

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Rogation Sunday  
May 10, 2026



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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Rector*

*Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.  
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,  
to be with you forever. -John*

**Welcome to St. Matthew's, and may God's peace be yours.**

Rogation Sunday, which we celebrate on this Sixth Sunday of Easter, is an ancient church festival seeking blessing for a community's sustenance. The word 'rogation' comes from the Latin verb *rogare*, which means "to ask", reflecting the beseeching of God for protection from calamities and for God's blessing upon a fruitful harvest and thus the well-being of all. From the Book of Common Prayer: **"Rogation Days are the three days preceding Ascension Day, especially devoted to asking for God's blessing on agriculture and industry."**

Please know you are always completely welcome here for everything we do- our fellowship, our mission and outreach activities, our regular Sunday worship at 10am, and our Wednesday services. We hope and pray you will find this to be one of your spiritual homes- please do not hesitate to let us know what your needs are. All our contact information is listed at the back of this bulletin.

Our Worship follows the Episcopal tradition using the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal 1982, both of which you will find in the pew racks. We create a comprehensive bulletin for each service with the intention of making it easier to follow along and participate; if you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask someone near you. At services with music, you will need your Hymnal to sing the hymns and service music- **both are intended to be sung by everyone!**

**All** are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you wish to receive communion, place your hands together to receive the bread and you may take a sip of wine directly from the chalice. We also have individual cups available that contain a small amount of wine and a wafer (the consecrated bread); please put your hands in front of you as if you were praying if you'd like this option. **Intinction (dipping the bread in the chalice) is not permitted.** Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward to the altar and cross your arms.

*Blessings and love to you on this holy day and always- Mother Dina*



*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Prayers for Rogation Days**

BCP 258-259

*I. For fruitful seasons*

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*II. For Commerce and Industry*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*III. For stewardship of creation*

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of 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.**

**The Lessons** *The people sit.*

**A Reading from the Book of Acts      Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,  
    'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 66:7-18    *Said in unison.***

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
    make the voice of his praise to be heard;  
8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
    and will not allow our feet to slip.  
9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
    you have tried us just as silver is tried.

- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
    you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
    we went through fire and water; \*  
    but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
    and will pay you my vows, \*  
    which I promised with my lips  
    and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
    with the smoke of rams; \*  
    I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
    and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
    and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
    the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
    he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
    nor withheld his love from me.

**A Reading from First Peter:     1 Peter 3:13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to

God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you~ not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

**#482, The Hymnal 1982**

**“Lord of all hopefulness”**

**The Gospel: John 14:15-21**

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

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

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

Mother Dina

*A time of silence after the homily is held for reflection.*

The Nicene Creed *all stand and say together*

BCP 358

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.

The Prayers of the People, Form II

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I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; +Audrey and +Kevin, our Bishops; Dina, our Rector; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Today, in the Susquehanna Convocation cycle of prayer, we pray for and with St. Mark's, Northumberland. For the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for and with The Church of Pakistan. In our Diocesan/Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. George's, Hellertown; St. Paul's, Harrisburg; and the Diocesan Staff. For the Diocese of Kajo Keji, we pray for St. Peter Logu and Kanyi Parishes. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations, especially:

our President Donald Trump, our Governor Josh Shapiro, our Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver, our State Representative Mike Stender, and our Mayor Josh Broscius; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison, and for our homebound members.

Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by God. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for Pastor Beth and the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury, Mother Dina and family, Father Fred and family, Frances, Angela, Tanya, Weston, Mike, the Sterner family, Dawson, Erika, Nancy, Becky, Easton, Ariella, Ereda and family, AmberLynn, Daya, Arabella, Derick, Noelle, Dean, Fred, Barb, Carol, Baby Ruby and family, Celeste, Hayley, Jason, Linda, Rick, Robert, Jane, Chelsea, Jill and for those whose needs are known to God alone. Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan, Kara, Melissa, Janice and their co-workers, all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Also, please pray for all serving in our military, especially Ann and Jayden, in law enforcement, especially Brian and Jake. I ask your prayers for all the departed, especially Tommy, Max, Dee, and Edith.

Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

I ask your thanksgivings either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

**The Peace**

BCP 360

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Rogation/Mother's Day Blessing of Soil, Flowers, and Water**

**Offertory Music** "Day by Day" **Mark Schweizer**

**St. Matthew's Choir; Tina Schlegel, Piano**

**Hymn (sung by all) "This is my Father's World" (Bulletin, p.21)**

**The Presentation of the Offerings #380, v. 3 The Hymnal 1982**

**"Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Eucharistic Prayer C**

**BCP 369 (S-120, The Hymnal 1982)**



generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

#858, Wonder Love and Praise

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

The first system of musical notation for 'The Sanctus'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 6/4 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter rest. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter rest. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter rest. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter rest. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fifth system of musical notation, which concludes the piece. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter rest. The bass staff continues the accompaniment and ends with a double bar line.

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.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*



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## The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*  
*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

## The Fraction Anthem

S-154, The Hymnal 1982

“Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us”

*The Celebrant says*

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.

## Communion Hymns

#292, The Hymnal 1982

“O Jesus, crowned with all renown

“I the Lord of Sea and Sky”

#812, Wonder, Love and Praise

The musical score is for the hymn "I the Lord of Sea and Sky" (#812, Wonder, Love and Praise). It is written in G major and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems. The first system is a piano introduction with four measures. The second system is a unison vocal line with three measures, accompanied by piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my"; "2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my"; "3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the". The piano accompaniment continues with three measures.

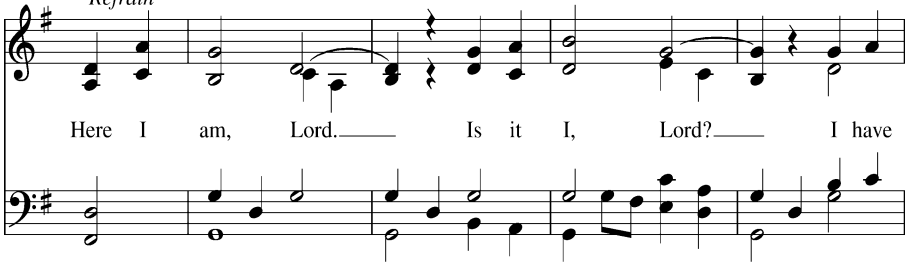
peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -  
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,  
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

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*Refrain*



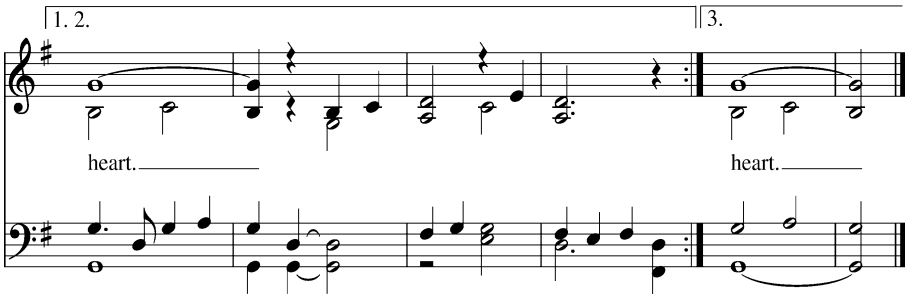
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have



heard you call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord,



if you lead me, I will hold your peo - ple in my



heart. heart.

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**Prayer for Spiritual Communion** *All pray together*

Dearest Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we all cannot receive communion in the consecrated bread and wine, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

BCP 365

*The Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Easter Blessing**

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us children through the resurrection of God's Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of God's blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

#541, The Hymnal 1982

“Come, labor on”

**The Dismissal** *The Priest dismisses the People.*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the Risen Christ and the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia!!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!!

Postlude            “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”            J.S. Bach  
Fran Zartman, flute; Patrick Ishler, piano

Serving today’s liturgy

The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Celebrant and Preacher*

Patrick Ishler, *Director of Music Ministry*

Tina Schlegel, *Piano*; St. Matthew’s Choir

Fran Zartman, *Flute*; Mary Ann Loftus, *Thurifer*

Dana Kelly, *Eucharistic Minister*; David Hollabaugh, *SubDeacon*

Amber Kuczynski, Daniel and Jacob Renn, *Worship Assistants*

Carter Ishler, *Livestream*; Barry Treon, *Greeter and Usher*

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PARISH NOTES FOR - May 10, 2026

**COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:** The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, June 6, 2026 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Our needs are: volunteers to distribute diapers; diaper wipes, pull-ups, and sizes 5 and 6 diapers; and monetary donations (please place in envelope labeled “Diaper Pantry.”) **We covered 84 baby bottoms in May!**

**Contact:** Connie Kistler at [kistinpa@ptd.net](mailto:kistinpa@ptd.net).

**HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY:** The next Food Pantry will be Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **All donations are greatly appreciated, especially canned fruits and vegetables. We fed 35 families in April!** Contact John Blanchard, 570-286-5415 (leave message) to volunteer.

**CARLA’S OFFICE HOURS:** Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10AM to 2PM, and Thursday, 10AM to Noon.

**MOTHER DINA’S OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesdays, 11:30am until 5pm or so. Call, text, or email me any time- **I love hearing from you!**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** St. Matthew’s is looking for altar servers of all ages for the ministries of: **Eucharistic Minister, Crucifer, Torch**

<b>Bearers, Lector, Thurifer, etc.</b> Please contact Mother Dina if interested in participating in these or ANY of our other ministries!
<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL:</b> Rehearsals will continue to be Thursday evenings at 5:30pm. All are welcome to join us!
<b>COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS:</b> Volunteers are needed each month to sign up for a weekly coffee hour session. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Choir Room. Any questions, please contact Carol Hixson. This month's sign-ups are: May 10- Kirk & Rose M.                      May 17- Lori & Carol May 24- Tina M.                                 May 31- Fran Z.
<b>YOGA CLASSES:</b> Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall every Thursday starting at 7:00PM.
<b>WEEKDAY SERVICE:</b> Our week-day service of Holy Eucharist will be held on Wednesdays at Noon. All are welcome!
<b>COMPLINE SERVICE:</b> Please join us for these evening services on Wednesdays, 8:00PM, in the Church, on Zoom, or Facebook live. David Hollabaugh will be officiating. Zoom link is listed here: <a href="https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88684946715?pwd=xvTfSYXhjJn6ce8ANK1pqbbG6ANeE.1#success">https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88684946715?pwd=xvTfSYXhjJn6ce8ANK1pqbbG6ANeE.1#success</a>
<b>CHANGE IN MONTHLY MORNING BREAKFAST:</b> The breakfast for May will be Mother's Day, May 10th- Note the change!
<b>ADULT BIBLE STUDY:</b> Adult Bible Study starts at 9:00AM on May 17th. Any questions, please contact Nathan Blanchard.
<b>ECW MEETING:</b> The ECW will be meeting on Tues., May 19 at 6:00PM in the Social Hall. <b>**June's meeting has been cancelled.</b>
<b>VESTRY MEETING:</b> The monthly Vestry Meeting will be Wed., May 20 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.
<b>UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS:</b> Details to follow closer to the time of the events. Please visit our website for more information Sun., <b>May 10:</b> Mother's Day Breakfast, 9:00AM Wed., <b>May 13:</b> Weekday Eucharist, Noon Wed., <b>May 13:</b> Compline, 8:00PM Sun., <b>May 17:</b> Adult Bible Study, 9:00AM Tues., <b>May 19:</b> ECW Meeting, 6:00PM, Social Hall Wed., <b>May 20:</b> Weekday Eucharist, Noon

Wed., May 20: Vestry meeting, 6:00PM  
Wed., May 20: Compline, 8:00PM  
Wed., May 27: Weekday Eucharist, Noon  
Wed., May 27: Compline, 8:00PM  
Sat., May 30: His Disciple's Food Pantry, 9:00AM-11:00AM

**DONATIONS:**

All tithes and offerings are most greatly appreciated, as we rely on your prayerful generosity to care lovingly for our physical space and to keep ourselves vital and active in our community through our worship, our witness, our outreach, and our presence.

You may now donate to Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church "online" at the link listed: <https://diosusquehanna.org/donate/>

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*The Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols, Assistant Bishop.*

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**Sexton:** Sharon Baney; **Parish Administrator:** Carla Treon;

**Director of Music Ministry:** Patrick Ishler.



# This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Fa - ther's world, And to my list - ning ears All  
 2 This is my Fa - ther's world: The birds their ca - rols raise, The  
 3 This is my Fa - ther's world: O let me ne'er for - get That

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.  
 mor - ning light, the li - ly white, De - clare their Ma - ker's praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of  
 This is my Fa - ther's world: He shines in all that's fair, In the  
 This is my Fa - ther's world: Why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas—His hand the won - ders wrought.  
 rust - ling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev - ery - where.  
 Lord is King—let the hea - ven's ring! God reigns; let earth be glad! A - men.

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