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This Week's Readings

### Rector's Ramblings

In our prayers let's remember Fr. Dave and all students who strive to be good academics and faithful followers of Christ. Also consider how God may use your special abilities to further the many programs listed throughout the summer for the education and blessing of youth.

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He is risen indeed!

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## Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage  
The Episcopal Diocese of  
Springfield  
Rector's Blog

## The Good News

May 17, 2019



### Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 18, at 8:00AM. This will be the last Men's Breakfast until the fall. However, look to this space for a special invitation in June.

### The Old House Society

St. Matthew's has been asked to participate in the Old House Society Tour on 8 June. The Society is interested in the architecture and history of the Nave.

We have gladly accepted the request to have our doors open from 10-4 that day, and we need willing volunteers present to greet visitors on the tour. Shifts would be two-hours and we would like to have two people for each shift.

This is a wonderful opportunity to open our doors to the community, exhibit our beautiful space, and show how warm and welcoming St. Matthew's is.

If you are interested in volunteering, please see Gary Ploense.

### Ascension Service

The Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated on 30 May at 7:30AM.

### Rogation Day

The Blessing of Waters for Rogation Days and a Rogation Day procession will take place at the 10AM Eucharist on 26 May.

### Vacation Bible School

A VBS will be offered at the end of July. Emily Lavikoff and

Justin Brooks will be leading this endeavor and will be looking for volunteers to make this a success.

What can you do now? Please pray for this program and its launch.

**Save these Summer Dates**  
**More information will follow.**

### **Church Camp**

Episcopal Church Camp dates for 2019: June 30-July 6 at East Bay, Lake Bloomington. Camp sessions are available for children finishing 1st grade through those finishing 11th grade. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board or [here](#).

### **St. Michael's Conference**

A youth conference for those between the ages of 13 to 19. The dates this year are June 16-22. Registration information is in development.

### **Travel Plans**

Fr. Halt and Amy will participate in a Pilgrimage and Theological Conference in Greece from 30 May to 14 June.

Morning Prayer with Eucharist will be celebrated on 2 June and Fr. David Wells will celebrate on 9 June.

### **Musical Note**

Please keep Fr. Joe in your prayers as he has to take an unplanned hiatus from the organ bench due to an emerging medical condition.

Heidi Brooks will serve in Fr. Joe's place during this time.

### **Outreach Opportunities**

#### **Items of the Month**

During the months of May and June the Outreach Committee will be collecting items for St. Vincent dePaul food pantry. St. Vincent's provides assistance to the homeless and working poor of our communities. We at St. Matthew's can actively help by contributing items like those listed here:

canned vegetables

peanut butter

tuna fish, and other canned meats

rice and cereals, especially cereals individually

wrapped in packets

beans, both dry and canned

water and fruit juice

baby diapers and baby wipes

Contributions may be placed in baskets in the narthex or the hall.

Thank you from volunteers at the pantry, as they are very grateful.

### **Junior Warden's Corner**

For your information we have changed cleaning services for St. Matthew's effective 1 June. We have contracted with Kia Griffin to provide these services for our Church from that date. If you have any questions, or concerns, please direct them to me.

Gary Ploense, Jr. Warden.

### **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

### **Worship Serving Schedule**

19-May 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson

Crucifer: Liam Halt

Thurifer: John Stoffer

Lector: Shelley Carter

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Sandy Kohlhase & Danielle Ward

26-May 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Mona Johnstone

10:00

Acolyte: Jack Pitts

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Lector: Cris Embree

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff & Shelley Carter  
Monday Counter: Gary Ploense  
Coffee Hour: Dedee Champion, Janet Hoffman, Martha Carroll

### **St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of May 19**

*Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall*

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I

9:15 a.m.-Sunday School for Children

10:00 a.m.-Rite I I

1:00 p.m.-Green Scouts

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

6:00 p.m.-MLT meeting

Monday-5:00 p.m.-WMFY classes

Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.--Quilters

6:00 p.m.-Zumba

Wednesday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer & breakfast

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons

Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Zumba

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.*

### **Readings for May 19, 2019**

Hymns: #522, #205, #296, #307, #680

The First Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything

was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Psalm 148

*Laudate Dominum*

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*

the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

### The Epistle

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

### The Gospel

John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries May 19 - 25**

*Anniversaries*

Amy & Fr. Dave Halt

*Birthdays*

**Dedications for this week:**

### **Collect for 5th Sunday of Easter, May 19th**

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Contact Information**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

