

# ST. MATTHEW'S



DARLINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA  
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**The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Morning Prayer  
March 17, 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 located 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 #474 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

|                                | <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 51:10-15 (standing, read responsively by half-verse )**

**10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*and renew a right spirit within me.**

**11 Cast me not away from your presence \*and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

**12 O give me the comfort of your help again \*and sustain me with your willing Spirit.**

**13 Then shall I teach your ways unto the wicked, \*and sinners shall return unto you.**

**14 Deliver me from blood-guilt, O God, the God of my salvation,\*and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

**15 O Lord, open my lips, \*and my mouth shall show forth your praise.**

**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: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**ESV**

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**31 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of**

them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

**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: Hebrews 5:1-10**

**ESV**

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For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. 3 Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. 4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. 5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; 6 as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” 7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, 10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

**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 12:20-33**

**ESV**

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20 Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. 21 So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” 22 Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am,

there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. 27 “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” 29 The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” 30 Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

## **The Sequence Hymn #550 “Jesus Calls us o’er the Tumult”**

The Sermon

The Rev. E. Ragland Coxe

The Apostles’ Creed

**BCP**

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The Prayers

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

**Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

A Collect for Strength to Await Christ’s Return

22

Prayer for Mission

24

Prayer for All Sorts and Conditions of Men

658

Prayer for The Our Family Members on Active Military Service

655

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| Prayer for Our Missionaries at home and abroad | 652                    |                   |
| Prayer for Birthdays                           |                        |                   |
| Prayer for our Nation                          | 657                    |                   |
| The General Thanksgiving                       | 25                     |                   |
| A Prayer of St. John                           | 26                     |                   |
| Announcements                                  |                        |                   |
| The Offertory Anthem                           | “The Man on the Cross” | Gilbert M. Martin |

*See him there! See the blood flowing down, see his body weighted down.  
 A man despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief.  
 He was light, the light of men. He was the bread of life, the very bread of heav'n.  
 He was love, love from God. He was the shepherd who gave his life for his sheep.  
 He was the only Son of God, the Father Almighty.  
 He came bringing love, he came bringing love and peace.  
 We hid our faces from him, and we knew him not.  
 See him there! See him there!*

Offering

Closing Prayer (kneeling)

**Recessional Hymn #544 “Jesus Shall Reign”**

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 3/17/24

In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Anglican Province of Tanzania and The Most Rev. Maimbo Mndolwa, Archbishop and his wife, Frida.

In the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina we pray for St. **Bartholomew's, Hartsville:** The Rev. Bill Oldland and St. **Paul's, Conway:** The Rev. Jason Collins, Deacon Dawn Rider and their congregations.

### **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 17- Patrick, Bishop and Apostle to the Irish, 461

March 18- Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem and Teacher of the Faith, 386

March 19- Joseph, Husband of the Virgin Mary and Guardian of Jesus

March 20- Cuthbert, Bishop-Abbot of Lindisfarne and Missionary, 687

March 21- Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1556

March 22- James De Koven, Priest, 1879

March 23- Gregory the Illuminator, Missionary to Armenia, 333

*The Altar Flowers have been given  
By Nancy Purvis  
To the Glory of God and  
In Thanksgiving for  
Her Children and Grandchildren  
Nikki, James and Dezi Purvis and  
Allie, Jason and Harper Purvis*

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## **Announcements**

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

- The **DOK** will meet at 3:30 p.m. TODAY in the Coxe Building Parlor.
- The **Vestry** will meet tomorrow (Monday, March 18th) in the Library at 6:00 PM.
- **The Reverend Rags Coxe and Deacon Frank Stoda** will be renewing their vows on Thursday, March 21st at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul in Charleston. Please keep them in your prayers as they reaffirm their holy orders.
- The **Bring a Friend Oyster Roast** will be on Friday, March 22nd at Gena and Joe's Home.
- On Saturday, March 23rd at the Purple Fish, **The Community Free Clothes closet** will be open from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. There will only be one service. The service will **begin in the Parish Hall at 10:30 AM** with the Liturgy of the Palms.
- 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  
Rachel Sims  
Neil Strieff  
David Gravely  
Frankie James  
Emma Camacho  
Jim Rushton  
James Carver  
Patsy Sawyer  
TC Sawyer  
Frances Roberts  
Zack McKay  
Mirella McKay  
Randall Pipkin  
Krystal Baumgardner  
Robert Baumgardner

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 Riggart  
Tommy Bolger  
Michael Holt  
Teresa Moore  
Grayson Griggs  
Everett 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 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  
Ricky Galloway  
Blake Boyd

### **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:**

**March 17:** Alex Smith    **March 19:** Billy Early, III    **March 21:** Lorraine Smith

# Parish Calendar

Wednesday, March 20

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (TPF & Virtual)

Sunday, March 24

## Palm Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

**10:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist**

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time

5:00 p.m. Youth Group (TPF)

### Today

### Next Week

|                    |         |  |                   |  |
|--------------------|---------|--|-------------------|--|
| USHERS:            | 11 a.m. | Sue Reynolds<br>Hugh Reynolds              | <b>10:30 a.m.</b> | Robby Kilgo<br>David Welch                   |
| LAY READERS:       | 8 a.m.  | Bobby Kilgo (L, P, LEM)                    |                   |  |
|                    | 11 a.m. | Cely Anne Brigman (L)<br>Marvin Lawson (O) | <b>10:30 a.m.</b> | Shari Stokes (L, LEM)<br>Chris Sutphin (LEM) |
| CRUCIFER:          |         | Caroline Smith                             |                   | Ayden Jones                                  |
| ALTAR GUILD:       |         | Meredith Coxe<br>Cathy Howle               |                   | Shari Stokes<br>Carol Hill                   |
| VIRTUAL:           |         | Janet Stoda                                |                   | Janet Stoda                                  |
| ALTAR FLOWERS:     |         | Nancy Purvis                               |                   | Palm Sunday Guild                            |
| FELLOWSHIP TIME:   |         | Paula Dana & Merry Morgan Smith            |                   | Lucy & Sam Dargan                            |
| NURSERY VOLUNTEER: |         | Debi Sidbury & Tracy Sutphin               |                   | Suiter Coxe & Mary Dean Kilgo                |

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| BISHOP OF ADOSC :       | <i>The Rt. Reverend Chip Edgar</i> |
| RECTOR:                 | <i>The Rev. E. Ragland Coxe</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</i>                  |
| SEXTON:                 | <i>Nathaniel Joe</i>               |

### Vestry:

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

### 2025

### 2026

### 2027

*William Kirven IV*

*John Dexter*

*Jane Early*

*Debbie Spinazzola*

*Bill Ervin*

*Mary Beth Gardner*

*Perry Wilson*

*Joanne Robertson*

*Shari Stokes*

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### **THE PURPLE FISH COFFEE COMPANY:**

**110 W. Hampton St., Darlington, SC 29532 843-944-0315 Hrs: Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**