



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Eucharist - Rite II
The Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023
10:00 am

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 +

Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn 212

RICHMOND

"Awake, arise, lift up your voice"

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Collect for Purity *(said by all)*

The Celebrant and People say together

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria – S278

Sung by all

setting by William Mathias (1934-92)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
God the Fa-ther. A-men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

The First Reading

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he

would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

sung by the Cantor

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

² All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

³ But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴ Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶ My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

⁸ I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰ For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

¹¹ You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn 472

DONNE SECOURS

“Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion”

*Children in Pre-K – 7th Grade may proceed to their classrooms for
Church School at the beginning of the first verse.*

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

Prayers of the People

The People respond with the words in bold.

Intercessor Brothers and sisters, peace be with you. Let us pray for our merciful Lord, saying, “Our Lord and our God, *have mercy on us.*”

Intercessor Lord Jesus Christ, you have given your Church the gift of your Holy Spirit. May that same Spirit comfort and strengthen us as we proclaim your resurrection to the world. Our Lord and our God,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Intercessor God of wisdom, teach and counsel the leaders of the nations. May this world be filled with justice and peace. Our Lord and our God,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Intercessor God our provider, you have given us this pleasant earth as a goodly heritage. May we use its resources wisely and always according to your purpose. *(The people are invited to add their own thanksgivings).* Our Lord and our God,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Intercessor All-knowing God, raise up for this community people who will stand and voice your truth. May we be led by you on good paths of life. Our Lord and our God,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Intercessor Merciful God, you are a strong refuge for those in trouble. Protect all those who suffer various trials. Reveal yourself to those who struggle to believe in you. Make all your people glad by the living hope that is found in you. We pray especially for Mike, Susan, Jack, Chuck, Joan, Joy, Peter, Liz, Ann,

Jack, Pat, Becky, Kathy, Dick, Brooks, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Aaron, Dann, and for all those we now name [_____]. Our Lord and our God,

People

Have mercy on us.

Intercessor

God of life, may the dying and the dead rest in hope, especially John R. Sherwood III, father of Rob Kyle. Give us faith that you do not abandon anyone – even to the grave. And preserve us for the great inheritance you give us through the resurrection of your Son from the dead. Our Lord and our God,

People

Have mercy on us.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.
Silence may be kept.*

The Celebrant says the following prayer

God, you are the source of human dignity, and it is in your image that we are created. Pour out on us the spirit of love and compassion. Enable us to reverence each person, to reach out to anyone in need, to value and appreciate those who differ from us, to share the resources of our nation, to receive the gifts offered to us by people from other cultures. Grant that we may always promote the justice and acceptance that ensures lasting peace and racial harmony. Help us to remember that we are one world and one family.

Amen

—*Australian Catholic Social Justice Council*

Then the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn 209

ST. BOTOLPH

“We walk by faith, and not by sight”

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.



Please stand as you are able.

Doxology at the Presentation *sung by all* **LASST UNS ERFREUEN**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus – S128

Sung by all

setting by William Mathias (1934-92)

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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 remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues

And so, 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.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our Mothers; Sarah, Rebecca, and Leah: 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.**

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 Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast, alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem – S165

Sung by all setting by William Mathias (1934-92)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

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.

Communion Hymn 328

HYMN 46

“Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord”

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 **Almighty and everliving God,**

**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**

**that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

And now, Father, send us out

**to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you**

as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Parish Announcements

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People

Beloved, life is short. And we do not have enough time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of our God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be with you to strengthen and guard you this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 191

LUX EOI

“Alleluia, alleluia!”

The Celebrant offers the dismissal to which the people respond,

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Dr. Linda Spiers

Eucharistic Ministers Pam Ely, Sharon Pearson

Acolytes John Mannix, Lily Cristini

Lectors Pam Ely, Jean Campbell

Intercessor John Pearson

Music Director Andrew Leslie Cooper

Counters Adair Garis, Keith DeAngelis

Prayer Requests *Specific prayer requests will be kept on the prayer list for six weeks. Please call or email the office if you have additions or deletions to the prayer list. You are encouraged to offer your own prayers silently or aloud as indicated in the Prayers of the People.*

Today and through the week, we remember all those who have been commended to our prayers. For those who are sick or in need: *Mike, Susan, Jack, Chuck, Joan, Joy, Peter, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Becky, Kathy, Dick, Brooks, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Aaron, Dann. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Mark's, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck; St. Mark's, New Britain; Clergy whose work is not in parishes; multi-vocational priests; clergy of the ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses.

Weekend Service Trip - April 28 to April 30 - Christ Church, New Haven



A small group of 7-10 youth will journey up to New Haven with Samantha and Adult Chaperones to reside at Christ Church New Haven for the weekend. Christ Church houses and runs a soup kitchen that serves residents of New Haven daily. We will be working with them Saturday morning from 7:30-10 am as well as lending a hand to Christian Community Action which "seeks to provide help, housing and hope to those who are poor in New Haven". In our free time, we will explore delicious food downtown and have some fun! To close our time Sunday morning, we will experience a different type of Episcopal Liturgy as we worship and learn from our siblings at Christ Church. Cost: \$50/person. Packing list will be sent upon sign up. Please RSVP as soon as possible as space is limited. If you're interested in being an adult chaperone, email Samantha.



Our own Sharon Pearson is leading one of the online workshops as well as one of the in-person workshops. There are lots of topics of interest across many ministries. Consider joining online or in-person for some fun learning. **For detailed information, go to www.episcopalct.org/spring-training/**

Weekly Calendar – April 16 – April 23

Sunday, April 16

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

The Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Church School

Coffee Hour

Monday, April 17

7:00pm

Education for Ministry

Tuesday, April 18

11:00am

Staff Meeting

7:00pm

Finance Committee meeting

Sunday, April 23

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

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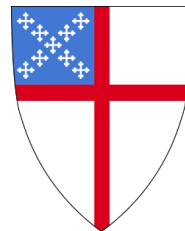
WEPCO Spring Clean Up Day: Saturday, April 22 (9am-Noon)



WEPCO needs YOU! Please volunteer to help clean up the church grounds at WEPCO's Spring Clean Up on Saturday, April 22nd, from 9am to Noon. We can use volunteers young and old with no green thumb skills required. Join fellow parishioners from STM and WPC along with support from Scout families to help tidy up our campus as we celebrate Spring and this season of Resurrection. There are many projects and chores that need our TLC. Bring your labelled work gloves, rakes, leaf blowers and tarps (if you have them). Coffee and treats will be provided. It's a great way to share your time and talents! Many hands make light work. Thank You.

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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