

Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Eucharist - Rite II
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 23, 2022
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 *Melody* Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)

Please stand as you are able at the start of the hymn.

Entrance Hymn 430 SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT
"Come, O come, our voices raise"

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant says

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.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated for the lessons.

The First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing

is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19 *sung by the Cantors*

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

² One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³ Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

⁴ Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

⁵ In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

⁸ The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say,

"Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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
for Church School at the beginning of the first verse.*

“Where charity and love prevail”

The Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

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

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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.

Deacon We have heard God's word in faith. Let us now respond in prayer for all the world, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For Christian people around the world, that we may become one as Christ wills us to be, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For all who hear and read God's word with faith, that the Spirit may touch their hearts with joy, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For all members of the body of Christ, that we may use the gifts God has given us to build up the kingdom of peace and love, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For ourselves, that we may heed the Spirit's call to help all in suffering or affliction and to bring the good news of God's love to all, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the sick and the dying, and those who minister to them; for the deceased and those who mourn them; for all in crisis or need; especially Dick, Sue, Darlene, Jackie, Clara, Tom, Michael, Joanne, Brooks, Scott, Bobby, Martin, Marge, Vinny, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Rob, Jane, Nancy, Dawn, Donnie, David, James, Aaron, Petra, Kathy, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, Dann, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For those preparing to renew their baptismal vows, especially our confirmands, Patch, Will, Lukas, Schuyler, Lydia, Rory, Kate, Paige, Rowan, Charlotte, Luca, Liam, Lena, Alexis, Kellogg, Theo, Lyla, and Ella, that their hearts be opened by the Spirit, putting their trust in Jesus. Guide their mentors and this community to support them on this journey in order to bring to fulfillment the good work that God has begun in them; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for the successful surgery of Mary McAvoy, mother of Laura Bazarian, and the birthdays of Steve Hudspeth, Anne Newton, Sharon Pearson, Janet Lane, Paul Breitenbach, and Sam Schmitt.

Intercessor Grant the Bishop Transition Committee the gifts of wisdom, humility, and empathy as they discern your will for a new shepherd, inspirational leader, and willing advocate as we further your work in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. **Amen.**

Intercessor Loving God, we come as your beloved children, presenting the needs and concerns of our hearts. Listen to our prayers, and lead us in your pathways, for we come to you through Christ our 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, you are the source of human dignity, and it is in your image that we are created. Pour out on us the spirit of love and compassion. Enable us to reverence each person, to reach out to anyone in need, to value and appreciate those who differ from us, to share the resources of our nation, to receive the gifts offered to us by people from other cultures. Grant that we may always promote the justice and acceptance that ensures lasting peace and racial harmony. Help us to remember that we are one world and one family. **Amen.**

—Australian Catholic Social Justice Council

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 Celebrant 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 Hymn 531

MELCOMBE

“O Spirit of the living God”



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. 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.

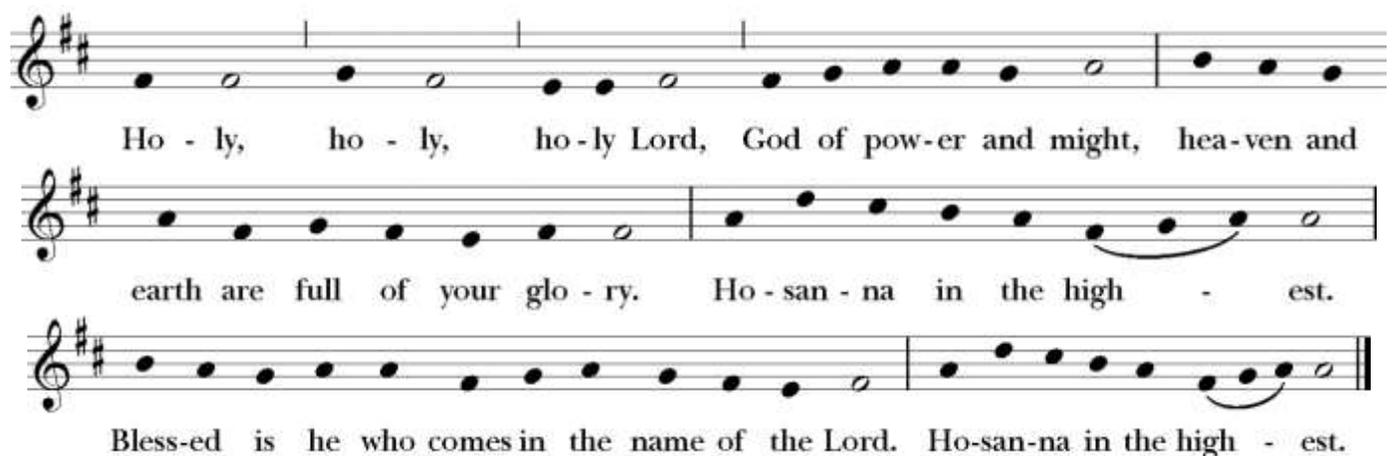
You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

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 – 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.

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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem – S 161 *Sung by all setting by David Hurd (b. 1950)*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Anthem

Lister R. Peace (1885-1969)

“Breathe on me, breath of God”

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do or to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die;
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

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.

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.**

Dismissal Hymn 539

TIDINGS

“O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling”

After the Celebrant or the Deacon offers the dismissal, the People respond

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Grand Choeur in G

Théodore Salomé (1834–1896)

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Deacon

The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

Lectors

Lena O'Malley, Kim Hall

Intercessor

Beth Baker

Organist

Andrew Leslie Cooper

Cantors

Janet Nobles, Kelsey Guinipero, Nathan Rodriguez

Counters

Tom Ricketts, Bill Brautigam

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: Dick, Sue, Darlene, Jackie, Clara, Tom, Michael, Joanne, Brooks, Scott, Bobby, Martin, Marge, Vinny, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Rob, Jane, Nancy, Dann, Donnie, David, James, Aaron, Petra, Kathy, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, Charles Kennedy and Dann Pompa. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray Epiphany, Durham; St. Gabriel's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam; All Saint's, East Hartford. Ministries to, with, and for the deaf.

Weekly Calendar – January 23 – January 30

Sunday, January 23

9:00am

10:00am

10:15am

11:30am

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Church School

Confirmation Class

Monday, January 24

7:00pm

Education for Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 25

11:00am

Staff Meeting

Sunday, January 30

9:00am

10:00am

10:15am

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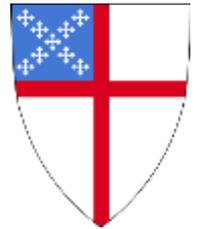
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Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am



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