



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Eucharist - Rite II
First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord
January 7, 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.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude

Francis Jackson (1917–2022)

Fanfare

Introit

music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–91)
words by Michael Hudson

Let rain come down today

Let rain come down today,
a rain to bathe the soul;
across our wide, dry skies,
let great, dark rain clouds roll

Let streams run strong today,
to carry, fresh and clear,
the ancient, fluid voice
that draws a pilgrim near.

Let us go down today,
like Jesus did before,
to find and to pass through
the water's open door.

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn

THE OLD HUNDREDTH

Verses 3 and 4 sung by the Choir alone



1 All All peo - ple that on earth do dwell,
2 All Know that the Lord is God in - deed,
3 *Choir* O en - ter then his gates with praise,
4 *Choir* For why? the Lord our God is good,
5 All To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



1 Sing to the Lord with cheer - ful voice:
2 With - out our aid he did us make:
3 Ap - proach with joy his courts un - to;
4 His mer - cy is for ev - er - sure;
5 The God whom heav'n and earth a - dore,



1 Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
2 We are his folk he doth us feed,
3 Praise, laud, and bless his Name al - ways,
4 His truth at all times firm - ly stood,
5 From us and from the an - gel host



1 Come ye be - fore him and re - jice.
2 And for his sheep he doth us take.
3 For it is seem - ly so to do.
4 And shall from age to age en - dure.
5 Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more. A - men.

Bishop
People

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

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

The Bishop says

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 in excelsis – S 280

Sung by all

setting by Robert Powell (b. 1932)



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



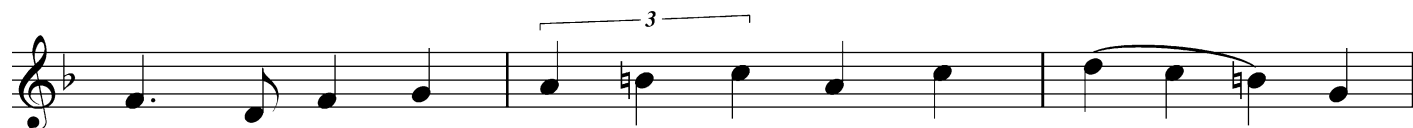
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



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

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

The First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

chant by Percy Buck (1871-1947)

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

⁹ And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, “Glory!”

¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

¹¹ The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Children in Pre-Kindergarten –5th Grade may proceed to the narthex for Godly Play at the beginning of the hymn.

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn 120

SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS

“The sinless one to Jordan came”

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

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

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Bishop The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello

Bishop Diocesan

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Bishop

The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop blesses the water

We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Bishop

Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

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 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.**

The Bishop concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop performs asperges to remind the congregation of their baptism.

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor begins, the People respond with the words in bold.

Intercessor Beloved of God, ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name. Let us approach our great God with humble hearts saying: "Lord, give strength to your people; *bless us with peace.*"

Intercessor Lover of souls, you seal us by your Holy Spirit in baptism and claim us as your own forever: may our offering of worship be acceptable in your sight. We pray for your church, especially for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, for our Bishops, Jeff and Laura, for our Rector, Marissa, and for all the clergy and people of this diocese. Lord, give strength to your people;

People **Bless us with peace.**

Intercessor Lover of souls, you sit enthroned as king for evermore: may the leaders of the nations do justice and govern with mercy. May your peace prevail on earth, that all your children might grow in love, wisdom, and security. Lord, give strength to your people;

People **Bless us with peace.**

Intercessor Lover of souls, you created the heavens and the earth: we praise you that you make holy such basic things of earth — water for baptism, grapes and grain to sustain our souls. Lord, give strength to your people;

People **Bless us with peace.**

Intercessor Lover of souls, you forgive the sins of the penitent and care for the injured: be with all victims of gun violence; heal and convert the hearts of the violent. May our community and all communities know peace. Lord, give strength to your people;

People **Bless us with peace.**

Intercessor Lover of souls, your voice is a voice of splendor: speak healing and comfort to all the heartbroken and needy. We pray especially for George, Karen, Daniel, Kristen, Vinny, Antonio, Thomas, Diana, James, Carol, Susan, Lee, Arlene, Barbara, Mike, Jack, Chuck, Joan, David, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Kathy, Dick, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Aaron, Dann and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. We also remember those we name now either silently or aloud (*the people are invited to offer their own intercessions*). Lord, give strength to your people;

People **Bless us with peace.**

Intercessor Lover of souls, you called the light into being: let light perpetual shine on those who have died. May we all rest in the hope of life eternal. Lord, give strength to your people;

People **Bless us with peace.**

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.

Bishop Creator God, open our hearts to the love and light in all of our brothers and sisters. Open our minds to empty ourselves of racial stereotypes. Help us to see difference as a treasure. Give us the grace to embrace one another so that one day we will be transformed and no longer strangers but united as one family, the family of God. Provide for us the strength to live in this hope and do this work in Mercy. **Amen.** *Sisters of Mercy*

Bishop Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

Then the Bishop says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

The Bishop and People say together

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Bishop says

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.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

Bishop

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +

After the Bishop says an Offertory sentence, the congregation may be seated.

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

Jubilate in C

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before His presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord, He is God:
it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves:
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving,
and into His courts with praise:
be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name.

For the Lord is gracious; His mercy is everlasting:
and His truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

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 into the new life God promises.

Visit www.stmatthewswilton.org/offerings. 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

THE OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

All children in attendance are welcome to come forward and join the Bishop around the Altar for the celebration of the Eucharist.

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus – S 129

Sung by all

setting by Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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._____

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Matthew, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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,

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

Bishop Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Fraction Anthem – S 163 *Sung by all* *setting by Robert Powell (b. 1932)*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Bishop 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.

Communion Anthem

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525–94)

Sicut cervus

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, *As the deer longs for the water-brooks,*
ita desiderat anima mea ad Te, Deus. *so longs my soul for you, O God.*

— Psalm 42:1

All sing the following hymn, either sitting or kneeling:

Communion Hymn 121

CAITHNESS

“Christ, when for us you were baptized”

If you are joining us 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

Bishop Let us pray.

People **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Parish Announcements

The Blessing

The Bishop blesses the People

May God the Holy Spirit, who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out his gifts on you who have been made new in the waters of baptism. And the blessing of our God who Creates, Redeems, and Sanctifies be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 451, vv. 1, 2, 3, 6

MILES LANE

“All hail the power of Jesus' Name!”

The Dismissal

Bishop Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
Sinfonia from Cantata 29

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello

Bishop's Chaplain

Sharon Pearson

Eucharistic Ministers

Pam Ely, Beth Baker

Lectors

Beth Baker, John Pearson

Intercessor

Adair Garis

Music Director

Andrew Leslie Cooper

Choir

St. Matthew's Church Choir

Altar Guild

Nancy Brautigam, Lorena Morales Aparicio,
Jen 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: *George, Karen, Daniel, Kristen, Vinny, Antonio, Thomas, Diana, James, Carol, Susan, Lee, Arlene, Barbara, Mike, Jack, Chuck, David, Joan, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Kathy, Dick, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Aaron, Dann and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Peter's, Cheshire; Holy Advent, Clinton; Trinity Church, Collinsville; St. Peter's, Cheshire; Holy Advent, Clinton; Trinity Church, Collinsville



UPCOMING CONCERTS

Friday, Jan 19, 2024, 7:30 PM: Michelle Pauker | American Songbook

Friday, Feb 02, 2024, 7:30 PM: Westminster Choir

Friday, Mar 22, 2024, 7:30 PM: Hildegard, Bach, and Pärt (free)

Friday, Apr 05, 2024, 7:30 PM: Chhandayan | Holi Festival of Colors

Saturday, May 18, 2024, 7:30 PM: La Fiocco

Saturday, Jun 08, 2024, 7:30 PM: Grand Finale — The Bach Family

Tickets and subscriptions available at
www.stmatthewswilton.org/aasm-tickets



St. Matt's Spirited Sisters

On Wednesday, January 10 at 7:30pm, we will meet for a tour of Episcopal music: the breadth of music, its impact, the instruments, and the profession. This extraordinary opportunity is hosted by a very special guest speaker, St. Matthew's Director of Music Ministries and Organist, Andrew Cooper. Please join us for an evening of inspiration and fellowship.

St. Matt's Spirited Sisters is a community of faith for the women of St Matthew's that explores and strengthens our Christian ideals and knowledge, fostering friendship, offering prayer and support for each other, and building a deeper relationship with Christ. We generally meet the second Wednesday of every month to discuss topics of faith by listening to podcasts, reading articles, taking field trips, doing hands-on activities, and learning from each other. We welcome all of the women of St. Matthew's and their friends. Discussion materials will be available prior to meeting but advanced prep work is not required.

Please Contact Pam Carlson at pamelacarlson@gmail.com or Stacey Savas at staceysavas70@gmail.com with any questions.

Sunday, January 14th - Sermon & Scripture

Plan to stay after church for a little while next Sunday, January 14th and meet



Marissa for a conversation about the sermon and the texts for the day. You don't need to prepare anything - you just need to listen a little to the sermon! Beginning around 11:30am. This is an opportunity to dig a little deeper, ask questions, or explore new ideas.

Philadelphia Eleven Documentary

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.



We continue to work out some of the details - but I'll have all of them to you soon. Plan on coming to church that morning and staying afterward for the screening and a conversation with Carter Heyward.

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



Weekly Calendar – January 7– January 14

Sunday, **January 7**

10:00am

11:15am

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord**

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Coffee Hour

Monday, **January 8**

7:00-9:30pm

Education for Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday, **January 9**

11:00am

Staff Meeting

Wednesday, **January 10**

7:30-9:00pm

St. Matt's Spirited Sisters group meeting

Thursday, **January 11**

7:30-9:00pm

St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

Sunday, **January 14**

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Church School

Coffee Hour

**Connection details available on our website, in the e-news,
and in our Parishioner Facebook group.**

Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

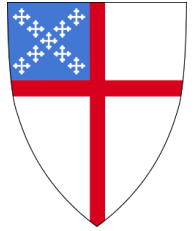
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Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am



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