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The Thirtieth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 16

August 23, 2015

The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering Music

The Lord is My Song

The Lord Is My Song (Oh Lord, Hear My Prayer)

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me. (repeat)

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
All my hope come from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
God, the well spring of life. (repeat)

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Procession to the Altar

All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell and
all can safely live. A place where saints and
children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of
faith and vault of grace, Here the love of Christ
shall end divisions. All are welcome, all are
welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and
Words are strong and true, Where all God's
Children dare to seek to dream God's reign
Anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as
Symbol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the
Faith of Jesus. All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water,
Wine and wheat; A banquet hall on holy ground,
Where peace and justice meet. Here the love of
God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space,
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us; All
are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in
this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone, To heal and
Strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word
They've known. Here the outcast and the
Stranger bear the image of God's face, Let us
Bring an end to fear and danger; All are welcome,
all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their
Songs and visions heard And loved and treasured,
Taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of
Faith and songs of grace. Let this house proclaim
From floor to rafter; All are welcome, all are
welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and
for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria, said at 8am

Sing Halleluia, sung at 10am

(Printed on page 10 of the Worship Guide)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King/ almighty God and
Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God/ you take away the sin
of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High/ Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from Joshua (24:1-2a, 14-18)

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34 (15-22) (Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 15** The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, * **and his ears are open to their cry.**
- 16** **The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**
- 17** **The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.**
- 18** **The LORD is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**
- 19** **Many are the troubles of the righteous, * but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.**

- 20 **He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.**
- 21 **Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those
who hate the righteous will be punished.**
- 22 **The LORD ransoms the life of his
servants, * and none will be punished
who trust in him.**

A Reading from Ephesians (6:10-20)

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn #488 vss. 1-2
Be Thou My Vision

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (6:56-69)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn #488 vss. 3
Be Thou My Vision

The Sermon Father Haynes

Silence for reflection

The Nicene Creed (Standing, as able.)

We believe in one God / the Father the Almighty / maker of heaven and earth / of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ / the only Son of God / eternally begotten of the Father / God from God Light from Light / true God from true God / begotten, not made / of one Being with the Father / Through him all things were made / For us and for our salvation / he came down from heaven / By the power of the Holy Spirit / he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man / For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate / he suffered death and was buried. / On the third day he rose again / in accordance with the Scriptures / he ascended into heaven / and is seated at the right hand of the Father / He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead / and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life / who proceeds from the Father and the Son / With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified / He has spoken through the Prophets / We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church / We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins / We look for the resurrection of the dead / and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for the Anglican Communion, especially for San Diego - (VIII, The Episcopal Church); our diocese, especially for Good Shepherd, Vancouver; St. Luke/San Lucas, Vancouver; All Saints, Vancouver; and for our parish, especially for our parishioners John & Derris Humphrey; Sandy Hust & George Woodworth; Dave & Sue Inglis & their grandchildren: Preston, Christopher, Jacob, & Tammy.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, especially Barack our President, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our armed forces, their families, and those who are deployed, especially Andrew & Michael and for those we now name;

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially for the births of Preston Eli Yun Yoeun and Penelope "Poppy" Louise Williams and for those we now name.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, especially Lyn, Areewa, Eloise, Stephen, Dave, Maryann, Brenda, Rose, Shirley, Elsie, Sheri, Scott, Alisande, Ted, Donal, Crystal, Elliott, Don, Marisa, Laura, Adam, Cesar, Carmen and for those we now name;

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, praying especially for Katie Bittner. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Offertory

Christ, Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

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The Great Thanksgiving C

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

8:00 am (spoken), 10:00 am Sanctus (sung)

(Printed on page 10 of the Worship Guide)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor,

glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
AMEN.

Lord's Prayer *said at 8 am & sung at 10 am*

(Printed on page 11 of the Worship Guide)

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our father in heaven
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then the Celebrant says

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

This is our Lord's Table, and He is our host. All persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who have yet to be baptized are encouraged to speak with the clergy after the service about becoming baptized into Christ's Body.

Gluten-free hosts and alcohol-free wine are available upon request at the rail.

Communion Music

Holy Ground

Holy Ground

This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground,

For the Lord is present, and where he is, is holy, (repeat)

These are holy hands, he's given us holy hands;

He works through these hands, and so these hands are holy, (repeat)

These are holy lips, he's given us holy lips;
He speaks through these lips, and so these lips are holy, (repeat)

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Freely, Freely

Refrain: Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely, give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
Others will know that I live.

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
To share his love as he told me to. He said

2. All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
To share his pow'r as he told me to. He said

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Have You Seen Jesus My Lord

Refrain: Have you seen Jesus my Lord?
He's here in plain view.
Take a look, open your eyes,
He'll show love to you.

1. Have you ever looked at the sunset,
With the sky mellowing' red,

And the clouds suspended like feathers?
Then I say, you've seen Jesus my Lord.

2. Have you ever stood at the ocean,
With the white foam at your feet,
Felt the endless thundering motion?
Then I say, you've seen Jesus my Lord.

3. Have you ever looked at the cross,
With the man hanging in pain,
And the look of love in his eyes:
Then I say, you've seen Jesus my Lord.

4. Have you ever stood in the family,
With the Lord there in your midst.
Seen the face of Christ on each other?
Than I say, you've seen Jesus my Lord.

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COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

Celebrant and People: **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, **we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Procession to the Neighborhood

Hymn #671 Amazing Grace

St. Matthew Mission Statement

St. Matthew Church: **To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.**

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing
in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Special Ministers Today

Priest	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Bob Witter
Worship Leader in Training	Karena Teves
Eucharistic Minister	TBA
Lector	Bud Nalder, Karena Teves
Acolytes	Nicholas Yun Zawadi Chege
Ushers	Dick Elofson Art Ladley
Greeters	John Kennedy Leanne Kennedy
Eucharistic Visitor	Chuck & Lyn Zimmerman
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg
Altar Guild	Sandy Goretti Janet Witter Danielle Hull Linda Pomeroy-Hull Sandy Hust
Counters	Leanne Kennedy TBA
Nursery	Micaela Detrick
Coffee Hour	Fred Vogel Sherry Vogel Kitty Walker Jackie Whorton
Altar Guild Director	Linda Pomeroy-Hull

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Today's Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy
Areewa Saray – imprisonment
Eloise Page (friend of Tom & Elaine Taylor) – hospice
Stephen Peterson (son of Tom & Judy Peterson) – back pain
Dave Hopkins – pain management and balance
Maryann Smith - guidance and wisdom pertaining to her schooling and health.
Brenda Gilbert – fighting severe health problems
Rose Barg – recovery from surgery
Shirley Ryan Rose – (neighbor of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – continued recovery from a vascular stroke
Elsie Forrest – Macular Degeneration, tremors, and hernia
Sheri Peterson – dementia
Scott Candoo – undiagnosed medical issues
Alisande Watterson – tests for a health issue
Ted Blattenbauer – (friend of Dan & Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – grieving and diagnosed with multiple myeloma
Donal Hull – (Dan's dad) – heart issues and lung cancer
Crystal Rose – kidney issues
Elliott Feit – (friend of Abby Smith) – for complete healing from pain (pancreatic cancer)
Don Barg – holding the family together
Marisa La Rue – (friend of Kathleen Manning) – struggle with Parkinson's disease
Laura O'Donnell – (mother of Alex and Savannah Sloan) for recovery and healing from heart surgery

Adam – (friend of Liz Latsis brother) – who is very sick with acute Leukemia, spine, lung and fungal infections.
Cesar Gatbunton – (Agueda Fernandez-Webster's sisters husband) - He had a heart attack Saturday and now he is at St. Joseph and will have a quadruple bypass this Thursday

Carmen Planas – (aunt of Agueda Fernandez-Webster) – Was placed on hospice on Monday with deteriorating health. She is in God's hands and we don't know how long this process will be. She needs prayers.

To add someone or take someone off the prayer list, email saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com.

Thanks!

Announcements

Visiting Priest Here, August 30th – Fr. Dale Johnson is a monk of the Syriac Orthodox Church who resides at the Mt. Gabriel Monastery in the southeast corner of Turkey. A native of Skagit County, he will conduct both services that day and discuss a project called "Seeds of Hope" designed to give hope to refugees fleeing ISIS terrorism.

Video Bible Stories for Children, This Summer -

For the summer church school lessons, we are offering newly purchased DVDs based on Bible Stories and the life of Jesus. Please consider sharing time with our church school children Sunday mornings from the beginning of the liturgy to the passing of the peace. The children will then join their families. This will be fun and educational. A sign-up sheet for the summer videos is on a clipboard in the Narthex.

The DVDs (all new to St. Matthew) plus a few activities will be provided for each Sunday through August. Thank you, Anne Hartwig, Jackie Whorton and Kitty Walker.

The Food Donation Baskets For Our Community

Food Bank Are Filling Up! Thanks to everyone that has answered the call and made a donation. We have not only received food but essential hygiene items (soap, tooth paste, shampoo, etc.) as well. This month's donation should be larger than usual and will really be appreciated. When we made our last delivery on July 31st we were told that the last two weeks they had served 32 and 28 families respectively. Both those numbers were records so it really has been a tough summer for some of our neighbors. ***Our next delivery will be***

Friday, August 28th at noon so please leave your donations in the baskets in the Narthex. If you have donations of fresh produce from your garden please leave it that Friday morning *or* you can deliver it directly to the food bank any Friday between 12:00 – 1:00 pm. The food bank is located in the basement of Browns Point Methodist Church 5339 Browns Point Blvd. NE. Thanks for all your past and future generosity.

Musician Retreat - will be Saturday, September 19th, 9:00am -12:30pm in the Parish Hall. ALL are welcome. Anyone who is interested in singing, playing an instrument, learning about music and having a fun time of fellowship is welcome to join the retreat. Snacks and water provided during the morning rehearsal. Potato bar (everyone brings a topping!) and beverages will be served for lunch.

St. Matthew Auction in November – Yes, it's true! St Matthews is having a dinner auction! The date is Nov. 14 and it will be held here on the Point at the BPIC clubhouse, a great venue. So it's an exciting time for St Matthews what with Father Kendall becoming Rector and St Matthews Day coming up plus a successful Vacation Bible School behind us! The money raised will help fund our missions in the community. St Matthews has not had an auction of this size behind. So we need to double down and ask our friends to attend and to procure some great items. That's a key to success : great items, experiences , services to bids on and willing to part with their money guests! So, let's go, Matthews!

Mark your calendar—

- Saturdays, 8AM, Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- 2nd Saturday of each month, 9AM-Noon, Julia's Gulch
- Sundays, 11:30AM, Choir rehearsal
- Sundays, 9AM Bridging the Gap
- Thursdays, 10AM, Bible Study in the library
- 4th Friday of each month, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing)
- August 30, Visiting Priest at St. Matthew, Fr. Dale Johnson (Seeds of Hope for the Nineveh Plains)