



**Saint Matthew's**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Holy Eucharist - Rite II**  
**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 3, 2023**  
**10:00 am**

## Welcome to St. Matthew's! We are glad you are here.

The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. If you're joining us from home, please stand, kneel, sing, and pray with us as you're able. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

**Children are most welcome and are encouraged to participate in worship.**

To the parents of children: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Sit toward the front so your little ones can see and hear. Go ahead and quietly answer their questions. If you don't know the answer, the priest would love to talk to your little one. When you sing the hymns and join in the prayers, you teach little hearts how to be faithful; you are their best model. If you need to leave the service, that's okay. Don't be shy about coming back. It was Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me."

**Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Matt's.**

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## + THE WORD OF GOD +

### Prelude

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

**Processional Hymn 400 vv. 1, 4, 5, 7**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**"All creatures of our God and King"**

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

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

### The Collect for Purity

*The Celebrant and People say together*

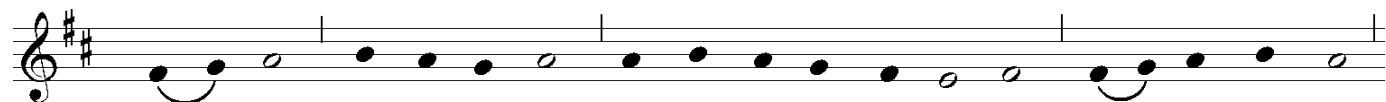
**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# Gloria – S 277

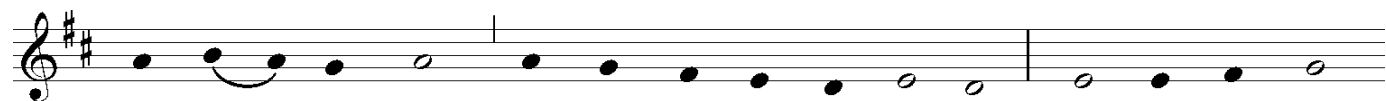
*Sung by all*    *setting by David Hurd (b. 1950)*



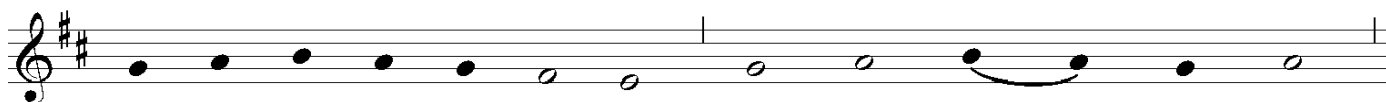
1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



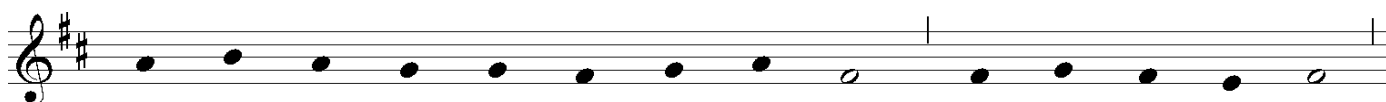
2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



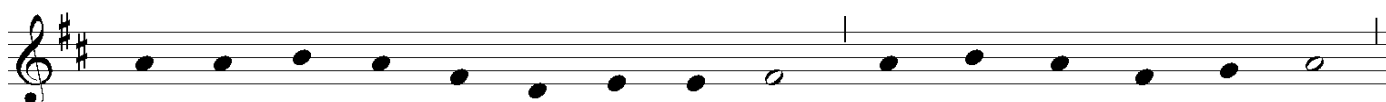
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



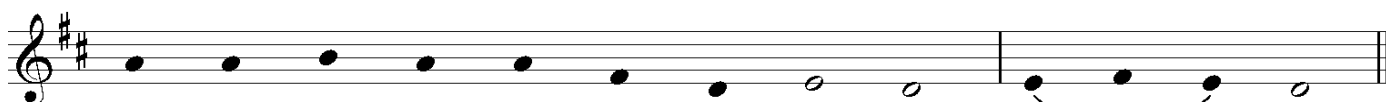
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## The First Reading

**Jeremiah 15:15-21**

O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,  
nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,

says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 26:1-8**

*Sung by the Choir*

<sup>1</sup> Give judgment for me, O LORD,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup> Test me, O LORD, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.

<sup>3</sup> For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.

- <sup>4</sup> I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- <sup>5</sup> I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- <sup>6</sup> I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- <sup>7</sup> Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- <sup>8</sup> LORD, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.

## **The Second Reading**

## **Romans 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Sequence Hymn 581

CHESHIRE

“Where charity and love prevail”

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?”

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Nicene Creed

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

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

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



## Prayers of the People

*The People respond with the words in bold.*

*Intercessor* Beloved of God, be kindly affectioned one to another with love. And let us come before God, saying, “We glory in your holy name, **and offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**”

*Intercessor* Lord Jesus, you bid your disciples take up their cross and follow you: may your holy Church desire, above all, the things of God that we might overcome evil with good. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Jeffrey and Laura, our Bishops, for Marissa, our Rector, and for all the clergy and people of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. We glory in your holy name.

*People* **And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* Lord God of our forebears, you know the sorrows of the afflicted: Deliver those who are being oppressed. And grant your peace to all the world. We glory in your holy name.

*People* **And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* Good Lord, you make know your wondrous works: reveal yourself in the works of your hands as even you did to Moses our forebear on the holy mountain. We glory in your holy name.

*People* **And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* O Lord, grant that the people of our land be given to hospitality. May we offer welcome and compassion to the stranger. May we supply the needs of the saints. May we abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good and, in so doing, may we live peaceably with one another. We glory in your holy name.

*People* **And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* Strong Lord, make us weep with those who weep. Reveal your strength to the weak and lowly that they may rejoice in all your marvelous works. We pray especially for Judy, James, Diana,

Carol, Susan, Lee, Arlene, Barbara, Mike, Jack, Chuck, Joan, David, Peter, 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. We glory in your holy name.

*People* **And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* Almighty God, you reward each one according to their works: Give to the dead rest from their labors and life everlasting. We remember especially today Donna Puskar, may she rest in peace and rise in glory. We glory in your holy name.

*People* **And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**

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*

God of vocation and of purpose, as we celebrate labor and those who are laborers, we often don't think too highly of certain ways of working, necessary workers, essential workers. So, help us on this Labor Day to give thanks to those who work with their hands, those who get dirty, those who sacrifice while working for the good of us all. Help us give honor to those who do the jobs many won't do. May we who speak of equality recognize the equality of labor and the dignity of all those who work. **Amen.**

—Derek Weber, UMC

*Then the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Confession**

*Then the Celebrant says*     Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

*Celebrant 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 Celebrant 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**

*Celebrant*             The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

# + THE HOLY COMMUNION +

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

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

## Offertory Anthem

BOURBON

*Take up your cross, the Savior said*

Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength,  
and calmly every danger brave:  
it guides you to abundant life  
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross, let not its weight  
fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame,  
and let your foolish heart be still;  
the Lord for you accepted death  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

*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 as you are able.*

**Doxology at the Presentation**      *Sung by all*      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.**

# 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus – S 124 *Sung by all setting by David Hurd (b. 1950)*

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.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; 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 shed for you and for many 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 say together*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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 forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

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

**Fraction Anthem – S154**      *Sung by all*      *setting by David Hurd (b. 1950)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to come forward, as directed by ushers, to receive communion or a blessing. 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

*Sung by the Choir*

*New every morning is the love*

New every morning is the love  
our waking and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies, each returning day,  
around us hover while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

Only, O Lord, in thy dear love,  
fit us for perfect rest above;  
and help us, this and every day,  
to live more nearly as we pray.

*Please kneel or sit to sing.*

# Communion Hymn 654

SUMNER

“Day by day”

*If you are joining from home or have not received communion, you may offer this prayer to the Lord.*

## **The Act of Reception**

Saint Augustine's Prayer Book (2<sup>nd</sup> ed)

*The Celebrant and the People say together*

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.



*The People stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Parish Announcements**

### **The Blessing**

*The Celebrant blesses the People*

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God give you strength to be Christ's hands and heart in this world. And the blessing of God Almighty, who creates, redeems, and sanctifies be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn 344**

SICILIAN MARINERS

“Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing”

*The Celebrant offers the dismissal to which the people respond,*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

## **Worship Leaders**

<i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i>	The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Sharon Pearson
<i>Lectors</i>	John Pearson, Paul Reis
<i>Intercessor</i>	Anna-Kate Reis
<i>Music Director</i>	Andrew Leslie Cooper
<i>Choir</i>	St. Matthew's Summer Choir
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Nancy Brautigam, Sharon McKenna, Kim Olson

**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: *Judy, James, Diana, Carol, Susan, Lee, Arlene, Barbara, Mike, Jack, Chuck, David, Joan, Peter, 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 Trinity, Southport; Grace Church, Stafford Springs. Those involved in the ministry in Christian Formation in parishes; church school and youth group directors, teachers and mentors; for adult education leaders, Education for Ministry leaders and students and those who have been received into The Episcopal Church.

Weekly Calendar – September 3 – September 10

Sunday, **September 3**  
10:00am

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Tuesday, **September 5**  
11:00am

Staff meeting

Wednesday, **September 6**  
7:30-9:00pm

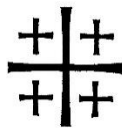
Social Justice & Racial Healing group

Saturday, **September 9**  
9:00am-3:00pm

EFM Retreat (Camp Washington)

Sunday, **September 10**  
10:00am

**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Holy Eucharist – Rite II



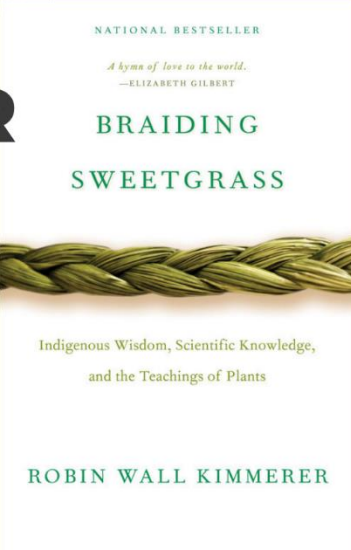
# St. Matt's Summer Read – Book Discussions After Worship - Sundays October 1, 8 and 15

Come and join  
St. Matt's

## SUMMER READ

- National Bestseller
- Book discussion to be held Oct. 1, 8 & 15

*"The more something is shared, the greater its value becomes."*



## QUESTIONS TO PONDER


Which of Jesus' parables come to mind as you read?

What stories of Creation do you know?

What does reciprocity mean to you?

How is the Kingdom of God like sweetgrass?

*"Ceremony focuses attention so that attention becomes intention. If you stand together and profess a thing before your community, it holds you accountable" p.249*



# SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

“Fall Kickoff”



Please plan to join us for our “Fall Kickoff” on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> as we worship and celebrate St. Matthew’s Day followed by a fun and festive joint kickoff with WPC.

Come join us and bring some folks along with you. All are welcome.

We will have a bouncy house for the kids after worship.  
There will be a really fun food truck with options for everyone.  
And a few more surprises along the way!

More details to follow soon.

# The Arts AT ST. MATTHEW'S

## The Arts at St. Matthew's

The concert series held here in our worship space is returning for a full 2023–24 season. The first concert is on **Saturday, September 16 at 7:30pm**, and will feature renowned Scottish fiddler **Ryan Young**. This concert is **free to attend**, with a free-will offering taken at the end. Stay tuned for a full season announcement soon, as well as ticket and subscription information.



Share God's Word in Worship

## BECOME A LECTOR

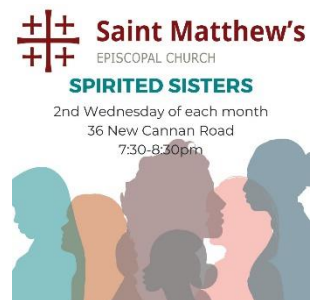


St. Matt's is looking for some good readers to participate in worship as **lectors** (read the Old or New Testament lessons) and **intercessors** (lead the Prayers of the People) at 10:00 am and feast day services. Commitment is once every 4-6 weeks. Youth (12+) and adults are welcome!

Contact Sharon Pearson [sharonepearson@gmail.com](mailto:sharonepearson@gmail.com) / 203-984-1228) if interested in more info.

## St. Matt's Spirited Sisters Fall Events

We are kicking off the fall season on **Saturday, September 23 with a field trip to the Bellamy-Farraday House** in Bethlehem Connecticut. The house was built in 1754 by the Rev. Joseph Bellam. It is the former home of Caroline Ferriday, who was an actress, conservationist and philanthropist supporting the Free France Movement during WWII, a leader in securing help for Ravensbruck Concentration Camp survivors and involved in the Civil Rights Movement. She was also one of the main characters in the historical fiction novel *Lilac Girls*. We will drive from St. Matthew's to lunch in Bethlehem and then take a tour of the house, returning in the afternoon. Please email Stacey Savas [staceysavas70@gmail.com](mailto:staceysavas70@gmail.com) if you would like to join us.

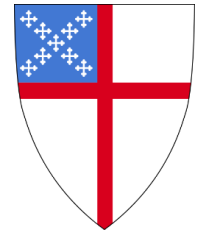


St. Matt's Spirited Sisters is a community of faith for the women of St Matthew's that explores and strengthens our Christian ideals and knowledge, fostering friendship, offering prayer and support for each other, and building a deeper relationship with Christ. We generally meet the second Wednesday 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.

**Our Fall meetings are October 11, November 8, and December 13 at 7:30.** 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 or Stacey Savas with any questions.

# 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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