



## Bishop's Visitation

# St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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## *Vision & Mission*

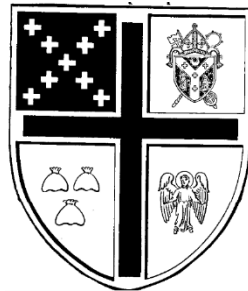
### *Vision*

We are a community that seeks to serve Christ in all people through God's forgiving love.

### *Mission*

We are here:

To offer sanctuary, acceptance and forgiveness  
To strengthen and encourage each other  
To advocate for and empower those in need, and  
To worship, pray and grow in Christ.



**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Reception with Holy Communion**  
**Sunday, June 9, 2024**

**Prelude**

**Entrance Rite**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*O day of radiant gladness*

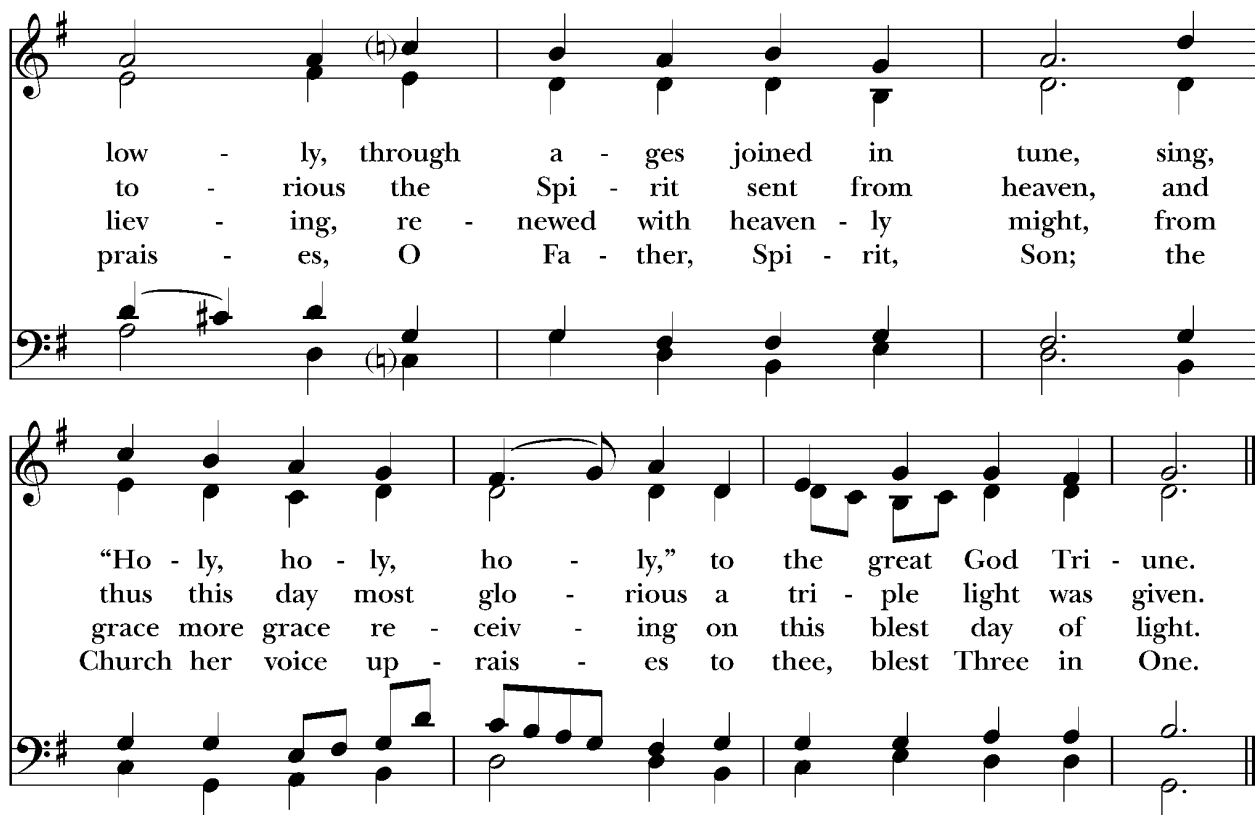
**H 48**

*Words; Christopher Wordsworth; Music, German Folk song, George Ratcliffe Woodward*

1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and  
2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its  
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture  
4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim

light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most  
birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ  
hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through  
way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our

beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and  
rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -  
Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -  
end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our



low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,  
to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and  
liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from  
prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the

“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” to the great God Tri - une.  
thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.  
grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.  
Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

*The people standing, the Bishop says*

*Bishop* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

*The Bishop then continues*

*Bishop* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* There is one hope in God’s call to us;

*Bishop* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* One God and Father of all.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Bishop* Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons**

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15**

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

*The people sit.*

<sup>8</sup>They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel.”

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM: Psalm 130**

*The People respond by half verse.*

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

<sup>2</sup>If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>3</sup>For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.

<sup>4</sup>I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.

<sup>5</sup>My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.

<sup>6</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
for with the LORD there is mercy;

<sup>7</sup>with him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1**

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA

ALLELUIA  
*Light and lively* ♩ = 116  
 Dm F B♭ C F Dm  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Talzé Community  
 Jacques Berthier, 1984

## GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35

*All standing, the Priest reads the Gospel*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>20</sup>The crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and his disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were

saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

BISHOP DIANE JARDINE BRUCE

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

### PRESENTATION

*Bishop* The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

*Presenters* I present *these persons* to be received into this Communion.



## EXAMINATION

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidate* I do.

*Bishop* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidate* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in their life in Christ?

*People* We will.

*The Bishop then says*

Let us join with *those* who are committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

*Bishop* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

*Bishop* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES**

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for *these persons* who have renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

*Bishop* Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Bishop* Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Bishop* Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Bishop* Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Bishop* Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Bishop* Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Bishop* Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*A period of silence follows.*

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in *these* your *servants* the covenant you have made with *them* at *their* Baptism. Send *them* forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before *them*; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **LAYING ON OF HANDS**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **THE PEACE**

*The Peace is now exchanged*

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*            And also with you.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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 Holy Communion**

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*The Bishop says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

*It Is Well with My Soul*

**LEVAS 188**

*Words, Horatio Spafford; Music, Philip P. Bliss*

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my  
 2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should  
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous  
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;  
 2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,  
 3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—  
 4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -  
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no  
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.  
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'It is well with my soul'. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 'It is well with my soul, It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.' The first system covers the first two phrases, and the second system covers the final phrase.

## The Great Thanksgiving

- 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS**

**S 129**

*Setting from Robert Powell*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Bishop continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

## **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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**



*Setting from David Hurd*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Bishop says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**DISTRIBUTION**

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

**COMMUNION HYMN**      *For the bread which you have broken*      **H 341**

*Words, Louis F. Benson; Music, Omni Die, William Smith Rockstro*

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the  
2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your  
3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

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wine which you have poured, for the words which you have  
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -  
 at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing  
 hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the bishop says*

Let us pray.

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.

## BLESSING

*The Bishop blesses the people*

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart* H 488

*Words, Mary Elizabeth Byrne, Eleanor Hull; Music, Irish ballad Melody, David Evans*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought,— by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart,—— what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

## **DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Please join us after service in Parish Hall for refreshments.*

## Announcements

<b>Third Sunday after Pentecost This Week</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Bishop's Reception</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Group Prayer Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Diocesan Council Meeting at St. Matthew's Flying Solo</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>
<b>June 9</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

**Everyone Welcome!** If you are a newcomer, please take a moment to sign the register sheet in the pad at the end of each pew, and be so kind as to give us your address and email. Please know you are most welcome to fully participate. Join us for Coffee Hour, and we hope you come again soon.

**A change in the Altar Flowers or the Sanctuary Candle offering sign-up.** If you wish to offer either the Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Candle, please email Sherry, [sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com](mailto:sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com) The candle contribution is \$5.00 and the flower contribution is \$35.00 per vase (please note change in price). Flowers at the altar are made possible only by your special contributions, as no Parish operating funds are used for this purpose.

The individual intercessions for persons on the **Parish Prayer List** can be found on the Narthex table. You are invited to take a copy of this list for your own prayers during the week. If you wish to submit a name to be included on the prayer list, please email Sherry at: [sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com](mailto:sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com)