



**Saint Matthew's**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Holy Eucharist - Rite II**  
**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 19, 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.**

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## + THE WORD OF GOD +

**Prelude**

Anton Bruckner (1824–96)

Prelude in D minor, WAB 126/2

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

**Processional Hymn 645**

ST. COLUMBA

"The King of love my shepherd is"

**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."

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.**

*Please stand.*

# Kyrie eleison S 91

*Sung by all*

*setting by Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.*

## First Reading

## 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

*sung by the Choir*

*Antiphon:* Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

*Antiphon:* Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me.



## Second Reading

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.”

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Children in Pre-K – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade proceed to their classrooms  
for Church School at the beginning of the first verse.*

**Sequence Hymn 490**

HOUSTON

“I want to walk as a child of the light”

## The Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now

see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

*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* Brothers and sisters, live as children of the light-for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Light of the world, *open our eyes.*”

*Intercessor* Lord, our Shepherd, you have given your Church all that we need. Rain down on us mightily with your Spirit, that we may testify to the astonishing things you have done in our lives. (*The people are invited to offer their own intercessions*). Light of the world,  
*People* **Open our eyes.**

*Intercessor* God, you are present in the valley of the shadow of death. Comfort all those around the world who know danger or violence or war. By your love, cast out all evil and fear. Light of the world,  
*People* **Open our eyes.**

*Intercessor* Lord, you make us to lie down in green pastures; you lead us by still waters. You have blessed us with a beautiful planet. May we work to preserve the holy gift of nature. Light of the world,  
*People* **Open our eyes.**

*Intercessor* Lord, spread a table for those who are hungry; where there is scarcity and need in our neighborhoods, fill empty hearts, lives and cups with your abundance. By your light expose all the unfruitful works of darkness. Light of the world,  
*People* **Open our eyes.**

*Intercessor* God of life, pursue the sick and sorrowful with your goodness and mercy. Reveal your works in those who are suffering. Make yourself known as Healer. 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 [\_\_\_\_\_].  
Light of the world,  
*People* **Open our eyes.**

*Intercessor* Reviver of Souls, give to the dying and the dead your promise of new and unending life. May we one day live with them forever in the light of Christ. (*The people are invited to offer their own intercessions*). Light of the world,  
*People* **Open our eyes.**

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*

One God, in Three Persons, creator of one human species, in many hues: All who pray to you are descendants of Adam and Eve, all members of one race called “human.” Forgive the blindness that causes our eyes to notice and magnify those things we regard as different from ourselves in others. Teach us to see clearly, that we, your children, are far more alike than we are different. Help us to put aside the racial prejudices embedded within us, and to see within every person the Child of God you created, our sister or brother, destined for Glory. In the name of One who died for all persons, of all colors, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

—Tyler History

*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**

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*My eyes for beauty pine*

My eyes for beauty pine,  
My soul for Goddes grace:  
No other care nor hope is mine,  
To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed  
From all the stars above:  
'Tis named when God's name is said,  
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart,  
That burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part  
Of that celestial fire.



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](http://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

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 - joice 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 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:

## Sanctus S 114

*Sung by all*

*setting by Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
— in the name of the Lord. 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.**

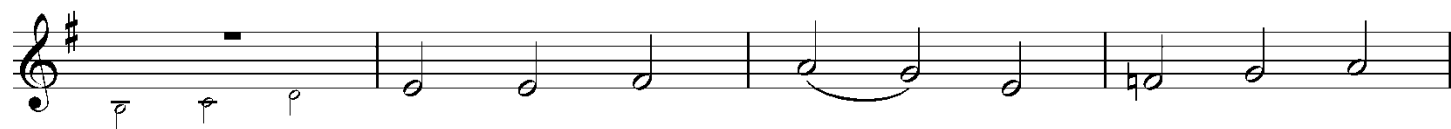
## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

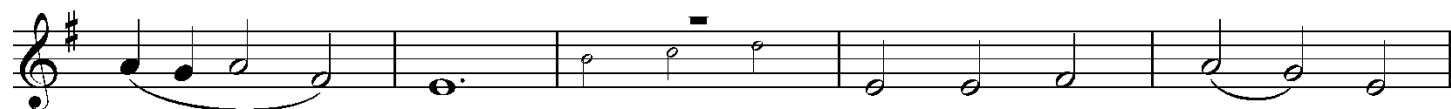
**Fraction Anthem S 158** *Sung by all* *setting by Healey Willan (1880-1968)*



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -



way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -



on us. O Lamb of God, that



ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have



mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of



God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the



world, grant us thy peace.

*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 Anthem**

*sung by the Choir*

THE THIRD TUNE

*I heard the voice of Jesus say*

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto me and rest;  
and in your weariness lay down  
your head upon my breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink, and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world’s light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that light of life I’ll walk  
till pilgrim days are done.

*Please kneel or sit to sing.*

## Communion Hymn 323

JESU, JESU, DU MEIN HIRT

“Bread of heaven, on thee we feed”

*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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 493

AZMON

“O for a thousand tongues to sing”

*After the Celebrant offers the dismissal, the People respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

Anton Bruckner (1824–96)

Postlude in D minor, WAB 126/1



Congratulations to Lydia Hall who is to be confirmed by Bishop Laura Aherns this morning at a Regional Confirmation Service. Samantha is joining Lydia and her family as her sponsor and St. Matthew’s representative this morning. Please keep Lydia in your prayers.

## **Worship Leaders**

*Celebrant & Preacher*

The Rev. Dr. Linda Spiers

*Eucharistic Minister*

Vytas Kisielius

*Lectors*

Sharon Pearson, Paul Reis

*Intercessor*

Anna-Kate Reis

*Music Director*

Andrew Leslie Cooper

*Choir*

St. Matthew's Church Choir

*Altar Guild*

Betsy Pettit, Debbie Fuller, Kim Olson

*Counters*

Chris Perry, Steve Pettit

## **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: *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 St. Michael's, Litchfield; St. Andrew's, Madison; St. Mary's, Manchester; St. Andrew's, Marble Dale. ECCT Joint Leadership members of the Mission Council, Missionary Society, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry and Donations & Bequests.



### **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.

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### **Children & Youth Lenten Offerings 2023**

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

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### **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.

## Open Doors Easter Egg Hunt & Party – Donations & Supplies Needed



St. Matthew's Mission team is organizing an Easter Egg hunt and party for the families at Open Door on Saturday, April 8th. We are looking for donations of supplies and food to make this a party the kids will remember. Please use the [Sign Up Genius](#) link in the eNews to sign up and leave donations in the boxes provided in the narthex no later than Monday, April 3rd. Any questions, please contact George Fuller.

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## The Arts at St. Matthew's - Lenten harpsichord/organ recital Friday, March 31st at 7:00pm

You are warmly invited to a Lenten harpsichord/organ recital, performed by Andrew Leslie Cooper, on Friday, March 31st at 7:00pm. Hosted by The Arts at St. Matthew's, this is his first solo recital as Director of Music at St. Matthew's. Andrew will be performing on two excellent instruments: the Reuter pipe organ (2009), a gift of the Brock family, and the Herz harpsichord (1979), a gift of the Gortz family. This Devotional Lenten concert comes just before Holy Week and offers you musical accompaniment on your walk with Jesus toward the cross. The program will feature music by Bach, Smyth, Howells, La Guerre, and Pachelbel. Admission to the recital will be free, and a free-will offering will be taken at the end in support of The Arts at St. Matthew's.



## Easter Flower & Music Memorials and Thanksgivings



At this time of year, it's our custom to give gifts in memory of or in thanksgiving for the people we love. If you would like to make a donation for Easter flowers, music memorials or the Rector's Discretionary Fund, please be in touch with Nancy in the Parish Office at [office@stmatthewswilton.org](mailto:office@stmatthewswilton.org).

Please respond by Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> to have names included in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

## Weekly Calendar – March 19 – March 26

Sunday, **March 19**

8:30am

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

11:30am

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

St. Patrick's Day breakfast

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Church School

Coffee Hour

Lenten Adult Forum: Gospel Journey

Monday, **March 20**

7:00pm

Education for Ministry

Tuesday, **March 21**

11:00am

7:00pm

9:00pm

Staff Meeting

Finance Committee meeting (Zoom)

Lenten Musical Meditation (Zoom)

Thursday, **March 23**

7:30-9:00pm

St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

Sunday, **March 26**

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

11:30am

11:30am

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

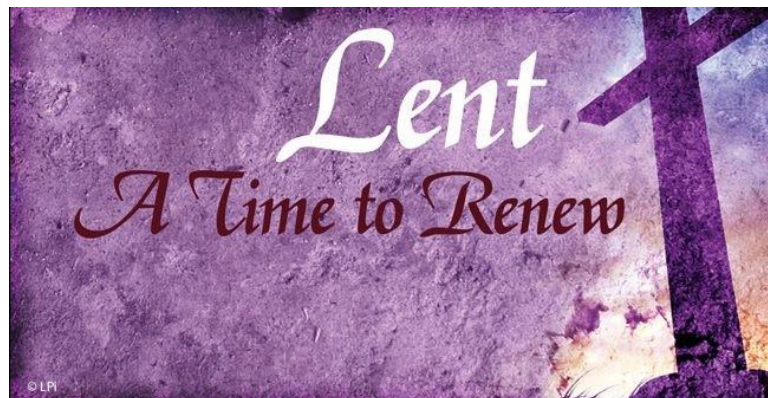
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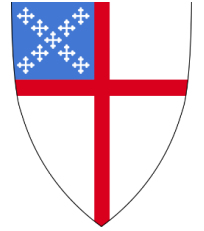
Lenten Adult Forum: Gospel Journey

Youth Group trip



# 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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