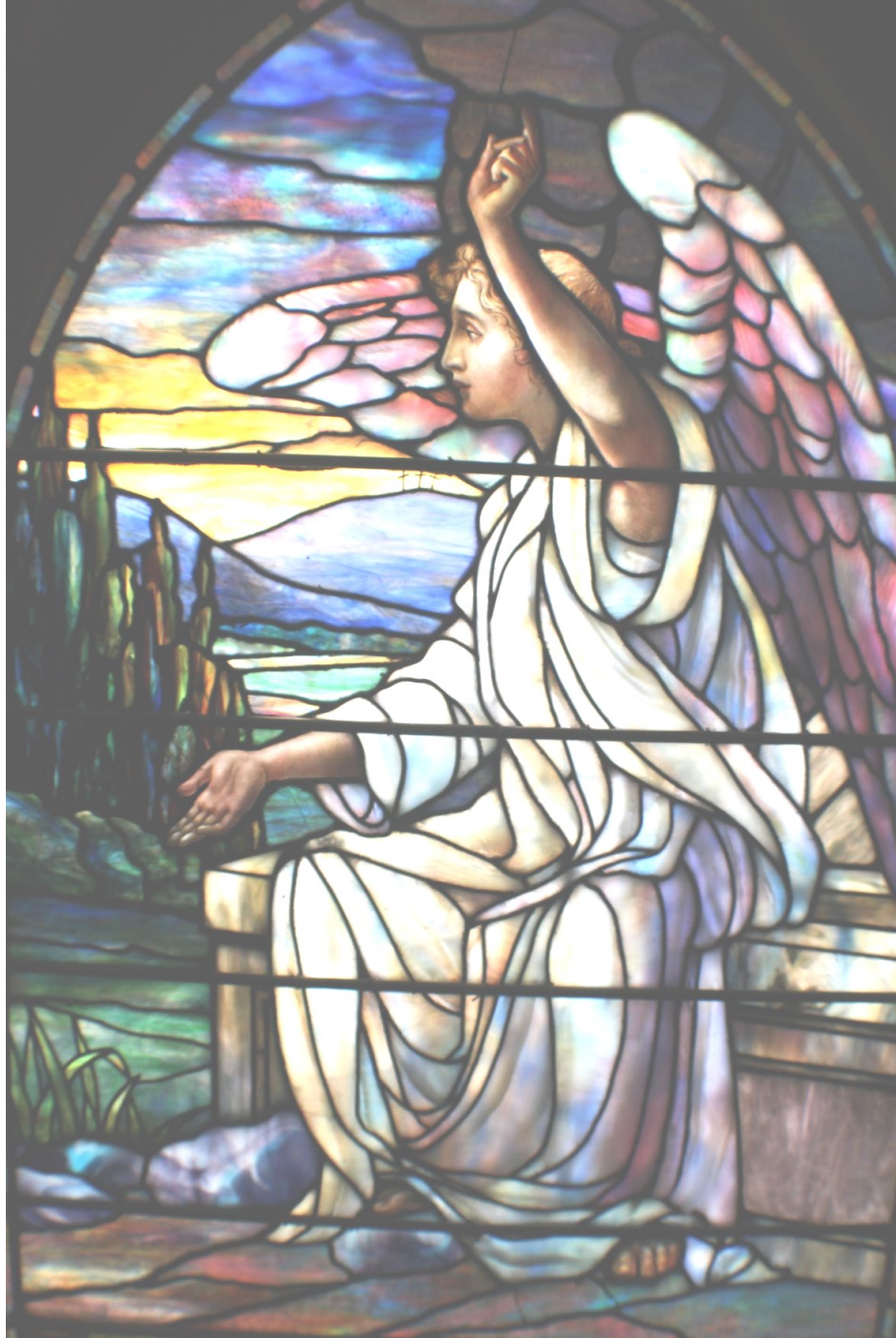




St Matthew's Church



Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Welcome to Saint Matthew's Church

Alleluia, Christ is Risen indeed! I hope you have encountered the Risen Lord today. The evidence of Jesus' appearances, coupled with the bewilderment of the Roman authorities and the Jewish religious leaders who could not produce the body of Jesus, even after having verified his death and burial is compelling. For the eyewitnesses who were there, many who were martyred for their belief, died in the sure and certain hope of their own resurrection. Today, believers who have witnessed the presence and power of God in Christ in their lives, continue to witness in the same resurrected power that raised Jesus from the dead, and their personal testimonies are undeniable. Join us in worship and praise that you too may follow the risen Lord. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb

The Reverend E. Ragland (Rags) Cox

Our schedule of weekly worship and Christian Education is as follows:

Sunday

8am Holy Communion in the Church. This is a shorter service due to the absence of music.

9:45 Christian Education for all ages; Nursery provided.

10:30 Family Service in the Chapel. This is a 15 minute service for families with young children.

11am Holy Communion in the Church with music, and livestream virtual (Zoom)

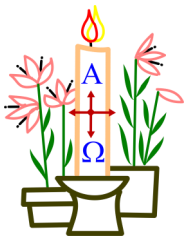
Last Sunday of the Month (Normally)

11am Morning Prayer. This is usually a lay-led service praise and worship service with a brief homily.

Home Communion is available by request. Please contact the church office or the Rector.

Virtual Participants are encouraged to follow the services using the virtual bulletin which is e-mailed each week and your own Book of Common Prayer. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

All baptized and believing Christians are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's table. If you are not baptized, or if you would prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers available, please ask the clergy.

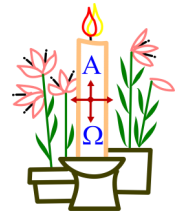


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Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Holy Eucharist



The Organ Prelude

The Processional Hymn #179 “Welcome, Happy Morning”

Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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The Collect of the Day (kneeling)

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 25: 6-9

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On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The Anthem

“Easter Hymn of Praise”

John Carter

*Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise; sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise: he who on the cross as Savior for the world's
salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.
Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born, glorious life, and
life immortal, on this holy Easter morn: Christ has triumphed, and we conquer
by his mighty enterprise; we with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia to the Savior who has
won the victory; Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty. Amen, Amen!*

-Christopher Wordsworth

The Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

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If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The Sequence Hymn #208 “The strife is o’er”

All standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Rev. E Ragland Coxe

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*Arise, my soul, arise! Stretch forth to things eternal,
and haste thee to the feet of thy Redeemer God.
Though hid from mortal eyes, he dwells in light supernal,
yet worship him in humbleness and own him Lord.
His banquet of love awaits thee above; behold
the marriage festal of the Lamb is come!
Rejoice, my soul, rejoice, to heaven lift up thy voice:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*List to the harps of heaven! Hark to the song victorious,
the never-ending anthem sounding through the sky.
To mortals is not given, it's strains all glorious;
yet sing, my soul, the praise of him who reigns on high.
Who bought with his blood the ransomed of God;
to him be everlasting power and victory.
And let the great Amen resound through heaven again.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

-Johan Kahl

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The Recessional Hymn #207 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Officiant Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

Dismissal

The Organ Postlude

Sermon Notes

Anglican Cycle of Prayer 3/31/24

In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Diocese of New England, Bishop Andrew Williams and his wife, Elena, and Bishop William Murdoch and his wife, Sally.

In the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, we celebrate Our Lord's victory over the grave and pray that all of the churches in our Diocese will be heralds of the Good News of Jesus' redemption of the world.

Camp Jubilee

O merciful Lord, Creator of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence will assist our Diocese in acquiring the land you have chosen for Camp Jubilee. Give us grace to honor you by being faithful stewards of all your good gifts through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Feasts and Fasts this week

March 31- Easter Day

April 1- Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest and Renewer of Society, 1872

April 2- Henry Budd, First Native Priest in Canada, 1850

April 3- James Lloyd Breck, Priest and Missionary, 1879

April 4- Martin Luther King, Jr., Renewer of Society, 1968

*The Altar Flowers have been given
By The Easter Sunday Guild
To the Glory of God*

- Please join us in the Parish Hall after the service for **Fellowship**.
- All Children and Young People are invited to **flower our Easter Cross** at today's service. Small children should have a parent or friend accompany them if they are a little skittish. Please meet in the Parish Hall after Children's Chapel (with 1 or 2 small bunches of flowers, stems wrapped in tin foil). We will try to have a few extra flowers for visitors or others who need them.
- The **Parish Office** will be closed April 1st thru April 5th.
- Our youth leaders are required to attend **Youth Protection training classes**. This can be achieved via online courses or group courses. Deacon Frank is offering group courses April 3rd and 16th. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.
- **Women's Bible Study** will start again on April 8th and 10th. Mondays at the Purple Fish at 11:00AM and Wednesdays in the Parish Hall at 6:00 PM. This study is called Lyrics for Life and will be about the Psalms. More details in April's E-news.
- On **Saturday April 20th**, our church is providing the food and the serving of the breakfast at the Soup Kitchen. We will need 15 casseroles prepared and 10 people to pack and serve breakfast. The casserole preparers will be given the recipe and a pan to cook the needed food. Warm Casseroles will need to be dropped off at the Soup Kitchen at 7:00 AM. A sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall and pans, recipes, and delivery instructions are available.

Parish Prayer List

Evans Howle
Helen Killion
Johnny Etheridge
Minnie Gatewood
Nancy Purvis

Stephanie Benjamin
Hettie Dargan
Beth Higgins
Mary Altman
Bill Howle

Doyle Yates
Gloria Martineau
Debi Sidbury
Ruth Barr
Cyndy Rickman

Family and Friends Prayer List

Pres. Jimmy Carter
Keith Shepard
Jeff Shepard
Bert Peckford
Joey Saleeby
Susan Sheely
Janice Morris
Carolyn Swallow
Sandra Harris
Denise Harris
Archie Bigelow
David Luther
Rachel Sims
Neil Strieff
David Gravely
Frankie James
Emma Camacho
Jim Rushton
James Carver
Patsy Sawyer
TC Sawyer
Frances Roberts
Zack McKay
Mirella McKay
Randall Pipkin
Krystal Baumgardner
Robert Baumgardner

Marc Brockington
Carlin Munnerlyn
Judy Melton
Frankie Tanner
Clare Hoole
Lisa Wilson
Ross Thames
Denise Garris
Lynn Brown
Dan Harper
Roy Martin
Carolyn Keese
Joe Riggan
Tommy Bolger
Michael Holt
Teresa Moore
Grayson Griggs
Everett Teal
John Jepertinger
Eloise Taylor
Matt Brunson
Ashli Coballes
Price Cockman
Hayes Cockman
Claire Hoole
Stephanie Shaw

Robert Graham
Robert Crawford
Alexander Paul
Rev. Jason Hamshaw
Tammy Dubose
Jim Zorgias
Jake LeVine
Teresa Chaplain
Gregg Ervin
Chip Sims
Mason Mulligan
Elizabeth Mullins
Dot Johnson
Adalaya Brasington
Deanna Edwards
Linda Hudson
Johnny Deas
Wanda Scott
Lee Bass
Adalei Deaver
Theresa Nanke
Araina Brevard
Barrett Byrd
Charlotte Roberts
Ricky Galloway
Blake Boyd

Family Members on Active Military Service:

ITCM William Heitsman USN,
S Sgt. 1st Class David R. Wilson, 82nd Airborne US Army
Pvt. 1st Class Austin Strickland, US Army

Prayer For Expecting and Adopting Parents:

Mary Deane & Robby Kilgo and Tamara & William Kirven

Our Missionaries:

For the people of our companion parish, Santiago Apostol and their priest,
The Reverend Nephthaly Desir. The Rev. Fred Ochieng Onyango of the Anglican Church of Kenya, Diocese
of Maseno South.

Birthdays:

April 1: Ollie DeWitt **April 3:** Lynn Bottenus & Dayton Griffin
April 5: Marvin Lawson **April 6:** Grayson Griffin

Parish Calendar

Wednesday, April 3 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (TPF & Virtual)

Sunday, April 7

The Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel
 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Church & Virtual)
 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time
 5:00 p.m. Youth Group (TPF)

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
USHERS:	11 a.m. Campbell Coxé Caid Kirven	Ollie DeWitt Lorna Matthews
LAY READERS:	7 a.m. Stewart Smith (L, LEM) TBA (P, LEM)	8 a.m. Sam Dargan (L, P, LEM)
	11 a.m. Robby Kilgo (L, LEM) David Welch (P, LEM)	Larry Duke (L, LEM) Cathy Howle (P, LEM)
CRUCIFER:	Caroline Smith	Ayden Jones
ALTAR GUILD:	Cathy Howle Rosanne Brasington Debbie Spinazzola	Isabel Smith Deetz Mullins
VIRTUAL:	Janet Stoda	Janet Stoda
ALTAR FLOWERS:	Easter Sunday Guild	Debbie & Richard Spinazzola
FELLOWSHIP TIME:	Janet & Edwin Dargan	Faye & John Dexter
NURSERY VOLUNTEER:	Merry Morgan Smith & Gena Ervin	Mary Beth Gardner & Tamara Kirven

BISHOP OF ADOSC : *The Rt. Reverend Chip Edgar*
 RECTOR: *The Rev. E. Ragland Coxé*
 DEACON: *The Rev. Frank Stoda, Jr.*
 ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER: *Dr. Will Carswell*
 OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: *Jennifer Cashwell*
 COMMUNICATIONS: *Janet Stoda*
 NURSERY: *Mary Ervin*
 SEXTON: *Nathaniel Joe*

Vestry:

Sr. Warden-Stewart Smith Jr. Warden-Steve Smith Treasurer-Sonia Wenteler

2025

William Kirven IV
Debbie Spinazzola
Perry Wilson

2026

John Dexter
Bill Ervin
Joanne Robertson

2027

Jane Early
Mary Beth Gardner
Shari Stokes



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