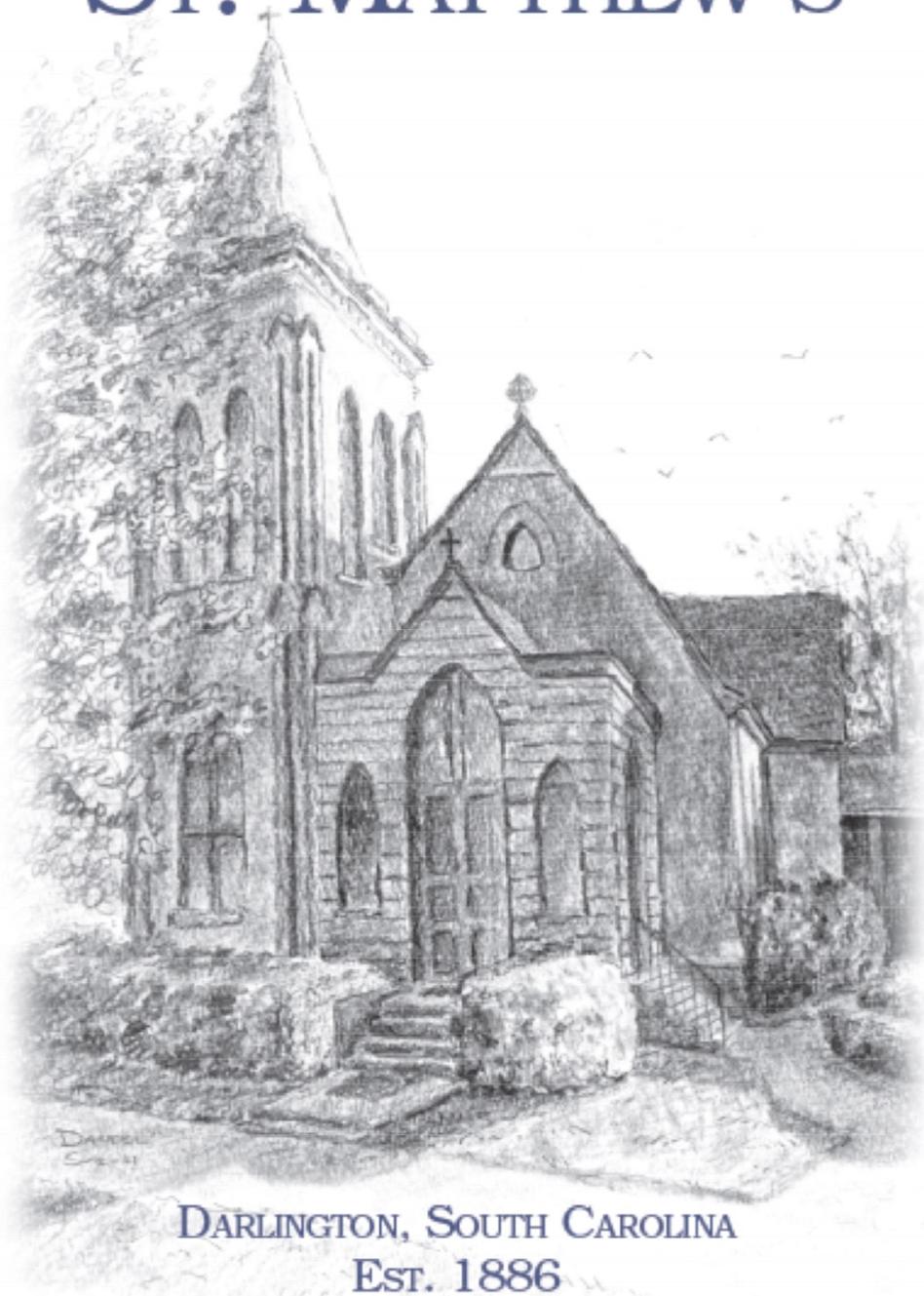


ST. MATTHEW'S



**The Third Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist
March 3, 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.

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.



Saint Matthew's Church



Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024 • Eleven O'clock
The Holy Eucharist

The Organ Prelude

The Processional Hymn #149 “Eternal Lord of love”

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

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The Collect of the Day (kneeling, said in unison)

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-21

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And God spoke all these words, saying,² “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.³ “You shall have no other gods before me.⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a

carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.7 “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.13 “You shall not murder.14 “You shall not commit adultery.15 “You shall not steal.16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.17 “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”18 Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off 19 and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” 20 Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may

not sin.” 21 The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Psalm 19:7-14 (standing, sung)

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; *the testimony of the Lord is sure, and gives wisdom to the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart; *the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever; *the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;*sweeter also than honey, than the drippings from the honeycomb.

11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught, *and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *O cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me; *so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable in your sight, *O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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 Second Lesson: Romans 7:12-25

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12 So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.13 Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It

was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. 14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. 15 For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. 17 So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. 18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. 21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

The Sequence Hymn #498 “Beneath the cross of Jesus”

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

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

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

13 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. 15 And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. 16 And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18 So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21 But he was speaking about the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Very Rev. Ken Weldon

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The Ministration of Communion

Communion will be received and consumed at the Communion Rail. Please dip the wafer you receive in the chalice, but not your finger!

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The Recessional Hymn #441 “In the cross of Christ I glory”

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Organ Postlude

During Lent the playing of the postlude has been paused.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer 3/3/24

In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Anglican Network in Canada and Bishop Daniel Gifford and his wife, Cathryn; Bishop Charles Masters, his wife, Judy; Bishop Don Harvey and his wife, Trudy; Bishop Trevor Walters and his wife, Dede; Bishop Malcolm Harding and his wife, Marylou; Bishop Stephen Leung and his wife, Nona; and Bishop Ron Ferris and his wife, Jan.

In the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, we pray for **All Saints, Florence**, The Rev. Jason Hamshaw, Deacon Sam Turbeville, Deacon Barbara Holliman and their congregation.

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 3- John and Charles Wesley, Priests and Reformers of the Church, 1791, 1788

March 7- Perpetua and Her Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203

March 8- Felix, Bishop and Missionary to the Angles, 647

*The Altar Flowers have been given
To the Glory of God and
In Loving Memory of
John P. Gardner, Jr. and
In Honor of Ella Camille Gardner
By Elizabeth Gardner and Family*

- Please join us after the service for **Fellowship Time** in the Parish Hall.
- Don't forget to **change your clocks** forward an hour before church next Sunday, March 10th.
- The **Men's Ministry Breakfast** will be at 9 a.m. next Sunday, March 10th. All are welcome to attend.
- Everyone is invited to attend the **Potluck Luncheon** NEXT Sunday, March 10th after the late service. It will be sponsored by the Purple Fish and everything will be provided. Just come and enjoy the food and fellowship!
- The **Children's Ministry Meeting** will be next Sunday, March 10th after the late service in the small Parlor in the Parish Hall.
- The **DOK** will meet at 3:30 p.m. on March 17th.
- The **Bring a Friend Oyster Roast** will be on Friday, March 22nd at Joe and Gena's Home.
- 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!

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
*Blake Boyd

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
Ashli Coballes
Price Cockman
Hayes Cockman
Claire Hoole
*Julie Tevis

Robert Graham
Robert Crawford
Alexander Paul
Rev. Jason Hamshaw
Tammy Dubose
Jim Zоргias
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

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 Parents:

Mary Deane & Robby Kilgo

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.

Birthdays:

March 5: Roseanne Wilson **March 6:** Jessie Whitaker

