

ST. MATTHEW'S



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**The Second Sunday in Lent
Morning Prayer
February 25, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.**

Welcome to Saint Matthew's Church

In 1905 a group of God's faithful children laid the cornerstone of the present Church. A lovely structure to begin with, it has been enhanced and further beautified through the years by the work and the gifts of those who have followed in the footsteps of generations of believers in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Our order of service originated in 1549 in England and features patterns of worship and prayers rooted in the Ancient Apostolic faith and the Reformation. The entire congregation participates in the worship service using the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal. Together, we are the body of Christ and individually members of it (1 Cor. 12:27). If you would like to learn more, please let me know by filling out a Welcome Newcomers Card found in your pew and place it in the collection plate. I will be sure to contact you promptly.

The Reverend E. Ragland (Rags) Coxe

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.



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The Organ Prelude

The Processional Hymn #401 "The God of Abraham praise"

	<u>BCP</u>
Opening Sentence of Scripture	27
Confession of Sin	11/12
Invitatory (<i>standing</i>)	13/14

Venite (standing, sung)

O come, let us sing unto the LORD; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the depths of the earth *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, and he made it, *

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, *

and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is our God, *

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *

**and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples
with his truth.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 16:6-12 (standing, read responsively by half-verse)

6 The Lord himself is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup; *you shall maintain my lot.

7 The boundaries have fallen for me in pleasant places; *indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

8 I will thank the Lord for giving me counsel; *my heart also chastens me in the night season.

9 I have set the Lord always before me; *he is at my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

10 Therefore, my heart is glad and my soul rejoices. *My flesh also shall rest in hope.

11 For you shall not leave my soul in the grave, *neither shall you allow your Holy One to see corruption.

12 You shall show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy, *and at your right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14

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After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 2 He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with

the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” 8 Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. 9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 12 He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

Jubilate (standing, sung)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Be assured that the Lord he is God; *

it is he that has made us and not we ourselves;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving

and into his courts with praise; *

be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious;

his mercy is everlasting; *

and his truth endures from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Second Lesson: Romans 8:31-39

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31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A Song of Praise (standing, sung)

Benedictus es, Domine

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the name of thy Majesty; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,

and dwellest between the Cherubim; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

The Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

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31 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” 34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. 36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? 37 For what can a man give in return for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Sequence Hymn #675 “Take up your cross”

The Sermon

The Rev. E. Ragland Coxe

The Apostles' Creed

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The Prayers

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The Collect of the Day (kneeling)

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Announcements

The Offertory Anthem	"Do Not I Love Thee"	Dwight Gustafson
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Do not I love thee, oh my Lord? Behold my heart and see,
and turn each cursed idol out, that dares to rival thee.
Do not I love thee from my soul, then let me ever love,
dead be my heart to every joy when Jesus cannot move.
Thou know'st I love thee dearest Lord, but oh, I long to soar
far from the sphere of mortal joys and learn to love thee more.

Offering

Closing Prayer (kneeling)

Recessional Hymn #691 "My faith looks up to thee"

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Organ Postlude

Anglican Cycle of Prayer 2/25/24

In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Diocese of San Joaquin and Bishop Eric Menees and his wife, Florence.

In the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, we pray for St. Matthias Church, Summerton, The Rev. Denman Isgett and his congregation. We especially pray in glory of the church's 125th Anniversary.

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

February 27th: George Herbert, Priest and Poet, 1633

February 28th: John Cassian, Monk and Teacher of the Faith, 453

March 1st: David, Bishop and Apostle of Wales, 601

March 2nd: Chad, Bishop of Lichfield and Missionary, 672

*The Altar Flowers have been given
To the Glory of God and
In Loving Memory of
Rhodes Barnes and Morris Cave
By Betts & Skip Bailey*

Announcements

Please join us for **Fellowship Time** in the Parish Hall after the service!

- We are in need of candy and toys for the **Easter Egg Hunt**. Please place any donations in the Parlor in the Coxe Building by March 29th. Thank you for your help!
- **GrandCamp** will be held at Epworth by the Sea Conference Center on St Simon's Island, GA from June 17-21, 2024. Grandparents along with their grandchildren who have completed 1st grade thru completion of 5th grade are invited to attend. *Theme will be: Come on a Journey: Follow Peter as he follows Jesus.* GrandCamp is a fun-filled five-day overnight camping program designed for grandparents and their grandchildren to have fun, meet new friends, and develop a closer bond together with God. Come and learn how to be intentional about showing the light of Christ to your grandchild; come and praise the Lord with your grandchild; come and watch your relationship with your grandchild blossom and grow! To register, visit the link at : www.saintmatthews.us/ministries. Registration is filling up quickly.
- Next Sunday, March 3rd at Central United Methodist Church at 4:00 PM, **Masterworks** will have their Winter Concert. Join them for a Celebration of Women Poets and Composers. *“Showcased will be the choral music of Susan LaBarr, Alice Parker, Rosephanye Powell, Andrea Ramsey, Elaine Hagenberg, and more. As an added bonus, the Masterworks Children’s Choir will take center stage at this concert to also feature the music of female composers”*

Parish Prayer List

Evans Howle
Helen Killion
Johnny Etheridge
Minnie Gatewood
*Nancy Purvis

Stephanie Benjamin
Hettie Dargan
Beth Higgins
Mary Altman

Doyle Yates
Gloria Martineau
Debi Sidbury
Ruth Barr

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
Sandy Wilcox
Neil Strieff
David Gravely
Frankie James
Emma Camacho
Jim Rushton
Pat Folsom
Patsy Sawyer
TC Sawyer
Frances Roberts
Zack McKay
Mirella McKay
Rachel Sims

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
Everette Teal
John Jepertinger
Eloise Taylor
Matt Brunson
Price Cockman
Hayes Cockman
Ashli Coballes
Claire Hoole

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
Araïna Brevard
Barrett Byrd
Charlotte Roberts

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

Our Missionaries:

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

Faithfully Departed:

Elizabeth Edens Barringer and Bill Bristow

Parish Calendar

Monday, February 26

11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (TPF)

Wednesday, February 28

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (TPF & Virtual)
6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Parish Hall)

Sunday, March 3

Third Sunday in Lent

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)

Today

Next Week

USHERS:	11 a.m.	Ed Early Sam Stokes	Tim Dargan James Brunson
LAY READERS:	8 a.m.	Bobby Kilgo (L, P, LEM)	Sam Dargan (L, P, LEM)
	11 a.m.	Tracy Sutphin (L) David Welch (O)	Meredith Coxe (L, LEM) Stewart Smith (P, LEM)
CRUCIFER:		Ayden Jones	Caroline Smith
ALTAR GUILD:		Suiter Coxe Caroline Dargan Jessie Whitaker	Debbie Spinazzola Sonia Wenteler Pam Etheridge
VIRTUAL:		Janet Stoda	Janet Stoda
ALTAR FLOWERS:		Betts & Skip Bailey	Elizabeth Gardner
FELLOWSHIP TIME:		Meredith & Campbell Coxe	Brigitte & Marvin Lawson
NURSERY VOLUNTEER:		Merry Morgan Smith	Mary Beth Gardner & Tamara Kirven

BISHOP OF ADOSC : *The Rt. Reverend Chip Edgar*
 RECTOR: *The Rev. E. Ragland Coxe*
 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

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Bill Ervin

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