



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026 10:00am

*This morning we welcome our friends and neighbors from
Wilton Presbyterian Church for joint worship.*

Prelude

Morning glow of eternity

by Rudolph Palme

Processional Hymn 51

DECATUR PLACE

We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting

The Collect of the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 17:1-7,16

(said in unison)

- ¹ Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- ² Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- ³ Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- ⁴ I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.
- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- ⁶ I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- ⁷ Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
- ¹⁶ But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
your likeness.

The Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord***The Holy Gospel****Matthew 14:13-21**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Offertory Hymn 608 vv.1-3

MELITA

*Eternal Father, strong to save***Communion Hymn 321**

ROCKINGHAM

*My God, thy table now is spread***Recessional Hymn 404**

OLD 124TH

*We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord***Postlude***Festive Postlude on "Holy, Holy, Holy"*

by John S. Dixon

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher

Eucharistic Minister

Lector

Intercessor

Music Director

Cantor

Altar Guild

Coffee Host

The Rev. John Branson

Beth Baker

Paul Reis

Chris Perry

Irina Georgieva

Ed Fitzpatrick

Betsy Pettit, Amy Gubner

Beth Baker & George Fuller

Prayer Requests *Please call or email the office if you have additions or deletions to the prayer list.*

Today and through the week, we remember all those who have been commended to our prayers: Faith, Brian, Ed, Dan, Marty, John, Aaron, Liz, Scott, Judy, Vanessa, Melinda, Kathy, Shelly, Patty, Joan, Winter, Susan, Kristen, Vinny, and Antonio. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Good Shepherd/Immanuel St. James Chapel, Shelton; St. Paul's, Shelton; St. Alban's, Simsbury. All parish-based mission partnerships; ECCT-wide mission partnership networks; Companions in Mission Ministry Network.



Joint Worship with Wilton Presbyterian Church

August 2 at St. Matthew's

August 9 at St. Matthew's

August 16 at WPC

August 23 at WPC

August 30 at WPC