

Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist - Rite II
Wednesday In Holy Week
April 13, 2022
7:00 pm

Welcome to St. Matthew's! We are glad you are here.

The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. If you're joining us from home, please stand, kneel, sing, and pray with us as you're able. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

Children are most welcome and are encouraged to participate in worship.

To the parents of children: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Sit toward the front so your little ones can see and hear. Go ahead and quietly answer their questions. If you don't know the answer, the priest would love to talk to your little one. When you sing the hymns and join in the prayers, you teach little hearts how to be faithful; you are their best model. If you need to leave the service, that's okay. Don't be shy about coming back. It was Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me."

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Matt's.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures forever.**

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who

will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70 *The People read the portions in bold.*

¹ Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

² **Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

³ Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, because they are ashamed.

⁴ **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the LORD!"**

⁵ But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me speedily, O God.

⁶ **You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-3

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All Stand for the Gospel Procession

The Holy Gospel

John 13:21-32

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

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

At supper with his friends, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples-- the one whom Jesus loved-- was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once."

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

The Homily

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

The Nicene Creed

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

The Intercessor begins

For the holy Catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ; that all the world should come to know the saving love of Jesus Christ; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For Ian and Laura, our Bishops, for Priests and Deacons and for all the Baptized who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Inspire our witness to Christ, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families; that the barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are tempted, oppressed, afflicted, or in need, especially for those we love who have asked for our prayers: Pat, Donald, Alison, Judy, Laura, Dick, Sue, Darlene, Jackie, Tom, Michael, Joanne, Brooks, Scott, Bobby, Martin, Marge, Vinny, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Rob, Jane, Nancy, Dawn, Donnie, David, James, Aaron, Petra, Kathy, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, and Dann; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have gone before us in faith, and for all the departed, [especially _____]; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for all those we love.

The People are invited to share their intercessions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, O Lord our God: You give us food and drink as the body and blood of Christ. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and grant that all who come to your table may love and serve you and one another. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept. The people may stand or kneel.

Celebrant and People say together

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,**

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us

through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +

The Offertory

Celebrant

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.



Whether you've joined us today from near or far, in person or online, please consider making a gift of thanksgiving to support the work of God at St. Matthew's. Be part of God's mission with us as we make our way out of the COVID season and into the new life God promises.

Visit www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering. Designate it as a gift or as part of your pledge.

No gift is too small. All gifts honor the God who honors us with life, breath, love, and salvation.

The People may be seated while the Altar is prepared.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord is here.

People **God's Spirit is with us.**

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 offer thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

Honor and worship are indeed your due, our Lord and our God, through Jesus Christ, for you created all things; by your will they were created, and for your glory they have their being.

We were bound in sin, but in your compassion you redeemed us, reconciling us to yourself with the precious blood of Christ. Therefore with people of every nation, tribe, and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks and say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues

All glory and honor to you, God of grace, for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ once for all on the cross to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

The night before he died, he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

The Celebrant continues

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom.

O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God; how unsearchable are your judgments and untraceable your ways.

From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever. AMEN.

Silence may be kept.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Celebrant and People

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 We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to come forward, as directed by ushers, to receive communion or a blessing.

The Ushers will help you move toward the center in single file, socially distanced, lines. When you reach the center of the space, please open your hands and lay them flat to receive the bread or cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Let the Priest know if you need a gluten free wafer by first extending your palms down. If you would like to have communion brought to your pew, please let an usher know.

If you are joining from home or have not received communion, you may offer this prayer to the Lord.

The Act of Reception

Saint Augustine's Prayer Book (2nd ed)

The Celebrant and the People say together

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Postcommunion Prayer

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of us all, we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son
and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people saying

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Lectors Jean Campbell, Vytas Kisielius

Intercessor Paul Reis

Holy Weekly Calendar – April 13 - April 17

Wednesday, April 13

7:00pm

Spy Wednesday

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2

Thursday, April 14

7:00pm

Maundy Thursday

Contemplative Service of Taize

Friday, April 15

12:00 noon

7:00pm

Good Friday

Good Friday Liturgy

Devotional Concert

Saturday, April 16

9:00am

Holy Saturday

Preparation Liturgy

Sunday, April 17

10:00am

Easter Sunday

Festival Holy Eucharist

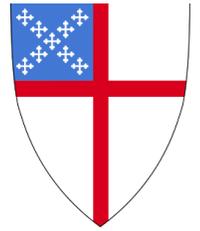
Coffee Hour

Easter Egg Hunt

~ All Services to be In person & Livestreamed ~
(except for Saturday 9am)

Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am



Please keep an eye on our website and social media as well as our e-news. There you'll find information and opportunities to connect for friends and members of all ages.

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