout Lent.

house church

House Church meets again on **Wednesday, March 25th**. The group meets every other Wednesday at **7:30 pm** at the Ludwig home at 101 F Street in Mt. Lake Park. The schedule can be found in the e-news. This session will be a study of the The Mystery of the Holy Spirit. (You can purchase the book from Amazon.) **All are welcome to join at any time!**

stephen's table

Our next meal will be served on **Thursday, March 19th from 5-6:30 pm**. If you can help in any way, contact **Kip Senholzi** at kwsenholzi@comcast.net, or simply show up and have some fun with us! The **Nearly New** will be open during this time, also.

seekers

The Seekers will gather again on **April 26th** after church for a hike at New Germany State Park. All in attendance should bring a packed lunch and a drink.

The Seekers are still collecting **non-perishable food** to replenish the food pantry at the Oakland Town Hall. They fill the pantry at least twice per month. If you are able to help, please bring your donations to the church.

2026 directories

The 2026 directories are at the back of each church. Julie can also email you a pdf of the directory upon request.

holy week schedule

March 29th	Palm Sunday	10 AM - SM
April 1st	Meditations & Eucharist	12 noon - SM
April 2nd	Maundy Thursday	7 PM - SM
April 3rd	Good Friday	7 PM - SJ
April 5th	Easter Sunday	10 AM - SJ

an Easter egg hunt will follow

weathering the storms

Kate Riley, Canon for Youth and Young Adults, is organizing a week-long trip for high school youth and young adults. The group will travel to North Carolina on **July 19th** and stay for one week to help with the communities still recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Helene. The cost of the trip is \$900, which covers everything needed for the trip. (Room, board, transportation, etc.) Participants will be encouraged to bring extra money for souvenirs or snacks. Kate is also looking for three more chaperones for the trip. Additional details and registration (deadline is **March 27th**) can be found in the e-news. Scholarship funds may be available.

nearly new

The store is always looking for volunteers. The store creates a lot of income for St. Matthew's ministries to serve our church and community. The store is open on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10AM - 2PM. We are also open during Stephen's Table on the next to the last Thursday of each month from 5pm - 6:30pm.

If your teen needs to earn service learning hours, which they can do through volunteering at the store. (Anyone under 16 years of age must have a parent or other adult with them throughout their shift.)

If you are interested in lending a hand, you can just show up when we are open and we will get you started, or you can let us know in one of the following ways:

Send an email to nearlynewcrew@gmail.com
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
Contact **Julie Hartman** in her office at **301-334-2510 ext. 3** or by email at: episcopalchurchingarrettcounty@gmail.com

ministers of today's service

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee
Reader: Cindy Stacy
Chalicer: Gladys Virts

prayer list

We pray each Sunday and Thursday for members, relatives and friends of this faith community who have asked for our prayers. You may call Julie in the Church Office at 301-334-2510 ext. 3 or email your request to: episcopalchurcingarrettcountry@gmail.com

Let us pray to the Lord and for each other, especially for Nancy Ihloff; Madalyn Hoffeditz; Megan Morin; Marshall Stacy; Sharon Pyle; Butch Virts; Roberta Seward; the Hodge-Williams Family; Don Loomis; John & Brenda Rathgeb; Frances Sharpless; Laura Tasker; Walt Tasker; Ron Peterson; Michael Marine; Jason Stum; Kathy & Elon O'Connor; Mary Ely; Smith Lantz; Sarah Reed; Doug Anderson; Barb Riley; John Jorgensen; Hugh & Dolores Andrew; Jessie Harris; Bonnie Weiler; Dave Arnold; Jeff Arnold; Amy Harmon; Kim Lovett & Family; Mary Ann Crawford; Michael Null; Margaret Russ; Matthew Roper & Family; Greg Roper; Jack Skeen; and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

(Silence)

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We also pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Carrie our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers.

In the Anglican communion we pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya.

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

Linda Ludwig Baker; Diane Burns; Lexie Byrne; Betty Jane Cook; Bernie Ferguson; Carolyn Germain; Larry Glatt; Regina Ray; Stephanie Hawtof & Kevin Rissell; Kolby Hefner; Dan Jonson; Smith Lantz; Madeline Meister; Brenda Rathgeb; Kat & Matt Rayner; Kip Senholzi; and Gavin Tasker.

also

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

Our Sunday school and nursery are 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 livestream at 10 a.m. on the 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays of the month.

In case of rare snow closures or sudden changes in our worship schedule, we will send an email to our address 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.

upcoming church schedule

March 22	St. Matthew's
Mar. 18 (Meditations & Eucharist 12 noon)	St. Matthew's
Mar. 25 (Meditations & Eucharist 12 noon)	St. Matthew's
March 29	St. Matthew's
April 1 (Meditations & Eucharist 12 noon)	St. Matthew's
April 2 (Maundy Thursday 7 pm)	St. Matthew's
April 3 (Good Friday 7 pm)	St. John's
April 5 (Easter Sunday - egg hunt to follow)	St. John's
April 12	St. Matthew's
April 19	St. John's
April 26th (Seekers - hike after church)	St. Matthew's

Sunday, March 15th at St. John's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10 am Sunday School downstairs
 Coffee hour in the fellowship room immediately following the service

Wednesday - March 18th

12 noon Lenten Meditations and Holy Eucharist at St. Matthew's

Thursday, March 19th

7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II at St. Matthew's

Sunday, March 22nd at St. Matthew's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10 am Sunday School upstairs in the parish hall
 Coffee hour in the chancel immediately following the service

sunday schedule

March 22nd	St. Matthew's
March 29th (Palm Sunday)	St. Matthew's
April 5th (Easter Sunday)	St. John's
April 12th	St. Matthew's
April 19th	St. John's
April 26th	St. Matthew's

weekly

1st and 3rd Sunday at St. John's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10 am Sunday School downstairs

2nd, 4th, and 5th Sunday at St. Matthew's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall

Wednesday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open
 11 am It's in the Bag Packing at St. John's

Thursday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Friday & Saturday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

monthly

third Sunday

6 pm EpiscoPals (none scheduled)

next-to-the-last Thursday

5 - 6:30 pm Stephen's Table (March 19th)

monthly

11 am Seekers (April 26th)
 7 pm Vestry/Advisory Board meeting at SM (3/26)

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clergy

The Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent
 Bishop of Maryland

The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee
 Rector, St. Matthew's; Vicar, St. John's

The Rev. Anne Byrne-Deitch
 Assistant Priest for Christian Formation, St. Matthew's

staff

Julie Hartman
 Parish Administrator

Krysta Huxford
 Senior Warden, St. Matthew's

Mark Ludwig
 Junior Warden, St. Matthew's

Mike Voelkel
 Senior Warden, St. John's

Gladys Virts
 Junior Warden, St. John's

Leah DeLauder
 Music Director

vestry/advisory board members

**St. Matthew's Vestry
 St. John's Advisory Board**

Rev. Anne Byrne-Deitch ~ Assistant Priest
 Mary Jane Fike ~ St. Matthew's
 Julie Hartman ~ Parish Administrator
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 Liz Morin ~ St. Matthew's
 Leslie Roper ~ St. Matthew's
 Larry Shipe ~ St. John's
 Mike Shirey ~ Treasurer, St. John's
 Gladys Virts ~ Junior Warden, St. John's
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