



Holy Eucharist - Rite II The First Sunday in Lent February 26, 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.

Children in Pre-K - 7th Grade proceed to their classrooms for Church School at the beginning of the first verse.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude

Peter C. Lutkin (1958–1931)

Prelude on "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

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

Processional Hymn 150

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

"Forty days and forty nights"

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.

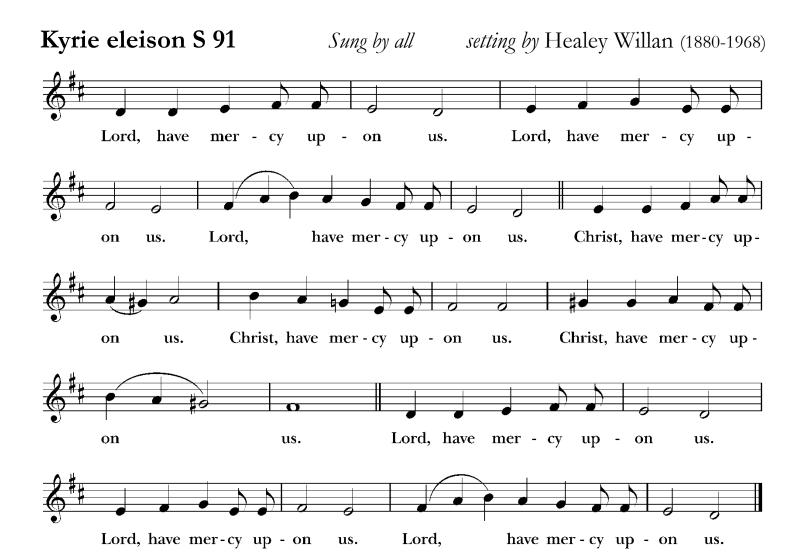
Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than 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 on 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.**



The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

Psalm 32

sung by the Choir

Antiphon: Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt.

- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!
- ² Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.

- ⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.
- ⁶I said," I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- ⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- ⁸ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- ⁹ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.
- ¹⁰ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- ¹¹ Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- ¹² Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.
- Antiphon: Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 445

GERONTIUS

"Praise to the Holiest in the height"

The Holy Gospel

down; for it is written,

Matthew 4:1-11

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'
Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Gospeller 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.

The Prayers of the People

The People respond with the words in bold.

Intercessor We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes

from the mouth of God. Let us pray to the source of our sustenance, saying, "God, our hiding place, preserve us from

trouble."

Intercessor Great God, you have called your people to worship and serve

you alone. Instill in us such a singleness of heart that we might perfectly trust you to meet our needs. (The people are invited to offer

their own intercessions). God, our hiding place,

People Preserve us from trouble.

Intercessor Great God, we live among many temptations. Free the people

of this nation, and this world, from all sinful desires that draw

us from the love of God. God, our hiding place,

People Preserve us from trouble.

Intercessor Great Creator, you have surrounded us with blessings; you

provide enough to meet our needs. And yet, we strive and scheme for more, always more. Have mercy on us. God, our

hiding place,

People Preserve us from trouble.

Intercessor O Lord, we pray for those bound by addiction, those for whom

temptation is a constant threat. Set the captives free. Satisfy

their cravings with abundant grace. God, our hiding place,

People Preserve us from trouble.

Intercessor

Be with the sick and suffering, Great Healer. Be for them a hiding place; preserve them from trouble; surround them with shouts of deliverance. We pray especially for, Mike, Susan, Jack, John, Chuck, Joan, Joy, Peter, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Kathy, Dick, Joanne, Brooks, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Donnie, Aaron, Dann, and for all those we now name [_____]. God, our hiding place,

People

Preserve us from trouble.

Intercessor

Through the righteousness of Jesus our Christ, give new and abundant life to all. Justify the dying and the dead. Keep them in your strong hands for ever. (The people are invited to offer their own

intercessions). God, our hiding place,

People

Preserve us from trouble.

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 of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we call to mind your presence within us and around us. Open our ears that we may hear your Word. Open our hearts that we may understand your Word. Open our mouths that we may speak your Word. Inspire us with the gospel message, that we may celebrate all that is life-giving, restore hope where it has been lost, and work to bring about change where it is needed. May we live the gospel with courage, constancy, and love. May we be open to the challenge of your call to true freedom. May we be faithful to you in our daily choices and decisions. May we make your love known through our words and actions. May the Triune God reign in our hearts, now and forever. **Amen**.

— Australian Catholic Social Justice Council

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

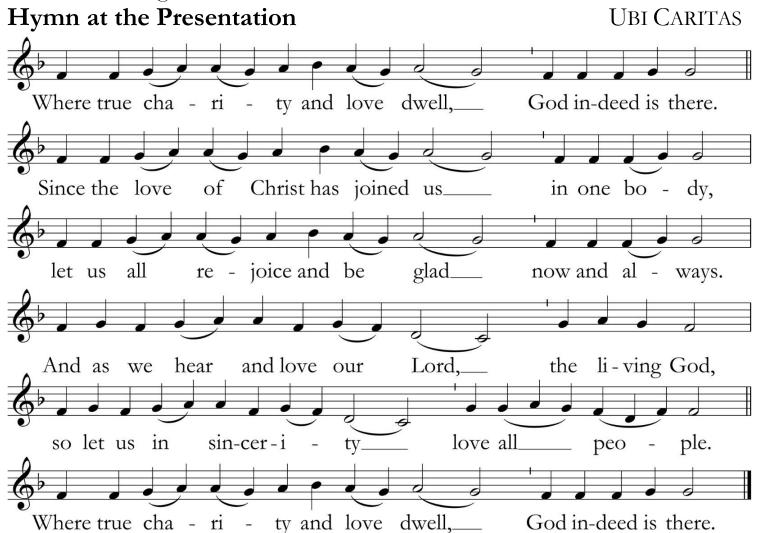
Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

He that shall endure
He that shall endure to the end shall be saved.

- Matthew 10:22



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.



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.

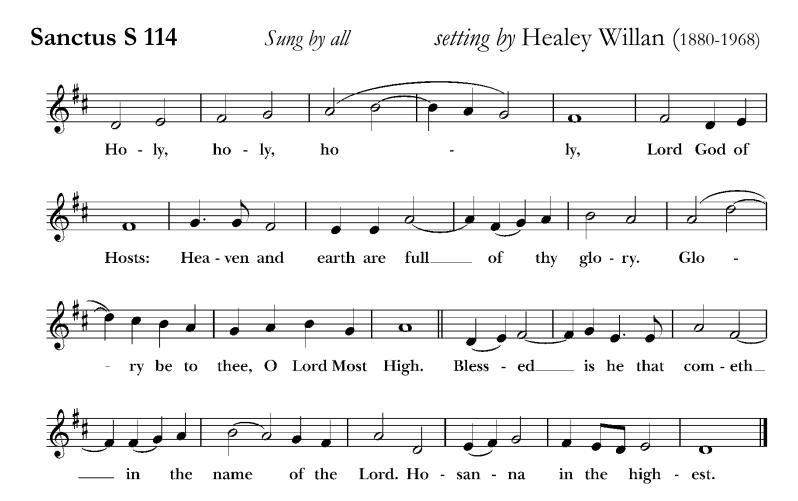
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our 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:



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.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore 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. The Ushers will help you move toward the center in single file, socially distanced, lines. When you reach the center of the space, please open your hands and lay them flat to receive the bread or cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Let the Priest know if you need a gluten free wafer by first extending your palms down. If you have received the bread, please return to your pew with the bread in your hand; then you may slip the bread into your mouth under your mask. If you would like to have communion brought to your pew, please let an usher know.

Communion Hymn

sung by the Choir

Breslau

We sing the praise of him who died

We sing the praise of him who died, of him who died upon the cross; the sinner's hope let sin deride: for this we count the world but loss.

Inscribed upon the cross we see in shining letters, God is love: he bears our sins upon the tree: he brings us mercy from above. The cross: it takes our guilt away, and holds the fainting spirit up; it cheers with hope the gloomy day, and sweetens every bitter cup.

It makes the coward spirit brave, and nerves the feeble arm for fight; it takes its terror from the grave, and gilds the bed of death with light.

The balm of life, the cure of woe, the measure and the pledge of love, the sinner's refuge here below, the angels' theme in heaven above

Please kneel or sit to sing.

Communion Hymn 448

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

"O love, how deep, how broad, how high"

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

The people stand or kneel.

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 149

OLD 124TH

"Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church"

After the Celebrant offers the dismissal, the People respond

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Clara Schumann (1819–96)

Prelude & Fugue in D minor

Worship Leaders

Celebrant The Rev. Dr. Linda Spiers

Preacher The Rev. Dr. Meg Stapleton Smith

Eucharistic Minister Beth Baker

Lectors Kim Hall, Matt Hall

Intercessor Adair Garis

Music Director Andrew Leslie Cooper

Choir St. Matthew's Church Choir

Altar Guild Debbie Fuller, Nancy Brautigam, Jen DeAngelis

Counters Chris Perry, Steve Pettit

Prayer Requests

Specific prayer requests will be kept on the prayer list for <u>six weeks</u>. 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: Mike, Susan, Jack, John, Chuck, Joan, Joy, Peter, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Kathy, Dick, Joanne, Brooks, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Donnie, Aaron, Dann. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford; Good Shepherd, Hartford; Grace Church, Hartford; St. Martin's, Hartford. Prison ministry and prison chaplains; the ECCT Faith Behind Bars & Beyond Ministry Network.

Living Well Through Lent 2023

Lenten devotional booklets are available for all, and you'll find them close to the service bulletins in the narthex. Living Well Through Lent 2023: Practicing Compassion with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind offers day by day reflections by Episcopal bishops, priests, and lay folks around the Episcopal Church. A variety of voices share their perspective and inspire deeper diving into Holy Scripture, the words of poets, modern and ancient theologians, the words of hymns. Please pick up a copy and enjoy this practice of compassion as a Lenten discipline.

Adult Forum: Lenten Gospel Series 2023

On Sundays in Lent, plan to stay after church for an adult forum focused on the Gospel of the day. We'll look together at scripture, reflect on the sermon, and wonder what the Gospel is saying to us in our time. No homework, no prep necessary! Simply, come and join us on 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 and 3/26 at 11:30am in the lounge.

Children & Youth Lenten Offerings 2023

Visit the table in the narthex for resources and a schedule of Lenten offerings for Children, Youth and Family.

Lenten Musical Meditations 2023

Each Tuesday during Lent at 9:00pm, you are invited to log in to Zoom to experience a musical meditation hosted by Andrew Leslie Cooper. The Zoom link will be shared weekly in the eNews as well as in our parishioner Facebook group.

These sessions, which will last approximately 20–30 minutes each, are a way to reflect on the Lent season and deepen your walk with Jesus toward the cross. Andrew will share with you organ music, as well as the Psalm of the day and Collect of the day, sung to plainsong. Jesus said: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." And so, these Zoom rooms offer you a chance to worship from the comfort and quietude of your home.

If you are unable to log in, you will find the recordings shared to St. Matthew's Facebook and Instagram pages later the same week.

So, please set yourself a reminder for each Tuesday in Lent (beginning 2/28, ending 4/4) for 9:00pm, and invite your friends and family.

Weekly Calendar – February 26 - March 5

Sunday, February 26 The First Sunday in Lent

10:00am Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

10:15am Church School 11:15am Coffee Hour

11:30am Lenten Adult Forum: Gospel Journey

Monday, February 27

7:00pm Education for Ministry

Tuesday, February 28

11:00am Staff Meeting

9:00pm Lenten Musical Meditation (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 1

6:00pm Witness Stones Project meeting

Thursday, March 2

7:30-9:00pm St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

Sunday, March 5 The Second Sunday in Lent

10:00am Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

10:15am Church School 11:15am Coffee Hour

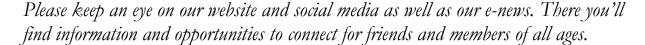
11:30am Lenten Adult Forum: Gospel Journey

11:30am Middle School Youth Group – Smile Bag delivery



Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am





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