



# **Saint Matthew's**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Holy Eucharist - Rite II**  
**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 17, 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**

Nadia Boulanger (1887–1979)

*Petit Canon*

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

### **Processional Hymn 474**

ROCKINGHAM

“When I survey the wondrous cross”

### **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."

*Silence may be kept.*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

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

# Kyrie eleison setting from *The Wilton Service* by Andrew Leslie Cooper

*sung by all*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## The Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## The First Reading

## Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 51:1-13

*sung by the choir*

*Plainsong*

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup> Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup> Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.

<sup>5</sup> And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.

<sup>6</sup> Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

- <sup>7</sup> For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- <sup>8</sup> Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- <sup>9</sup> Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- <sup>10</sup> Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- <sup>11</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- <sup>12</sup> Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>13</sup> Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

## **The Second Reading**

**Hebrews 5:5-10**

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son,



he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Children in Pre-K – 7th Grade proceed to their classrooms at the beginning of the hymn.*

## **Sequence Hymn 435 vv. 1-4**

KING'S WESTON

“At the name of Jesus”

*When reading the Gospel of John, it is important to remember that Jesus and his disciples, as well as many of his opponents, were Jewish. John was writing at a time of high tension between the members of the Jewish community who accepted Jesus as the promised messiah, and those who did not. That tension is reflected in this reading. When St. John refers to “the Jews,” he is referring to a few contemporary Jewish leaders, not to the people as a whole, nor to their descendants. St. Matthew's condemns antisemitism in every form.*

## **The Gospel**

**John 12:20-33**

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

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

**The Nicene Creed**

*The Celebrant and People say together*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The People respond with the words in bold.*

*Intercessor* We acknowledge the history of St. Matthew's. We honor those who donated the land, those who built the church, and those who attended this new church in 1819. We lament the unjust culture of slavery that was present in some of the families who founded our church.

God of promise,

*People* **Open our hearts**

*Intercessor* We honor the sacred ground upon which St. Matthew's was built, the land of those who came before, including the Munsees and Siwanoyes.

God of eternity,

*People* **Open our hearts**

*Intercessor* We pay tribute to the early Rectors of St. Matthew's - including the Reverends Charles Smith, Charles Todd, Origen Holcomb, William Barlow, Bethel Judd, William Heyer, John Purvis, Live Stimson, Simon Fuller, William Bostwick and Jeremiah Walton - who baptized, confirmed, and married worshipers, including black and formerly enslaved individuals.

God of justice,

*People* **Open our hearts**

*Intercessor*

We honor the Bishop of Connecticut and New York, Rt. Reverend John Hobart, who consecrated St. Matthew's in 1819. We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, our Bishops Jeffrey and Laura, and our Priest Marissa, and all who work toward reconciliation and justice. We pray for all peacemakers and leaders who promote nonviolent solutions to conflict.

*People*

God of peace and gentleness,  
**Open our hearts**

*Intercessor*

We acknowledge and give thanks that St. Matthew's was a safe haven for marginalized individuals early in the 19th century.

*People*

God of compassion,  
**Open our hearts**

*Intercessor*

We recognize the formerly enslaved and free black citizens who were welcomed and worshiped at St. Matthew's in the 1820s – 40s, the Browns, Hicks, Wallys, Connells, Dullimans, Kings, Phillips, and Smiths.

*People*

God of equity,  
**Open our hearts**

*Intercessor*

We especially honor John C. Walley, a formerly enslaved person, who was hired to ring the bell, sweep the floors, light the fires, was married and brought a child to be baptized at St. Matthew's.

*People*

God of goodness,  
**Open our hearts**

*Intercessor* We pray for an end to prejudice throughout our nation and the world. We respect all people as precious children of God; and that racism, sexism and all other forms of discrimination will be forever banished from our hearts, our society, and our laws.  
God of fellowship and equality,

*People* **Open our hearts**

*Intercessor* We pray for the sick, the aged, the infirm and for those with physical or mental disabilities. That all may have access to quality health care; and that God's loving embrace may be felt by all who suffer. 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*).

God of comfort and healing,

*People* **Open our hearts**

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died from violence, war, disease or famine, especially those who died from neglect, hardness of heart, or ignoring the plight of our neighbor. We honor all of the souls buried at St. Matthew's cemetery, in marked and unmarked graves.

God of resurrection,

*People* **Open our hearts**

*Intercessor* We ask your prayers for St. Matthew's Church, for all the saints that pray and worship and work and are healed and restored here. We pray that strength and peace and comfort will continue to abide within this Christian community.

God of love,

*People* **Remain with us as we seek to honor our past and go into the future to serve all in the name of Christ.**

*Intercessor* We pray that acknowledgment of our history will lead each of us at St. Matthew's to continue to seek out stories that have been hidden, open our hearts to truths, and live into our promise as Christians to love fully and completely.  
Everlasting God,

*People* **Hear our prayers.**

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*

*Celebrant* Open unto me, light for my darkness.  
Open unto me, courage for my fear.  
Open unto me, hope for my despair.  
Open unto me, peace for my turmoil.  
Open unto me, joy for my sorrow.  
Open unto me, strength for my weakness.  
Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins.  
Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness.  
Open unto me, love for my hates.  
Open unto me, They Self for myself.  
Lord, Lord, open unto me! *—Howard Thurman*

*Celebrant*

Strong and faithful God, hear us as we cry to you. Stretch out your hand to save us, that we may praise you for your mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **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 +

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

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**

Ned Rorem (1923–2022)

*Sing, my soul, his wondrous love*

Sing, my soul, His wondrous love,  
Who from yon bright throne above,  
Ever watchful o'er our race,  
Still to man extends His grace.

Heaven and earth by Him were made,  
All is by His scepter swayed;  
What are we the He should show  
So much love to us below?

God the merciful and good,  
Bought us with the Savior's blood,  
And, to make our safety sure,  
Guides us by His spirit pure.

Sing, my soul, adore His name;  
Let His glory be Thy theme:  
Praise Him till He calls the home,  
Trust His love for all to come.

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/offering](http://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 and sing:

## 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 - jice 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 musical notation consists of six staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together in groups. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## 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*

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** setting from *The Wilton Service* by Andrew Leslie Cooper  
*sung by all*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly  
Lord, God of power\_ and might, power and might,  
hea-ven and earth are full\_ of your glo-ry, full of your glo-ry.  
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
*Choir alone:*  
Bless - ed is he,\_\_\_ he\_\_\_ who comes\_\_\_ in\_\_\_ the  
name\_\_\_ of the Lord.  
*All:*  
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, 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.**

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** setting from *The Wilton Service* by Andrew Leslie Cooper  
*sung by all*

Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; —

There-fore let us keep the feast.

*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

John Goss (1800–80)

*God so loved the world*

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  
That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish,  
But have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,  
But that the world through Him might be saved. Amen.

John 3:16-17

*Please kneel or sit to sing.*

## Communion Hymn 603

ST. BOTOLPH

“When Christ was lifted from the earth”

*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 (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**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Parish Announcements

### 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.**

### Recessional Hymn 655

NYLAND

“O Jesus, I have promised”

*The People are invited to process out to the narthex following the Cross, Choir, & Altar Party. Our worship will continue with a special dedication and will conclude in the narthex. Some of these prayers come from the 1789 Book of Common Prayer.*

### The Prayerful Remembrance of a Life & Blessing of a Plaque

*The Celebrant begins. The People respond with the words in bold.*

Most merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and has promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; We come before thee in a humble sense of our own unworthiness; acknowledging our manifold transgressions of thy righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, who desires not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them; and work in us a hearty contrition; that we may obtain forgiveness at thy hands, who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Redeemer. **Amen.**

And lest, through our frailty, or the temptations which encompass us, we be drawn into sin, vouchsafe we beseech thee, the direction and assistance of thy Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls; that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate desires may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice: that we may never

suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath; but may always go to our rest in peace, charity, and good-will, with a conscience void of offense towards the and towards all people. That so, we may be preserved pure and blameless, unto the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Glory and honor and power:  
are yours by right, O Lord our God;

**For you created all things:  
and by your will they have their being.**

Glory and honor and power:  
are yours by right, O Lamb who was slain:

**For by your blood you have ransomed for God a kingdom of priests  
from every race and language, from every people and nation.**

God of Love, in loving care your hand has created us, and as the potter fashions the clay you have formed us in your image. Through the Holy Spirit you have breathed into us the gift of life. In the sharing of love you have enriched our knowledge of you and of one another. We claim your love today, as we remember the life and work of John C. Wally, his family and friends, his accomplishments and his commitment to the Christian life. May this memorial, placed in his honor, be a constant reminder of all these things, of the great cloud of witnesses, of the communion of saints, of our deep connections one to another, and of the ways in which God calls us to love and serve each other. May it be a reminder to us that we are not free until all of God's people are free. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant offers the dismissal, the People respond*  
**Thanks be to God.**

**The People are invited to attend a special forum in the Lounge.  
Please make your way there.**

## **Worship Leaders**

*Celebrant & Preacher*

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

*Eucharistic Ministers*

Pam Ely, Anne Newton

*Lectors*

Adair Garis, Paul Reis

*Intercessor*

St. Matthew's Social Justice & Racial Healing members

*Music Director*

Andrew Leslie Cooper

*Choir*

St. Matthew's Church Choir

*Altar Guild*

Betsy Pettit, Debbie Fuller, Kim Olson

*Counters*

Steve Hudspeth, 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: *Rob, Lia, Sabrina, Karen, Kristen, Vinny, Antonio, Thomas, Diana, Aaron, Kathy, Arlene, Jack, Joan, Liz, Jack, Maddie, Scott, Melinda, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. 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.

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## **Easter Flower & Music Memorials and Thanksgivings**



At this time of year, it's our custom to give gifts in memory of or in thanksgiving for the people we love. If you would like to make a donation for Easter flowers, music memorials or the Rector's Discretionary Fund, you can do so on our website or be in touch with Nancy in the Parish Office at [office@stmatthewswilton.org](mailto:office@stmatthewswilton.org).

Please respond by Friday, March 22nd to have names included in the Easter Sunday bulletin.



## **Social Justice & Racial Healing**

### **Adult Forum Today at 11:15am**

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*DID YOU KNOW that three generations of the David Lambert family (founders of St. Matthew's) enslaved over 8 individuals and paid a good portion of the salaries of the early rectors, contributed greatly to the construction of the first building, and donated 1 acre of land in 1815 that became St. Matthew's cemetery?*

*Learn more at the Adult Forum today.*

### **FROM "PEOPLE OF THE SHELL" TO THE TONQUIN FAMILY WILTON, ST. MATTHEW'S, & SLAVERY**

For the past 2+ years, our Social Justice & Racial Healing group, with the help of Wilton historian Julie Hughes and others, have been digging into Wilton's and St. Matthew's past to discover and document historic participation in racism. We will be sharing what we have learned from the 17<sup>th</sup> century through the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Dr. Julie Hughes, Wilton archivist and historian will also be with us. Join us as we explore who first lived on Wilton land, how St. Matthew's (and Wilton) became independent from Norwalk, and how those enslaved in our area contributed the community of Wilton and St. Matthew's.

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## UPCOMING CONCERTS

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

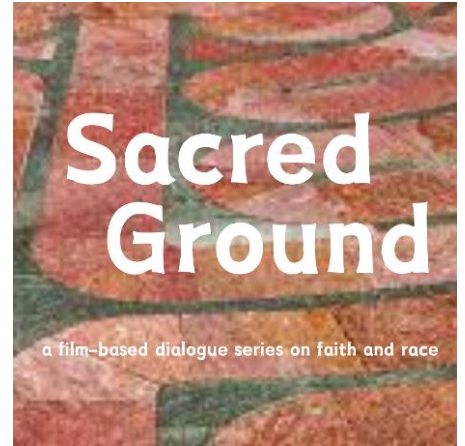
Saturday, Jun 08, 2024, 7:30 PM: Grand Finale — The Bach Family

Tickets and subscriptions available at  
[www.stmatthewswilton.org/aasm-tickets](http://www.stmatthewswilton.org/aasm-tickets)



## Sacred Ground

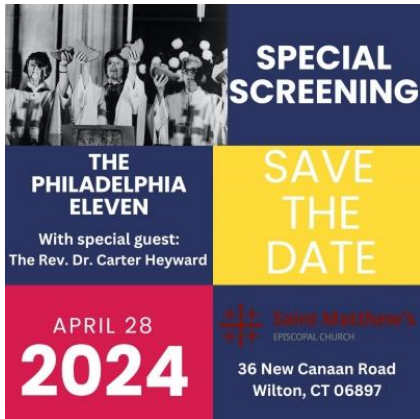
*Sacred Ground* is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. The 11-part series is built around a powerful curriculum that focuses on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.



*Sacred Ground* is part of *Becoming Beloved Community*, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope, and love.

In the Spring of 2020, over a dozen St. Matthew's parishioners participated in this life-changing course. If there is enough interest, we will begin another cohort under the facilitation of Sharon Pearson. Contact her 203-984-1228 or [sharonepearson@gmail.com](mailto:sharonepearson@gmail.com) if you are interested in learning more.

## 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.

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.

*\*\*Are you willing to help put this event together? And spread the word?*

We need a few able volunteers.

Please send Rev. Marissa a note. Thank you!\*\*



Circle of Care is having their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Run/Walk fundraiser and, once again, St. Matthew's will be walking the day before so we can all attend our Sunday service. Weather permitting, I invite all of you to meet at the commuter lot on Route 7 on **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am** for a walk up and down the NRV<sup>T</sup> together. A great time for fellowship, fresh air, and a great cause to help families of children with cancer.

Sign up here as a “virtual” walker:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Wilton/CircleofCare5K> or  
via [www.thecircleofcare.org](http://www.thecircleofcare.org)

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Circle of Care, with Wilton Go Green, is having a Community Shred Day **on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon** (rain or shine) in the parking lot of Fairfield County Bank in Wilton Center. Suggested donation of \$20 per box/bag of paper (remove clips and binders). All proceeds will be split between Wilton Go Green and Circle of Care. A safe way to dispose of old paper files for two great causes! No RSVP needed.

Any questions, please contact Lisa Williams at  
[\*Lisa.williams@thecircleofcare.org\*](mailto:Lisa.williams@thecircleofcare.org)

## Weekly Calendar – March 17 – March 24

Sunday, **March 17**

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

11:15am

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Church School

Coffee Hour

Adult Forum - SJ&RH

Monday, **March 18**

7:00-9:30pm

7:00pm

Education for Ministry (Zoom)

Finance Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, **March 19**

11:00am

9:00pm

Staff Meeting

Compline in Lent (Zoom)

Wednesday, **March 20**

7:30pm

Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, **March 21**

7:30-9:00pm

St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

Sunday, **March 24**

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

**Palm Sunday**

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](http://www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter).

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.



# Holy Week

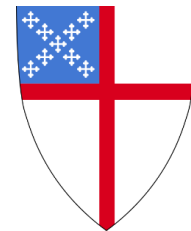
## SCHEDULE

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| <b>Palm &amp; Passion Sunday</b> 3/24<br>Holy Eucharist & Passion Reading           | 10:00AM<br>(IN PERSON & ONLINE) |
| <b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b><br>Compline 3/26  | 9:00PM<br>(ONLINE ONLY)         |
| <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 3/28<br>Foot Washing, Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar | 7:30PM<br>(IN PERSON & ONLINE)  |
| <b>Good Friday</b> 3/29<br>Liturgy of the Day                                       | 12:00PM<br>(IN PERSON & ONLINE) |
| <b>Good Friday</b> 3/29<br>Taize: Prayer & Song                                     | 7:30PM<br>(IN PERSON & ONLINE)  |
| <b>Holy Saturday</b> 3/30<br>Service of Preparation                                 | 9:00AM<br>(IN PERSON ONLY)      |



## 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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### **Staff**

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| Rector                      | The Rev. Marissa S. Rohrbach, <a href="mailto:marissa@stmatthewswilton.org">marissa@stmatthewswilton.org</a> |
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| Media Technician            | Matthew Henshaw  |
| Nursery Staff               | Lucia Sato   |
| Sextons                     | Alix Williams, Jairo Mejia   |

### **Wardens and Officers**

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|-----------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Warden    | Pam Ely     | Clerk           | Jennifer DeAngelis |
| Warden    | Anne Newton | Asst. Treasurer | Brian Angerame     |
| Treasurer | Rob Kyle    |                 |                    |

### **The Vestry**

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|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Eleanor Arnold | Amy Gubner      | Endy Perry   |
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