

Holy Eucharist - Rite II
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 25, 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.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude

Elfrida Andrée (1841–1929)

Cantabile from Organ Symphony No.1 in B Minor

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

Processional Hymn 372

LEONI

"Praise to the living God!"

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

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

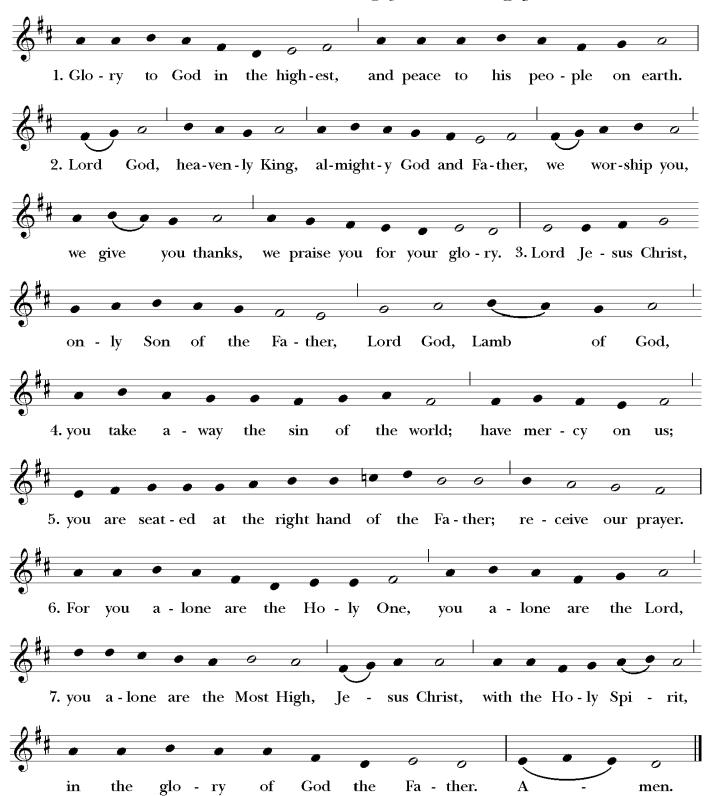
The Collect for Purity

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 – S 277

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



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; 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 20:7-13

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him."

But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

Psalm 69: 8-20

Sung by the Choir

- ⁸ Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, * and shame has covered my face.
- ⁹ I have become a stranger to my own kindred, * an alien to my mother's children.
- ¹⁰ Zeal for your house has eaten me up; * the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
- ¹¹ I humbled myself with fasting, * but that was turned to my reproach.
- ¹² I put on sack-cloth also, * and became a byword among them.
- ¹³Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, * and the drunkards make songs about me.
- ¹⁴ But as for me, this is my prayer to you, * at the time you have set, O LORD:
- ¹⁵ "In your great mercy, O God, * answer me with your unfailing help.
- ¹⁶ Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; * let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.
- ¹⁷Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; * do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.
- ¹⁸ Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; * in your great compassion, turn to me.'

- ¹⁹ "Hide not your face from your servant; * be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- ²⁰ Draw near to me and redeem me; * because of my enemies deliver me.

The Second Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Summer Church School will begin on July 9^{th} for children Pre- $K-7^{th}$ Grade.

Sequence Hymn 298

Es ist das Heil

"All who believe and are baptized"

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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 Children of God, praise the Lord! Our God is faithful and hears our prayers, so let us pray, "In your great mercy, O God, answer us with your unfailing help."

Intercessor To the baptized, O God, grant newness of life. Strengthen us to follow in the footsteps of your Son. In your great mercy, O God,

People Answer us with your unfailing help.

Intercessor To the nations of earth, O God of hosts, grant freedom and peace. Deliver the lives of the needy from the hands of evildoers. In your great mercy, O God,

People Answer us with your unfailing help.

Intercessor To your created order, O God, grant your help. May the waters, soil, and air be made clean and healthy again. In your great mercy, O God,

People Answer us with your unfailing help.

Intercessor To this community, O God, grant your deliverance. Set us free from violence and destruction. Make safe our streets. In your great mercy, O God,

People Answer us with your unfailing help.

Intercessor To those who feel the deep about to swallow them, O God, grant your salvation. In your great compassion, turn to all those in need. We pray especially for James, Carol, Susan, Lee, Arlene, Barbara, Beth, Becky, Mike, Susan, Jack, Chuck, Joan, David, Joy, Peter, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Kathy, Dick, Brooks, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Aaron, Dann and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. We also remember before those we name now either silently or aloud [______]. In your great mercy, O God,

People Answer us with your unfailing help.

Intercessor To the dead, O God, grant life eternal with Christ. May all those who have been baptized into the death of Christ be united with him in his resurrection. In your great mercy, O God,

People Answer us with your unfailing help.

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

Heavenly God, as we bear our souls and open our hearts to the pain of injustice that surrounds us, we hold tight to the promise that you will strengthen us, help us, and uphold us with your righteous hand. As we cry out for those who have lost their lives to the injustice of gun violence, we hold tight to the promise that you will wipe away every tear from our eyes. As we continue to live in the world, sometimes in fear, we hold tight to the promise that you will never leave us nor forsake us. Thank you for always being a shoulder to cry on, a listening ear, and a loving God. We ask that you send your angels to guide and protect us as we continue to journey forward. We continue to pray as it is in heaven, so shall it be on earth. In Jesus name, we pray. **Amen.**—Disciples Peace Fellowship

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.**

Please stand as you are able.

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

Nyland

O Jesus, I have promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end: be thou for ever near me, my Master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle, if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway, if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

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. 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.

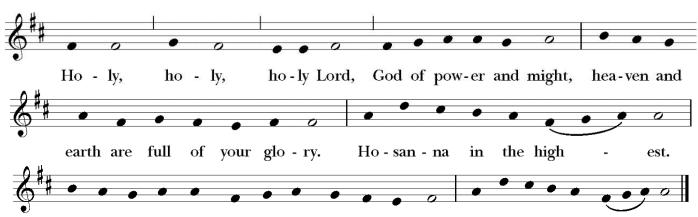
People We lift them to the Lord.

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:



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.

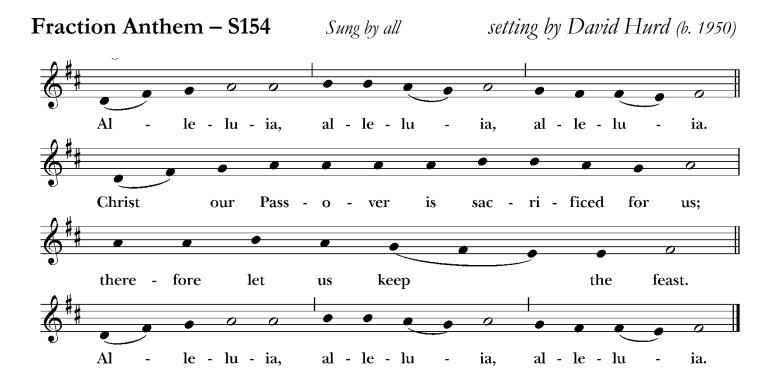
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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.



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

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back!

Though no one join me, still I will follow, Though no one join me, still I will follow, Though no one join me, still I will follow, No turning back, no turning back!

The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me, No turning back, no turning back!

Please kneel or sit to sing.

Communion Hymn 565

Monk's Gate

"He who would valiant be"

The Act of Reception

Saint Augustine's Prayer Book (2nd ed)

The Celebrant and the People say together

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

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

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

Postcommunion Prayer

The People stand or kneel.

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

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 347

LITTON

"Go forth for God; go to the world in peace"

The Celebrant offers the dismissal to which the people respond,

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Elfrida Andrée (1841–1929)

Finale from Organ Symphony No.1 in B Minor

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & PreacherThe Rev. Marissa RohrbachEucharistic MinistersBill Brautigam, Vytas KisieliusLectorsAdair Garis, Caroline DeAngelis

Intercessor John Pearson

Music Director Andrew Leslie Cooper

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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: James, Carol, Susan, Lee, Arlene, Barbara, Beth, Becky, Mike, Susan, Jack, Chuck, David, Joan, Joy, Peter, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Kathy, Dick, Brooks, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Aaron, Dann and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Peter's, Oxford; Christ Church, Oxford; St. John's, Pine Meadow; Summer chapels in New London, Norfolk, and Fenwick; summer, outdoor worship services; Vacation Bible Schools, parish-based summer camp programs and mission trips.

Weekly Calendar – June 25 – July 2

Sunday, June 25 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Livestream)

11:15am Coffee Hour 11:30am Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, June 27

11:00am Staff Meeting

Sunday, July 2 The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Livestream)

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August Worship Schedule

Sundays August 6th and 13th – joint worship with WPC at St. Matt's Sundays August 20th and 27th – joint worship at WPC's sanctuary

Summer Church School

Summer Church School begins on Sunday, July 9th through Sunday, July 30th. There will be a break from church school for the month of August – we will resume mid-September, date TBD.



From the Mission Team

St. Matt's continues to collect travel-sized toiletry items for the "Stuff-a-Sock" project coordinated through the Horizons Program at Norwalk Community College. A major recipient of these "stuffed socks" will be Open Doors' clients, so St. Matt's is rising to the call to help. Essential items like socks and toiletries make a huge difference for people who are dealing with homelessness. The Stuff-A-Sock initiative is a wonderful way for our community to come together and make a difference for our neighbors in need. Drop off bins will be in the narthex and the outdoor circle now through July 9th. Any questions, please contact George Fuller or Char Griffin. Thank you for your support.

Travel-sized items: Body wash, Combs, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Regular-sized pairs of men's large sock (white are best)

Interfaith Service Day - Sunday August 6th



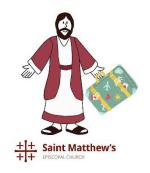
New Haven Green (at College and Elm/Chapel)

This will be St. Matthew's second year participating in Interfaith Service Day. It will be our act of worship for this Sunday as we gather with folks from all different religious and non-religious communities to serve the city of New Haven. May our act of worship this day be coming together in love with folks who believe differently, think

differently, and look different, to create stories and experiences of hope to display that all our religions and our identities are safe and that our faith communities will not be hidden in isolation but are part of a diverse and beloved community. Please RSVP to Sam (samantha@stmatthewswilton.org) if you and your family and friends will join us this day. Additional information can be found at www.iwagepeace.org.

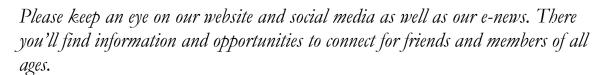
Flat Matt is back!

Save this digital image of Matt (or be creative and make your own!) and take him with you on your summer adventures! Email us a photo of you and Flat Matt and be sure to tell us where you are and we will share with the Parish via Facebook and Instagram. What a fun way to stay connected this summer! Please send to social@stmatthewswilton.org



Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am





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