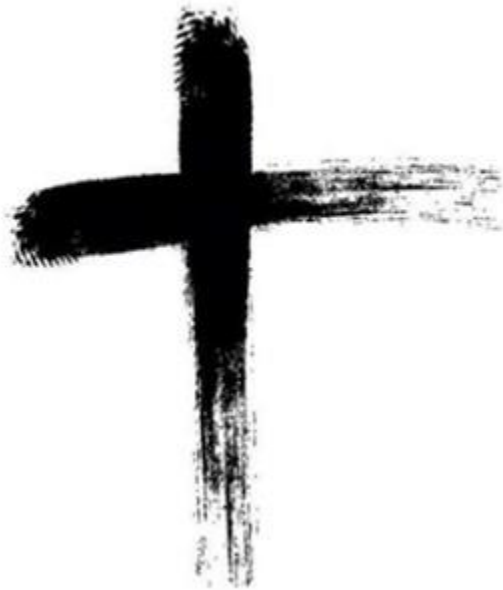




**Saint Matthew's**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Holy Eucharist - Rite II**  
**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 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.**

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## + THE WORD OF GOD +

### Prelude

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Psalm-Prelude on Psalm 130, verse 1

“Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;

Lord, hear my voice;

Let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.”

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

### Processional Hymn 411

ST. THOMAS

“O bless the Lord, my soul”

### 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. Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## First Reading

## Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 130

*sung by the Choir*

*Antiphon:* With the Lord there is mercy, and with him there is plenteous redemption.

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

*Antiphon:* With the Lord there is mercy, and with him there is plenteous redemption.

## Second Reading

**Romans 8:6-11**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in 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 501 vv. 1-5**

**KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER**

**“O Holy Spirit, by whose breath”**



# The Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone

who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in 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* Brothers and sisters, the Spirit of God dwells in you. Let us appeal to our God, saying, “We call to you, O Lord; *hear our voice.*”

*Intercessor* Breathe new life into your Church, O Lord. Where our bones are dried up, where our hope is lost, cause your life-giving breath to enter. Give us confidence in the truth that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from dead dwells in us. *(The people are invited to offer their own intercessions).* We call to you, O Lord;

*People* **Lord, hear our voice.**

*Intercessor* Many are they who wait for you, O Lord. Speak into the souls of those suffering throughout the world, a word of hope. We call to you, O Lord;

*People* **Lord, hear our voice.**

*Intercessor* Creating God, it is the wind of your Spirit that sweeps across this planet. Renew and refresh your creation; bring forth newness in dead places. We call to you, O Lord;

*People* **Lord, hear our voice.**

*Intercessor* With you, O Lord, there is plenteous redemption. Restore the hope of this community. Renew our trust that you have a live-giving future in mind for us. We call to you, O Lord;

*People* **Lord, hear our voice.**

*Intercessor* With you, O Lord, there is mercy. Consider well the voice of those who call out from their depths. As they wait for you in their pain and sorrow, give life to their mortal bodies by your healing Spirit. We pray especially for, Mike, Susan, Jack, John, Chuck, Joan, Joy, Peter, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Kathy, Dick, Joanne, Brooks, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Aaron, Dann, and for all those we now name [\_\_\_\_\_]. We call to you, O Lord;

*People* **Lord, hear our voice.**

*Intercessor* God, we trust your Son Jesus to be for us resurrection and life. Give to the dead your life, especially Donnie Gardner and The Rev. Elizabeth Page Rogers. Assure the living with the promise of resurrection. (*The people are invited to offer their own intercessions*).

We call to you, O Lord;

*People* **Lord, hear our voice.**

*Intercessor* We pray also for Peggy Davis on her birthday this week with special thanksgiving from her family to the community and choir of St. Matthew's.

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*

O giver of all good gifts, you have differently blessed and differently challenged your children. Some of us have handicaps for which we need the aid of social services, and some of us find our quest for such aid hindered by the complication of racial discrimination. Help us to overcome barriers of all kinds that prevent your people from functioning fully and freely and let us never tolerate the denial of equal services to anyone because of their race. **Amen.**

—*Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia*

*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**

Thomas Morley (1557–1602)

*I am the resurrection and the life*

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord:  
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:  
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand  
at the latter day upon the earth.  
And though after my skin worms destroy this body,  
yet in my flesh shall I see God:  
whom I shall see for myself,  
and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

- text from Burial Service (Book of Common Prayer)

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)*





*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*

MARSH CHAPEL

*Awake, O sleeper, rise from death*

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,  
and Christ shall give you light,  
so learn his love—its length and breadth,  
its fullness, depth, and height.

To us on earth he came to bring  
from sin and fear release,  
to give the spirit's unity,  
the very bond of peace.

There is one Body and one hope,  
one Spirit and one call,  
one Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism,  
one Father of us all.

Then walk in love as Christ has loved,  
who died that he might save;  
with kind and gentle hearts forgive  
as God in Christ forgave.

For us Christ lived, for us he died  
and conquered in the strife.  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,  
And Christ shall give you life.

*Please kneel or sit to sing.*

## Communion Hymn 455

DUNEDIN

“O Love of God, how strong and true”

*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 567

ST. MATTHEW

“Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old”

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

*Saraband* ("in an elegiac style")



Congratulations to Lydia Hall who was confirmed at St. Peter's Grace Church on Sunday, March 19th, by Bishop Laura Aherns. Please join us celebrating Lydia and her family at coffee hour this morning.

## **Worship Leaders**

<i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i>	The Rev. Dr. Linda Spiers
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Pam Ely
<i>Lectors</i>	Adair Garis, Beth Baker
<i>Intercessor</i>	John Pearson
<i>Music Director</i>	Andrew Leslie Cooper
<i>Choir</i>	St. Matthew's Church Choir
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Betsy Pettit, Debbie Fuller, Kim Olson
<i>Counters</i>	Rob Kyle, Adair Garis

## **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, Aaron, Dann.* For those serving in the military, *Matthew Comeau.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for All Saints', Meriden; St. Andrew's, Meriden' Christ Church, Middle Haddam; Collaborative ministries and all Ministry Networks.

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## **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.

## 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 today at 11:30am in the lounge.

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## Open Doors Easter Egg Hunt & Party



St. Matthew's Mission team is organizing an Easter Egg hunt and party for the families at Open Door on Saturday, April 8th.

Thank you - We've done it! All items have been donated. Please leave the remaining donations in the bins inside the narthex or outside in the circle by Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. THANK YOU from the Open Doors Mission Team, and more importantly, from all the children. It will be fun.

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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.





## + Holy Week 2023 Schedule +

**Sunday, April 2:** Palm Sunday: Holy Eucharist 10am

**Tuesday, April 4:** Lenten Musical Meditation on Zoom 9pm

**Thursday, April 6:** Maundy Thursday: Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar 7pm

**Friday, April 7:** Good Friday: Noon Liturgy 12 noon

**Friday, April 7:** Good Friday: Night Prayer & The Way of the Cross with Holy Eucharist 7pm

**Saturday, April 8:** Holy Saturday Preparation Liturgy 9am

**Sunday, April 9:** Easter Sunday: Festival Holy Eucharist 10am followed by an Easter Egg Hunt

*~ All services to be livestreamed ~  
(except for Friday 7pm & Saturday 9am)*



## *Palm & Passion Sunday*

**Worship with us at 10am**  
online or in person

Join us for the blessing of  
Palms and the  
reading of the Passion



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### ***Night Prayer & The Way of the Cross with Holy Eucharist.*** **Good Friday, April 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

The offering of prayer on Good Friday in the evening, often called Compline, has sometimes been described as the 'goodnight prayer of the Church'. It rounds off the day and prepares us for a quiet night. Prayer like this is especially fitting on this night when we remember Jesus' death on the cross, when we probe the depths of the darkness without him. The Way of the Cross is a processional route in the Old City of Jerusalem and on this night we will re-enact it by walking to fourteen stations, marking each point with scripture, reflections, prayer, and song as we follow the Cross together.



## Weekly Calendar – March 26 – April 2

Sunday, **March 26**

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

11:30am

11:30am

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Church School

Coffee Hour

Lenten Adult Forum: Gospel Journey

Confirmation class

Monday, **March 27**

7:00pm

Education for Ministry

Tuesday, **March 28**

11:00am

7:00pm

9:00pm

Staff Meeting

Vestry meeting (Zoom)

Lenten Musical Meditation (Zoom)

Thursday, **March 30**

7:30-9:00pm

St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

Friday, **March 31**

7:00pm

The Art's at St. Matthew's Lenten recital

Sunday, **April 2**

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

**The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

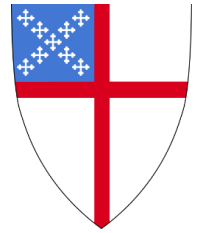
Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Church School

Coffee Hour

# 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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