



# **Saint Matthew's**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Holy Eucharist - Rite II**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 21, 2024**  
**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.**

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## + T H E W O R D O F G O D +

### Prelude

*The hymns can be found in the blue hymnals. Please stand as you are able.*

### Processional Hymn 645

ST. COLUMBA

"The King of love my shepherd is"

*Celebrant*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People*

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

### The Collect for Purity

*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

*sung by all*

*setting by Peter Crisafulli*

*In 2*  
*f*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, hea - ven-ly King, al -  
- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
*poco rit.*  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
*a tempo mp* *poco cresc.*  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son — of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin — of the world; have  
mer - cy on us; — you are seat - ed at the right  
*ff*  
hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our — prayer. For  
you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, —  
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.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## The First Reading

**Acts 4:5-12**

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

    `the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
    it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Lector*           The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 23**      *sung by the choir*      chant by Edward C. Bairstow (1874–1946)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

**The Second Reading**

**1 John 3:16-24**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Lector*           The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Children in Pre-K - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade proceed to their classrooms at the beginning of the hymn.*

## **Sequence Hymn 581**

CHESHIRE

“Where charity and love prevail”

## **The Holy Gospel**

**John 10:11-18**

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

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

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*Gospeller*       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* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intercessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Intercessor* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. We pray especially for Rob, Lia, Sabrina, Karen, Kristen, Vinny, Antonio, Thomas, Diana, Aaron, Kathy, Arlene, Jack, Joan, Liz, Jack, Maddie, Scott, Melinda, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. We also remember those we now name either silently or aloud (*the people are invited to offer their own intercessions*).

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Intercessor* Give to the departed eternal rest.

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Intercessor* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**



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

*The People may add their own intercessions either silently or aloud.*

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Celebrant says the following prayer*

Let us accept the grace of Christ's resurrection! Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of His love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation, and make justice and peace flourish. **Amen.** *—Pope Francis, 2013*

*Celebrant*

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.

*Please read and pray on the words of the anthem as you listen to the choir sing.*

## Offertory Anthem

*sung by the choir*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

### *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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|---|---|
| 1. For the beauty of the earth,<br>for the beauty of the skies,<br>for the love, which from our birth<br>over and around us lies.<br>Lord of all, to thee we raise<br>This our joyful hymn of praise.       | 2. For the beauty of each hour,<br>of the day and of the night,<br>vale and tree and flower,<br>sun and moon and stars of light<br>Lord of all, to thee we raise<br>This our joyful hymn of praise.       |
| 3. For the joy of love,<br>brother, sister, parent, child,<br>friends on earth, and friends above,<br>for all gentle thoughts and mild.<br>Lord of all, to thee we raise<br>This our joyful hymn of praise. | 4. For each perfect gift of thine<br>to our race do freely given,<br>graces human and divine,<br>flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n.<br>Lord of all, to thee we raise<br>This our joyful hymn of praise. |

## The Offering

*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. If you're with us in person, the Ushers will pass plates. If you've joined us online, you can use this QR code or visit [www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering](http://www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering). You can designate it as a gift or as a part of your pledge. No gift is too small. All gifts honor the God who honors us with life, breath, love, and salvation. Be a part of God's mission with us today and in the future as we seek to love and serve our neighbors, to heal each other and the world, to share the joy and good news we've found in Jesus.*



*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 our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## Sanctus

*sung by all*

*setting by Peter Crisafulli*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

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 Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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

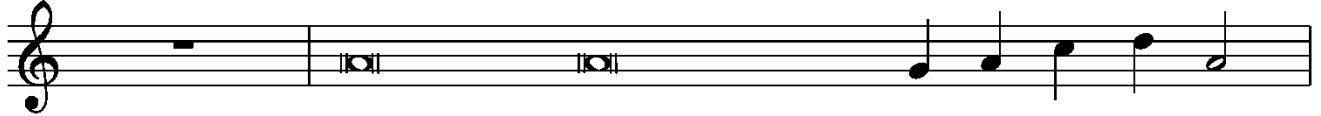
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem

*sung by all*

*setting by Peter Crisafulli*

*Cantor*



Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sac - ri - ficed for us.

*All*



There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Celebrant*

The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome to come forward, as directed by ushers, to receive communion or a blessing. Please wait for the ushers and follow their instructions. 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. You may then choose to drink from the silver chalice to your left or intinct (dip the wafer in the wine) in the clay chalice to your right. If you do not wish to receive wine, simply pass the cup, and make your way back to your seat. We believe Jesus is fully present in both the bread and the wine, so if you receive the bread, you have participated fully in communion. 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.*

*Please read and pray on the words of the anthem as you listen to the choir sing.*

**Communion Anthem**                      *sung by the choir*                      John Goss (1800–80)

*These are they which follow the Lamb*

These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among us, being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb.

And in their mouth was found no guile, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

— Revelation 14: vv 4–5

**Communion Hymn 478**

MONK’S GATE

“Jesus, our mighty 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 708

SICILIAN MARINERS

“Savior, like a shepherd lead us”

### The Dismissal

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

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

# Postlude

## Worship Leaders

<i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i>	The Rev. Peter Powell
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Bill Brautigam, Pam Ely
<i>Lectors</i>	Jean Campbell, Caroline DeAngelis
<i>Intercessor</i>	John Pearson
<i>Music Director</i>	Andrew Leslie Cooper
<i>Choir</i>	St. Matthew's Church Choir
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Char Griffin, Joy Ruterma
<i>Counters</i>	

**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: *Rob, Lia, Sabrina, Karen, Kristen, Vinny, Antonio, Thomas, Diana, Aaron, Kathy, Arlene, Jack, Joan, Liz, Jack, Maddie, Scott, Melinda, and Presiding Celebrant Michael Curry.* 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 ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses.

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## **Philadelphia Eleven Documentary – Sunday, April 28th**

We have a wonderful opportunity at St. Matthew's coming up on April 28th. We will have a special screening of a documentary that was made about the Philadelphia Eleven, the first women to be ordained in the Episcopal Church. And we will be joined that day by one of the eleven, the Rev. Dr. Carter Heyward. You can read more about the film and watch the trailer in this week's Enews. **Come to worship at 10am to hear Carter preach. Then come back at 2pm for the screening of the film and a special conversation with her.**

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss it! Share this invitation with friends who might be interested. All are welcome.



## Weekly Calendar – April 21 – April 28

Sunday, **April 21**

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Church School

Coffee Hour

Monday, **April 22**

7:00-9:30pm

Education for Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday, **April 23**

11:00am

Staff Meeting

Thursday, **April 25**

7:30-9:00pm

St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

Sunday, **April 28**

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

2:00pm

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Church School

Coffee Hour

Movie Screening: Philadelphia Eleven

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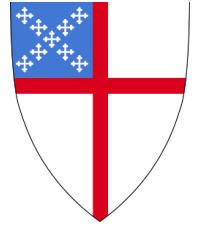
Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group?

Go here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMatthewsOnline/>

Need something else? Send Marissa a note or be in touch with another member of the staff.

# 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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