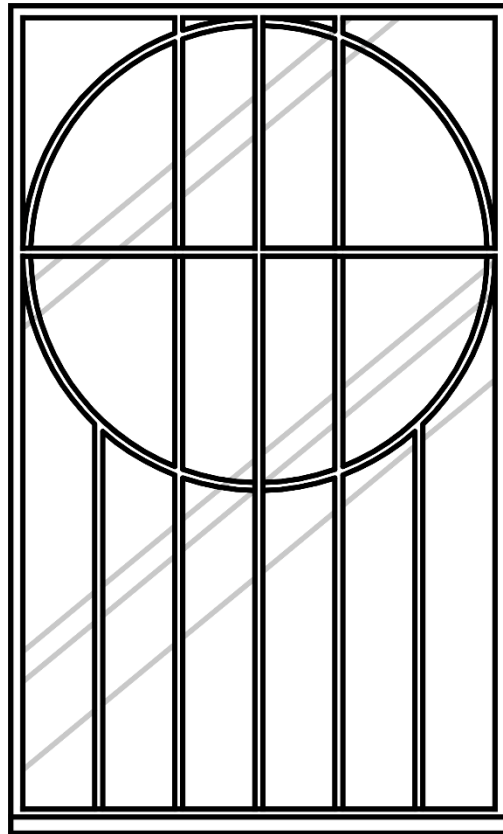




Saint Matthew's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Confirmation & Reception
The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 11th, 2023
10:00 am

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

*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. We are especially pleased today to welcome the Rt. Rev. Jim Curry.*

Prelude

Interlude

Léon Boëllmann (1862–97)

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

Processional Hymn 684

CAITHNESS

“O for a closer walk with God”

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

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

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

The Collect

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,

and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk

in the light of the Lord!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:7-15

Sung by the Cantor

⁷ Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *

for I am God, your God.

⁸ I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *

your offerings are always before me.

⁹ I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, *

nor he-goats out of your pens;

¹⁰ For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *

the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

- ¹¹ I know every bird in the sky, *
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.
- ¹² If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.
- ¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?
- ¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to the Most High.
- ¹⁵ Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

The Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn 653

REPTON

“Dear Lord and Father of mankind”

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. James Curry

Hymn 349

ABERYSTWYTH

“Holy Spirit, Lord of love”

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Confirmation and Reception

The Bishop says

The Candidates will now be presented.

Rector

I present Lilian Elizabeth for Confirmation.

I present Paul James to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the Candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

The Candidates

I do.

The Bishop asks the Candidates

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

The Candidates

**I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my
Savior and Lord.**

The Bishop asks all those in the congregation

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their
life in Christ?

The People

We will.

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own
baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

The People stand or kneel as they're able.

The Intercessor begins, the People respond with the words in bold.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Then the Bishop says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Today we stand together to express our unity and our commitment. We stand as one people against the violence that has touched every corner of every part of our country. And we commit ourselves to journey on the path toward a more perfect peace—peace in our hearts, in all of our homes, our towns and our cities—to a place where the sound of gunfire is stilled and the laughter of children fills the air. Amen.

-Jean Markey-Duncan, Sisters of Mercy, NE Community

Silence may be kept.

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confirmand is presented by the Rector to the Bishop

Presenter I present Lilian Elizabeth

The Bishop lays hands upon her head and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Lilian Elizabeth with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. **Amen.**

The Candidate for Reception is presented by the Rector to the Bishop

Presenter I present Paul James

The Bishop lays hands upon his head and says

Paul James, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +

The Offertory

The Bishop says an Offertory sentence.

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

Offertory Music

Florence Beatrice Price (1887–1953)

A Pleasant Thought

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 as we seek to participate in God's mission of love and reconciliation in the world. 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.



The People stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Bishop proceeds

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation 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.

The Bishop 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:

Bishop and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Bishop 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,

Bishop 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 Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem – S154

Sung by all

setting by David Hurd (b. 1950)

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

People
Bishop

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
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 Hymn 671

NEW BRITAIN

“Amazing grace! how sweet the sound”

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.

Silence is kept.

The Postcommunion Prayer

The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People

**God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in
the power of your Spirit, That we may proclaim
your redeeming love to the world and continue
for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

Parish Announcements

The Blessing

The Bishop blesses the People.

Recessional Hymn 690

CUM RHONDDA

“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

Dismissal

Rector

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fanfare

William Mathias (1934–1992)



Today's altar flowers are given by the Cristini family in thanksgiving and celebration of Lily's confirmation.

Worship Leaders

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	The Rt. Rev. James Curry
<i>Gospeller</i>	The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
<i>Bishop's Chaplain</i>	Sharon Pearson
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Vytas Kisielius, Bill Brautigam
<i>Acolytes</i>	Doug & Mikey Gubner
<i>Lectors</i>	Jean Campbell, Paul Reis
<i>Intercessor</i>	Anna-Kate Reis
<i>Music Director</i>	Andrew Leslie Cooper
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Betsy Pettit, Joy Ruterma
<i>Counters</i>	David Gortz, 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: *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.* For those serving in the military, *Matthew Comeau.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Paul's, Norwalk; All Saints with Christ, Oakville; St. Saviour's, Old Greenwich; Students of all ages who are graduating.

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Please join us in the courtyard for some refreshment and celebration.

Then gather with us around the forge at 11:45
for prayer & the Swords to Plowshares Demonstration.

Summer Church School



Today is our last church school program of the year. 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.

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



 Saint Matthew's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Calendar – June 11 – June 18

Sunday, **June 11**

10:00am

11:15am

11:45am

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Confirmation & Holy Eucharist (Livestream)

Coffee Hour

Swords to Plowshares demonstration

Monday, **June 12**

7:00pm

Education for Ministry

Tuesday, **June 13**

11:00am

Staff Meeting

Sunday, **June 18**

10:00am

11:15am

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

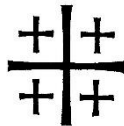
Baptism & Holy Eucharist (Livestream)

Coffee Hour and Reception

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



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.

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.

Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am

Please keep an eye on our website and social media as well as our e-news. There you'll find information and opportunities to connect for friends and members of all ages.



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