

Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist - Rite II
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 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.

+ T H E W O R D O F G O D +

Prelude

Erzsébet Szőnyi (1924–2019)

Praeambulum

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

Processional Hymn 309

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

“O Food to pilgrims given”

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.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

sung by the choir

Plainsong

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

² Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

³ He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

¹⁷ Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.

¹⁸ They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

²⁰ He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.

²¹ Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

²² Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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 148

UFFINGHAM

“Creator of the earth and skies”

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 3:14-21

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

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

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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 God, who is rich in mercy and who makes us alive together with Christ, hear our prayers as we say, “Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good. *Your mercy, O God, endures forever.*”

Intercessor Holy God, you have created us in Christ Jesus for good works: may the Church walk in the light of Christ, that all our deeds might be good and true and to your glory. Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People **Your mercy, O God, endures forever.**

Intercessor Loving God, you did not send your Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him: may all people know and experience your love. Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People **Your mercy, O God, endures forever.**

Intercessor Jesus, you are the true bread which gives life to the world: feed the world with bread from earth and heaven. Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People **Your mercy, O God, endures forever.**

Intercessor O Lord, you are the deliverer of those in distress: Guide our elected officials. Teach them wisdom and kindness. May they, like Nicodemus, seek to follow in the ways of Jesus. Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People **Your mercy, O God, endures forever.**

Intercessor Merciful God, you send forth your word and the distressed are healed: we give you thanks for your mercy and for the wonders you do for your children. 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*). Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People

Your mercy, O God, endures forever.

Intercessor

O God, you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, that eternal life might triumph over death: save us by your grace and raise us up with Christ Jesus. We pray especially for the life of Winkie Chesley. Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People

Your mercy, O God, endures forever.

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 Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race, and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism, and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.

Offertory Anthem

traditional tune arranged by
Robert Shaw and Alice Parker

Wondrous Love

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

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 and sing:

Hymn at the Presentation

UBI CARITAS

Musical notation for the hymn 'Ubi Caritas'. It consists of six staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a consistent rhythm of quarter and eighth notes.

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 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.**

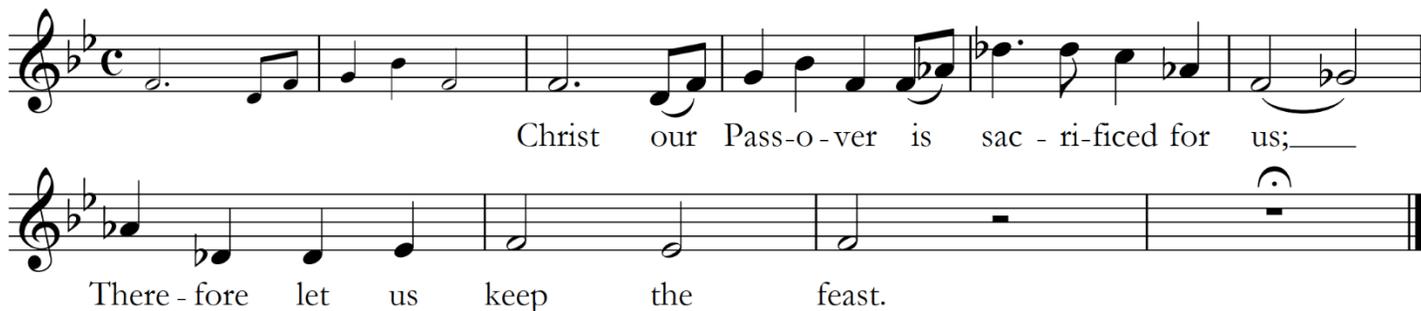
**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**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.

Communion Anthem

SAN ROCCO

When Christ was lifted from the earth

When Christ was lifted from the earth,
his arms stretched out above
through every culture, every birth,
to draw an answering love.

Still east and west his love extends
and always, near or far,
he calls and claims us as his friends
and loves us as we are.

Where generation, class, or race
divide us to our shame,
he sees not labels but a face,
a person, and a name.

Thus freely loved, though fully known,
may I in Christ be free
to welcome and accept his own
as Christ accepted me.

Please kneel or sit to sing.

Communion Hymn 304

LAND OF REST

“I come with joy to meet my Lord”

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 (2nd ed)

The Celebrant and the People say together

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

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

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

The Postcommunion Prayer

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 144

CORNHILL

“Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness”

After the Celebrant offers the dismissal, the People respond

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Erzsébet Szőnyi (1924–2019)

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Worship Leaders

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Sharon Pearson, Bill Brautigam
<i>Lectors</i>	Amy Gubner, Bob Giolitto
<i>Intercessor</i>	Brian Angerame
<i>Music Director</i>	Andrew Leslie Cooper
<i>Choir</i>	St. Matthew's Church Choir
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Betsy Pettit, Debbie Fuller, Kim Olson
<i>Counters</i>	Bill Brautigam, Chris Perry

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 St. Monica's, Hartford; Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum. All ministries to, with, and for women and the Girl's Friendly Society.

Sundays in Lent: Gospel Series

Stay after worship and join the conversation.
Come discuss the Gospel of the day,
the sermon, and what it means to you.

After church, beginning at 11:30am
Sundays, February 18, 25, March 3 and 10.

St. Matt's Spirited Sisters

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, March 13th at 7:30** in the Upper Core. Please join us to learn about and discuss Christian meditation and mindfulness.

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. 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 pamelacarlson@gmail.com or Stacey Savas staceysavas70@gmail.com with any questions.

Social Justice & Racial Healing – Adult Forum

*DID YOU KNOW that Hagar Tonquin is documented as being the last slave in Wilton and is possibly buried in an unmarked grave in St. Matthew's cemetery?
Learn more at the Adult Forum on Sunday, March 17.*

FROM “PEOPLE OF THE SHELL” TO THE TONQUIN FAMILY
WILTON, ST. MATTHEW’S, & SLAVERY

ADULT FORUM – Sunday, March 17 ~ 11:15-12:45

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 17th century through the early 19th 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

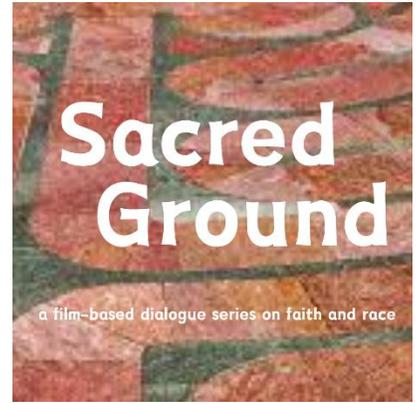
Saturday, Jun 08, 2024, 7:30 PM: Grand Finale — The Bach Family

Tickets and subscriptions available at
www.stmatthewswilton.org/aasm-tickets



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 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.

We continue to work out some of the details - but I'll have all of them to you soon. Plan on coming to church that morning and staying afterward for the screening and a conversation with Carter Heyward. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss it! Share this invitation with friends who might be interested. All are welcome.



Holy Week **SCHEDULE**

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

Weekly Calendar – March 10 – March 17

Sunday, **March 10**

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

11:30am

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Church School

Coffee Hour

Lenten Gospel Series

Monday, **March 11**

7:00-9:30pm

Education for Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday, **March 12**

11:00am

Staff Meeting

9:00pm

Compline in Lent (Zoom)

Wednesday, **March 13**

7:30-9:00pm

St. Matt's Spirited Sisters group

Thursday, **March 14**

7:30-9:00pm

St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

Sunday, **March 17**

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

11:30am

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Church School

Coffee Hour

Adult Forum – SJ&RH

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

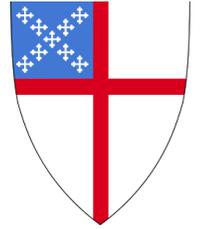
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Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am



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