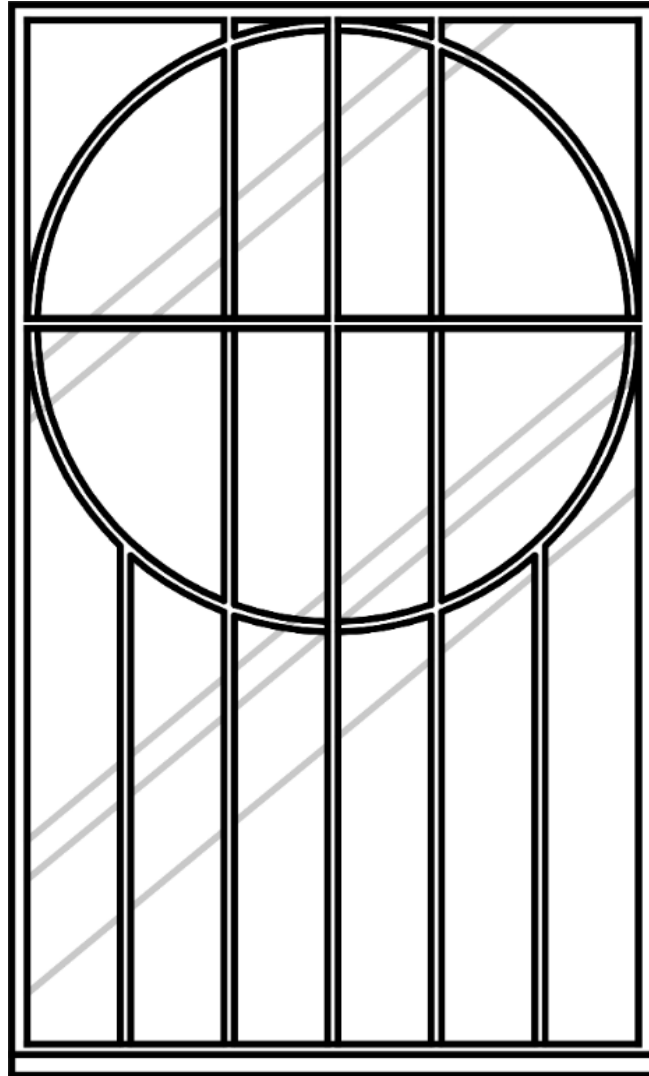




# **Saint Matthew's**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Holy Eucharist - Rite II**  
**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 29, 2023**  
**10:00am**

## 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**

Robert Lind (b. 1940)

Prelude on *Forest Green*

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

**Processional Hymn 398**

FOREST GREEN

"I sing the almighty power of God"

*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

*Sung by all*

*setting by Peter Crisafulli (b. 1946)*

*In 2* *f*

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

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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

**Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

**Psalm 15** *sung by the Choir*

- <sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- <sup>2</sup> Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- <sup>3</sup> There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- <sup>4</sup> In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- <sup>5</sup> He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
- <sup>6</sup> He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- <sup>7</sup> Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

## The Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

*Please stand as you are able for the singing of the hymn.*

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

## **Sequence Hymn 441**

RATHBUN

“In the cross of Christ I glory”

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Linda Spiers

## **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*

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. So let us pray to the Lord, saying, "For your blessing and guidance, we give you thanks."



*Intercessor*

God, bless your Church. May our souls hunger and thirst for righteousness. Give us the grace to do those things you require of us: to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Jeff and Laura, our Bishops, for Marissa, our Rector, for Linda and Meg, our clergy companions in this season, for the Vestry and Officers and for all the members and people of St. Matthew's. For your blessing and guidance,

*People*

**We give you thanks.**

*Intercessor*

God, bless the people of this and every nation. You make foolish the wisdom of the world; we pray that our leaders find their wisdom in you. Teach us to be merciful and open us to receive mercy from others. For your blessing and guidance,

*People*

**We give you thanks.**

*Intercessor*

God, bless your creation. Your mighty, creative voice echoes through the mountains. We offer back to you all the many gifts that spring forth from this earth. Make us good stewards of the creation with which you have entrusted us. For your blessing and guidance,

*People*

**We give you thanks.**

*Intercessor*

God, bless our local community. May we be a people who do no evil to our friends, who heap no contempt upon our neighbors. May we learn to love all people with open hearts. For your blessing and guidance,

*People*

**We give you thanks.**

*Intercessor* God, bless the poor in spirit with the inheritance of your kingdom. You choose what is weak in this world to shame the strong. Be the source of life for all those suffering and sick, especially, John, Chuck, Joan, Joy, Peter, Sandie, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Kathy, Dick, Joanne, Brooks, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Donnie, Aaron, Dann, and for all those we now name [\_\_\_\_\_]. For your blessing and guidance,

*People* **We give you thanks.**

*Intercessor* God, bless the dying and the dead. May their reward be great in heaven. We pray especially for Bobby Sheerer, Aunt of Pam Ely. Give to Pam and to all those who mourn the blessing of your comfort. (*The people are invited to offer their own intercessions*). For your blessing and guidance,

*People* **We give you thanks.**

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.*

*Celebrant* Lord, open unto me. 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 – wisdom for my confusion. Open unto me – forgiveness for my sins. Open unto me – love for my hates. Open unto me – thy Self for my self. Lord, Lord, open unto me!  
**Amen.** — *Howard Thurman*

*Celebrant* 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 Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

*The 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 +

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

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

## Offertory Anthem

Roland E. Martin (b. 1955)

### *Prayer of St. Francis*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is discord, union;

Where there is doubt, faith;

And where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;

to be understood, as to understand;

to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



*Whether you've joined us today from near or far, in person or online, please consider making a gift of thanksgiving to support the work of God at St. Matthew's. Be part of God's mission with us as we make our way out of the COVID season and 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**

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.**

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

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

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

# Sanctus

*Sung by all*

*setting by Peter Crisafulli (b. 1946)*

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.

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

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

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

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

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who  
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from  
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and  
ever. Amen.**


## The Breaking of the Bread

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

## Fraction Anthem


*setting by Peter Crisafulli (b. 1946)*

*Cantor*



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

*All*



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

*Celebrant*      The gifts of God for the People of God.

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



*Lord, make us servants of your peace*

Lord, make us servants of your peace:  
 where there is hate, may we sow love;  
 where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
 where there is strife, may we make one.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
 to be consoled, but to console,  
 nor look to understanding hearts,  
 but look for hearts to understand.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
 where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
 where all is night, may we sow light;  
 where all is tears, may we sow joy.

May we not look for love's return,  
 but seek to love unselfishly,  
 for in our giving we receive,  
 and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn  
 through death's dark night to endless day:  
 Lord, make us servants of your peace,  
 to wake at last in heaven's light.

*Please kneel or sit to sing.*

**Communion Hymn 656**

FRANCONIA

“Blest are the pure in heart”

*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*

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

## Parish Announcements

### The Blessing

*Celebrant* The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, teach you to walk in his way more trustfully, to accept his truth more faithfully, and to share his life more lovingly; that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may come as one family to the kingdom of God. And the blessing of our God who Creates, Redeems, and Sanctifies be with you this day and evermore. **Amen.**

### Recessional Hymn 554

SIMPLE GIFTS

“Tis the gift to be simple”

*After the Deacon offers the dismissal, the People respond,*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

Postlude on *Simple Gifts*

Lynn Joyner

## **Worship Leaders**

<i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i>	The Rev. Dr. Linda Spiers
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Dr. Meg Stapleton Smith
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Anne Newton, Sharon Pearson
<i>Lectors</i>	Kim Hall, Amy Gubner
<i>Intercessor</i>	Matt Hall
<i>Acolytes</i>	Douglas & Mikey Gubner
<i>Music Director</i>	Andrew Leslie Cooper
<i>Choir</i>	St. Matthew's Church Choir
<i>Counters</i>	Bill Brautigam, David Gortz

**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: *John, Chuck, Joan, Joy, Peter, Sandie, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Kathy, Dick, Joanne, Brooks, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Donnie, Aaron, Dann. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ & the Epiphany, East Haven; St. John's, East Windsor; Christ's Church, Easton; Holy Trinity, Enfield; Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, Latino/Hispanic ministries in CT.

## Weekly Calendar – January 29 – February 5

### **Sunday, January 29**

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

11:30-12:30

### **The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2

Church School

Coffee Hour

Forum: Learning Our Story

### **Monday, January 30**

7:00pm

Education for Ministry

### **Tuesday, January 31**

11:00am

Staff meeting

### **Wednesday, February 1**

7:30-9:00pm

Social Justice & Racial Healing group meeting

### **Thursday, February 2**

7:30-9:00pm

St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

### **Sunday, February 5th**

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

11:30am

11:30am

### **The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2

Church School

Coffee Hour

Annual Meeting

Joint High School Youth Group

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

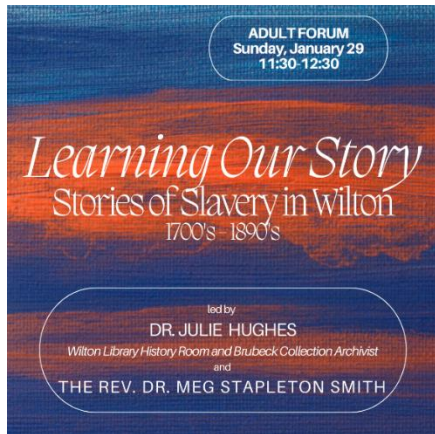
Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to [www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter](http://www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter).

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.

## Adult Forum: TODAY at 11:30am in the Lounge



Join Dr. Julie Hughes and the Rev. Dr. Meg Stapleton Smith for a fascinating forum after church on 1/29. Learn about life in Wilton and in Connecticut before the end of slavery. Learn about the Underground Railroad here and in Ridgefield. Listen to stories of people whose lives intersected with St. Matthew's. Learn about the theological grounding of this work and why it's important in our life together. Join us as we explore together these stories that are all part of God's story. All are welcome.

## Witness Stones Project Comes to Wilton

Registration is now open to all youth (grades 5 – 9 especially) to participated in the Witness Stones Project. If you've missed the buzz about the program over the past year, you can **learn all about it – and register at <https://www.witnessstoneswilton.com>**.



On this website you will learn about the program, the dates, and content of the sessions as well as the other churches who are partnering with St. Matthew's in offering this program. There is no cost for participation, but registration is necessary for program materials and refreshments.

For more information contact Sharon Pearson [sharonepearson@gmail.com](mailto:sharonepearson@gmail.com)  
203-984-1228

*Direct links for registration: (Also posted on the St. Matthew's website)*

- Youth – full program: <https://forms.gle/RFdgZamdXzjsF5cTA>
- Adults – Session 1: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/witness-stones-wilton-tickets-509343278457>

# BY THE GRACE OF GOD

The Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Mello  
Bishop Diocesan of the  
Episcopal Church in Connecticut  
will ordain

Margaret Mary Stapleton Smith

To the Sacred Order of Priests  
In Christ's One Holy Catholic  
and Apostolic Church

Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30pm  
St. Thomas' Episcopal Church  
95 Greenwood Avenue  
Bethel, CT 06801

Yours prayers and presence are requested

Clergy, White Stoles | Reception to Follow  
Masks will be required during the service

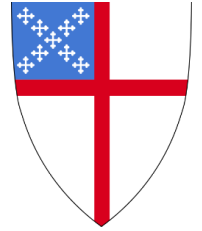
Please help us gift Meg with her first set of priestly vestments, the set she will wear at her ordination. You can give online at [stmatthewswilton.org/offering](https://stmatthewswilton.org/offering) (please put "Meg's ordination" in the gift field). Or you can put a check in the plate or mail one into the office (please put "Meg's ordination" in the memo line).

Please also write her a note or sign the book in the Narthex.

Thank you for helping us give her these two special gifts!

# Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am



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