

# ST. MATTHEW'S



DARLINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA  
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**Rogation Sunday  
Morning Prayer  
May 5, 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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May 5, 2024 • Eleven O'clock  
Morning Prayer



The Organ Prelude

**The Processional Hymn #376 “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”**

	<u><b>BCP</b></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 33:1-8, 17-21 (standing, read responsively by half-verse )**

1 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; **\*it is fitting for the just to be thankful.**

2 Praise the Lord with the harp; **\*sing praises unto him with the ten-stringed lute.**

3 Sing unto him a new song; **\*make skillful melody and cry aloud with joy.**

4 For the word of the Lord is true, **\*and all his works are faithful.**

5 He loves righteousness and true judgment; **\*the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, **\*and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.**

7 He gathers the waters of the sea together, as in a heap, **\*and lays up the deep, as in a treasure house.**

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; **\*stand in awe of him, all you that dwell in the world.**

18 To deliver their soul from death, **\*and to feed them in the time of famine.**

19 Our soul has patiently waited for the Lord, **\*for he is our help and our shield.**

20 Our heart shall rejoice in him, **\*because we have hoped in his holy Name.**

21 Let your merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us, **\*as we have put our trust in you.**

**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.**

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

**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: 1 John 4:7-21**

**ESV**

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Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

**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: John 15:9-17**

**ESV**

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As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

## **The Sequence Hymn #379 “God is love, let heaven adore him”**

The Homily	The Rev. Frank Stoda, Jr.
The Apostles’ Creed	20
The Prayers	21/22

### **The Collect of the Day (kneeling)**

**O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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### **Announcements**

The Offertory Anthem “The Gift of Love” arr. by Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
but not be giv’n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

### **Offering**

The Supplication ( <i>for Rogation Sunday</i> ) (kneeling)	97-98
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## **The Recessional Hymn #494 “Crown him with many crowns”**

### **Dismissal**

*Officiant* Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**



## **Anglican Cycle of Prayer 5/5/24**

In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for GAFCON Australia, Bishop Richard Condie, Chair, and his wife, Helen.

In the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, we pray for the Congregation of St. Helena's, Beaufort and their clergy: The Rev. Shay Gaillard, The Rev. Todd Simonis, The Rev. Hunter Jordan, The Rev. Dr. Emil Klatt, The Rt. Rev. Alden Hathaway, The Rev. Chuck Pollak, Deacon Jim Cato, Deacon Keith O'Neal

### 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**

May 5-Rogation Sunday

May 6-8-Rogation Days

May 8-Julian of Norwich, anchoress, c. 1417

May 9-Ascension Day

May 9- Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople and Teacher of the Faith, 389

Rogation Days: *“Traditionally, these are the three days before Ascension Day on which the litany is sung (or recited) in procession as an act of intercession. They originated in Vienne, France, in the fifth century when Bishop Mamertus introduced days of fasting and prayer to ward off a threatened disaster. In England they were associated with the blessing of the fields at planting. The vicar “beat the bounds” of the parish, processing around the fields reciting psalms and the litany. In the United States they have been associated with rural life and with agriculture” and fishing”. Source: Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*

*The Altar Flowers have been given  
To the Glory of God and  
In Loving Memory of  
Sara and Frank Williamson  
By Steve and Isabel Smith*

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## **Announcements**

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

- **The Masterworks Choir**, Florence Symphony Orchestra, and the South Florence High School Chamber Choir will join forces on Monday, May 6 in a performance of Beethoven's 9th Symphony. The concert begins at 7:30 pm at the FMU Performing Arts Center in downtown Florence. Tickets are available at [fmupac.org](http://fmupac.org). It has been 25 years since Masterworks and the FSO performed this monumental work, so don't miss this unique opportunity to hear one of the hallmarks of Western Classical music.
- The **Men's Ministry Breakfast** will be at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 19th. All are welcome to attend.
- Everyone is invited to join us for the **Pentecost Picnic** at the Church on May 19th after the late service. There is a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall. We need a few volunteers to bring potato salad, deviled eggs, desserts and beverages. Please contact Perry Wilson via text, email or phone at 843-229-8995 or [phtwilson@gmail.com](mailto:phtwilson@gmail.com).
- The **DOK** will meet on Sunday, May 19th at 3:30 p.m.

### **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  
Charlotte Roberts  
Susan Sheely  
Janice Morris  
Carolyn Swallow  
Sandra Harris  
Krystal Baumgardner  
Robert Baumgardner  
David Luther  
Rachel Sims  
Stephanie Shaw  
David Gravely  
Mirella McKay  
Emma Camacho  
Jim Rushton  
Ricky Galloway  
Patsy Sawyer  
TC Sawyer  
Jake LeVine  
Will Smith

Marc Brockington  
Carlin Munnerlyn  
Judy Melton  
Claire Hoole  
Clare Hoole  
Lisa Wilson  
Ross Thames  
Barrett Byrd  
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  
Mazie Belser

Robert Graham  
Robert Crawford  
Blake Boyd  
Rev. Jason Hamshaw  
Tammy Dubose  
Price Cockman  
Hayes Cockman  
Teresa Chaplain  
Gregg Ervin  
Frances Roberts  
Mason Mulligan  
Elizabeth Mullins  
Dot Johnson  
Adalaya Brasington  
Deanna Edwards  
Theresa Nanke  
Johnny Deas  
Wanda Scott  
Lee Bass  
Adalei Deaver  
Ashli Coballes  
Elza Mick

#### **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 Nephtaly Desir. The Rev. Fred Ochieng Onyango of the Anglican Church of Kenya, Diocese  
of Maseno South.

#### **Birthdays:**

**May 11:** Elizabeth Nock

# Parish Calendar

Monday May 6	11:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study (TPF)
Wednesday, May 8	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study (TPF & Virtual)
	6:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study (Parish Hall)
Sunday, May 12	<b>Sunday after The Ascension</b>	
	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (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.	Sue Reynolds Hugh Reynolds	Robby Kilgo David Welch
LAY READERS:	8 a.m.	Sam Dargan (L) Stewart Smith (O)	John Dexter (L) Frank Stoda (O)
	11 a.m.	Robby Kilgo (L) Marvin Lawson (O)	Cathy Howle (L) Stewart Smith (O)
CRUCIFER:		Ayden Jones	Caroline Smith
ALTAR GUILD:		Nancy Purvis Sue Kilgo	Janet Stoda Lorna Matthews
VIRTUAL:		Janet Stoda	Janet Stoda
ALTAR FLOWERS:		Isabel & Steve Smith	Bess Harry & Judy Dennis
FELLOWSHIP TIME:		Gena & Joe Ervin	Becky & Billy Early
NURSERY VOLUNTEER:		Merry Morgan Smith	Mary Beth Gardner

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

### Vestry:

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



<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<i>William Kirven IV</i>	<i>John Dexter</i>	<i>Jane Early</i>
<i>Debbie Spinazzola</i>	<i>Bill Ervin</i>	<i>Mary Beth Gardner</i>
<i>Perry Wilson</i>	<i>Joanne Robertson</i>	<i>Shari Stokes</i>

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