

Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



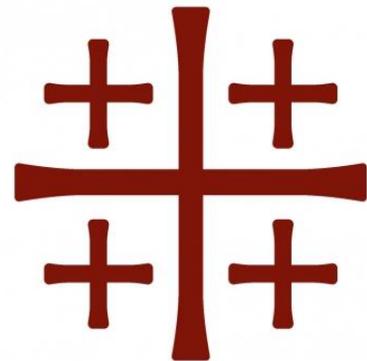
Tessa Jarvis

Holy Eucharist - Rite II
The Second Sunday in Lent
Celebration of Children
March 13, 2022
10:00 am

Welcome to the Celebration of Children Joint Service

Thank you to our wonderful cast of
Pre-K-8th grade participants.
We are grateful for your growing hearts
and minds and enjoy spending our
Sundays together as we explore our faith
and relationships with God.

You are loved - Sam & Julie



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

Anton Bruckner (1824-96)

Prelude in D Minor, WAB 126/2

Please stand as you are able at the start of the hymn.

Entrance Hymn 149

OLD 124TH

"Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church"

A Penitential Order: Rite Two

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

God's mercy endures forever.

The Decalogue

The Celebrant and people kneel as they are able, the Celebrant begins

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

The Collect

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

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

Alexis Onthank

Abram had a vision in which God talked to him. “Don’t be afraid, Abram. I will be your shield. You stick by me and you will have a great reward.” Abram said, “What kind of reward? I have no children to carry on my name. So a slave born in my house is my only heir.” And the Word of God came to him and said, “You will have your very own son.” God took him outside and told him to look up at the skies. “Count the stars, if you can, Abram; that’s how many children you will have.” And Abram believed God.

God said, “I’m the one who took you far away from your home and brought you to this place. This is all yours, from the great river of Egypt to the great river Euphrates.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27

sung by the Choir

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- ² When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.
- ³ Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- ⁴ And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- ⁵ One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- ⁶ To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- ⁷ For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- ⁸ Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- ⁹ Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

- ¹⁰ Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- ¹¹ You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- ¹² Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- ¹³ You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- ¹⁴ Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.
- ¹⁵ Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- ¹⁶ Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.
- ¹⁷ What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!
- ¹⁸ O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Bill Stofega

You are my brothers and sisters, and I want you to imitate me. Follow my example. Don't live as if the cross of Christ does not matter. Some people do. They live to eat the best food and make fools of themselves at parties and embarrass their families. Their minds are in the gutter. Your mind should be with God. God sent Jesus to transform you into something so special to God's heart that you reflect God's glory. Be firm about living in God's ways, my siblings. You are my pride and joy.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn 457

ST. JAMES

“Thou art the Way, to thee alone”

The Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Some church lawyers came to Jesus to warn him about King Herod. “Herod wants to kill you. You'd better watch your back.” Jesus replied, “You tell that fox that I will cast out demons and cure people's ills today and tomorrow and then, on the third day, I'll be done. Jerusalem, O Jerusalem. You are the city that kills its prophets and stones those who are sent to you to give you warning. I wish I could hide all your children as a hen protects her chicks under her wings, but you won't let me. One day, you will see me and shout, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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.

The Prayers of the People

Joint Church School

We pray for our world...

that there will be peace and refugees will be accepted
that those being persecuted will find freedom and comfort

We pray for our nation...

that people will feel safe and protected, especially people in need
that our leaders will be honest and good in making decisions

We pray for our community...

that we will give clothes, food and shelter to people in need
that we will care about our neighbors and be nice to them

We pray for our friends and family...

that they will be comforted when they are sad
that they will always be remembered

We pray also for peace in our world: Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

Interactive Blessing

Joint Church School

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +

The Offertory

Celebrant

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Children's Song

**Taizé Community
Pre-K - 4th Grades**

“Jesus, Remember Me”



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. 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.

As today is a special day, we will donate loose plate collections.

Cash donations (not set aside for either church) will be given on behalf of our Joint Ministries to Episcopal Relief & Development for the purposes of their work with families and individuals fleeing Ukraine.

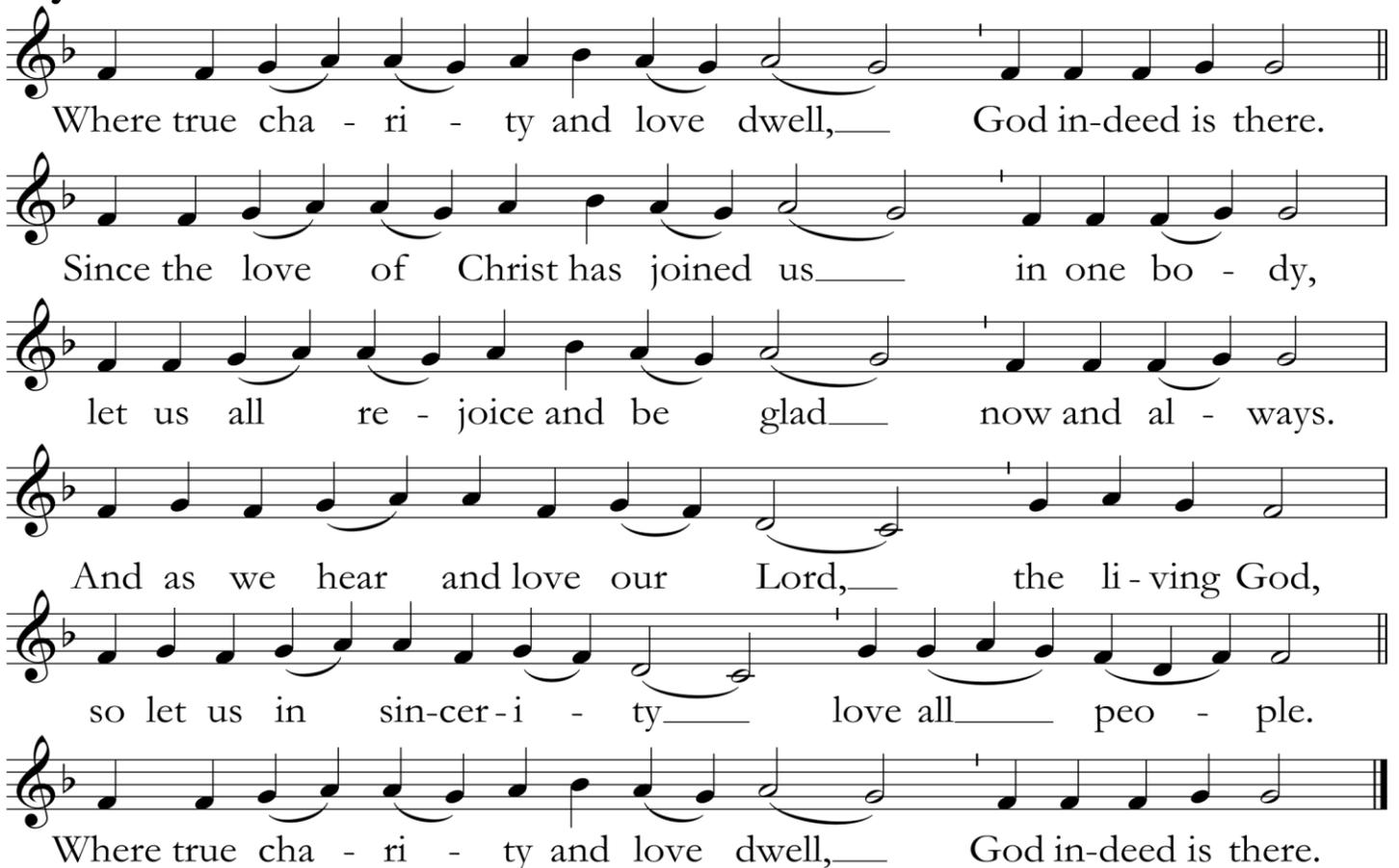
**To read more about ERD and the work they're doing for refugees, please visit their website:
support.episcopalrelief.org.**

Please give generously.

Sung by all as the offerings are presented

Hymn at the Presentation

UBI CARITAS



Where true cha - ri - ty and love dwell, — God in-deed is there.

Since the love of Christ has joined us — in one bo - dy,

let us all re - joice and be glad — now and al - ways.

And as we hear and love our Lord, — the li - ving God,

so let us in sin-cer-i - ty — love all — peo - ple.

Where true cha - ri - ty and love dwell, — God in-deed is there.

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 bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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 people remain standing or kneel. 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.**

The Lord's Prayer in Sign Language

Pre-K - 4th Grades

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 forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Fraction Anthem

Sung by all

setting by Peter Crisafulli

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.

slower

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. 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 have received the bread, please return to your pew with the bread in your hand; then you may slip the bread into your mouth under your mask. If you would like to have communion brought to your pew, please let an usher know.

Anthem

Anton Bruckner (1824–96)

Benedictus (from Maundy Thursday Mass)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Communion Hymn 641

SOUTHWELL

“Lord Jesus, think on me”

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 abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
That we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

Parish Announcements/Church School Teacher Appreciation

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 Hymn 152

A LA VENUE DE NOËL

“Kind Maker of the world, O hear”

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Anton Bruckner (1824-96)

Fugue in D Minor, WAB 126/1

Worship Leaders

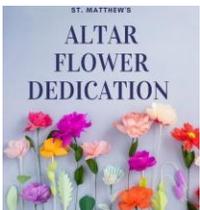
<i>Leaders</i>	Church School Pre-K through 8 th grade
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
<i>Visiting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Weenink
<i>Lectors</i>	Alexis Onthank, Bill Stofega
<i>Prayers</i>	Joint Church School
<i>Organist</i>	Andrew Leslie Cooper
<i>Choir</i>	St. Matthew's Church Choir
<i>Counters</i>	Chris Perry, Bruce Beebe
<i>Digital Greeter</i>	Kate Jarvis

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: *Donald, Annie, Alison, Judy, Laura, Dick, Sue, Darlene, Jackie, Clara, Tom, Michael, Joanne, Brooks, Scott, Bobby, Martin, Marge, Vinny, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Rob, Jane, Nancy, Dawn, Donnie, David, James, Aaron, Petra, Kathy, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, Charles Kennedy and Dann Pompa. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for All Saints', Ivoryton; St. Andrew's, Kent; Emmanuel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime Rock. Bishops, ECCT staff, and parish employees, and their families.

Altar Flower Dedications



You can celebrate or memorialize your loved ones with flower dedications. Let us know the date you would like and any colors or flowers you want (we will do our best). A \$75 donation is suggested. Please email Jennifer Angerame at theangerames@gmail.com with questions.

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers & Wishes

We'd like to include you and your family members in our weekly prayers. Please email a note to Nancy at office@stmatthewswilton.org with dates and we will add to our list!



LENT 2022 at St. Matt's

A guide to Lenten worship opportunities and activities for all ages can be found on the St. Matthew's website or on the table in the narthex. Let this be helpful to you on your spiritual journey this Lent.



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OPEN DOORS EASTER EGG HUNT AND PARTY



The St. Matthew's Mission team is organizing an Easter Egg Hunt and party for the families at Open Doors, one of our Mission partners, on **Palm Sunday, April 10th** at Open Doors. We had to postpone this party in 2020 so we are excited to be able to hold it this year. Although

we are very limited in terms of how many of us can organize/attend, we do need lots of help collecting supplies and food to make this party one the kids will always remember!

Please use the SignUp Genius link (in the eNews) and leave supplies in the boxes provided in the Narthex no later than Sunday, April 3rd. Thank you!

A lit candle with a bright flame, set against a dark background. The candle is yellow and orange, and the flame is bright yellow and orange.

Compline

Tuesdays in Lent
9:00pm on Zoom

Join us virtually for this ancient service at the close of day, featuring plainsong, psalms, and hymns. The Zoom link can be found in the eNews. Led by Janet Nobles and Andrew Leslie Cooper.

Where true charity and love dwell, God indeed is there.

Zoom link and bulletin can be found in Thursday's eNews.

Weekly Calendar – March 13 – March 20

Sunday, March 13

10:00am
10:15am
11:15am
11:30am

The Second Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)
Church School
Coffee Hour
Lenten Adult Formation: Gospel Journey

Monday, March 14

4:30-5:30pm
7:00pm

Lenten Middle School Small Groups
Education for Ministry

Tuesday, March 15

11:00am
7:00pm
9:00pm

Staff Meeting
Finance Committee meeting
Compline (Zoom)

Thursday, March 17

5:30-6:30pm
7:30-9:00pm

Lenten High School Small Groups
St. Matthew's Church Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 20

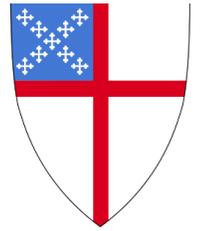
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The Third Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)
Church School
Coffee Hour
Lenten Adult Formation: Gospel Journey

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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