

**Saint Matthew's**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Holy Eucharist - Rite II**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 22nd, 2022**  
**10:00 am**

## Welcome to St. Matthew's! We are glad you are here.

The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. If you're joining us from home, please stand, kneel, sing, and pray with us as you're able. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

**Children are most welcome and are encouraged to participate in worship.**

To the parents of children: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Sit toward the front so your little ones can see and hear. Go ahead and quietly answer their questions. If you don't know the answer, the priest would love to talk to your little one. When you sing the hymns and join in the prayers, you teach little hearts how to be faithful; you are their best model. If you need to leave the service, that's okay. Don't be shy about coming back. It was Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me."

**Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Matt's.**

## + THE WORD OF GOD +

**Prelude**                      Prelude on an Old Folk Tune                      Amy Beach (1867–1944)

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Entrance Hymn 8**

BUNESSAN

“Morning has broken”

*Celebrant*                      Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People*                              **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**The Collect for Purity** (*said by all*)

*The Celebrant and People say together*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# Gloria – S278

*Sung by all*

*setting by William Mathias (1934-92)*



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



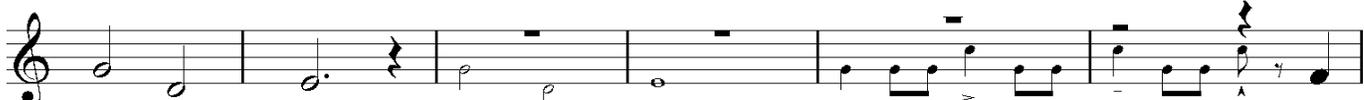
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer.

6. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## The First Reading

**Acts 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a

worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 67**

*sung by the Choir*

- <sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- <sup>2</sup> Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- <sup>7</sup> May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## The Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Sequence Hymn 538

LUCERNA LAUDONIAE

“God of mercy, God of grace”

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

## The Holy Gospel

John 5:1-9

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Nicholas Porter

## 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.

## Prayers of the People

## Form III

*The Intercessor begins*

Loving God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world:

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

We pray especially for Jose, Jim, Jack, Pat, Donald, Alison, Laura, Dick, Jackie, Tom, Michael, Joanne, Brooks, Scott, Bobby, Martin, Marge, Vinny, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Rob, Jane, Nancy, Dawn, Donnie, David, Aaron, Petra, Kathy, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, and Dann; have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.*

*Then the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## **The Confession**

*Then the Celebrant says* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. The people may stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant and People say together*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

# + THE HOLY COMMUNION +

## The Offertory

*Celebrant*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## Offertory Hymn 508

NOVA VITA

“Breathe on me, Breath of God”



*Whether you've joined us today from near or far, in person or online, please consider making a gift of thanksgiving to support the work of God at St. Matthew's. Be part of God's mission with us as we make our way out of the COVID season and into the new life God promises.*

*Visit [www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering](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 as you are able.*

**Doxology at the Presentation**    *sung by all*    LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

# The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

# Sanctus – S128

*Sung by all*

*setting by William Mathias (1934-92)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The people remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

And so, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our Mothers; Sarah, Rebecca, and Leah: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

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* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## Fraction Anthem – S165

*Sung by all setting by William Mathias (1934-92)*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*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 would like to have communion brought to your pew, please let an usher know.*

## Anthem

*Peace I leave with you*

Amy Beach (1867-1944)

Peace I leave with you,  
my peace I give unto you:  
not as the world giveth, give I unto you.  
Let not your heart be troubled,  
neither let it be afraid.  
Peace I leave with you.

“Lord, make us servants of your peace”

*If you are joining 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* **Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Parish Announcements

### The Blessing

*The Celebrant blesses the People*

Beloved, life is short. And we do not have enough time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of our God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be with you to strengthen and guard you this day and always. **Amen.**

### Dismissal Hymn 345

ELLERS

“Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise”

*The Celebrant offers the dismissal to which the people respond,*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Postlude

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Postlude on *Ellers*

### Worship Leaders

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Canon Nicholas Porter
<i>Lectors</i>	Andrea Sato, Caroline DeAngelis
<i>Intercessor</i>	Pam Ely
<i>Music Director</i>	Andrew Leslie Cooper
<i>Choir</i>	St. Matthew’s Church Choir
<i>Counters</i>	Rob Kyle, Adair Garis

### Prayer Requests

Today and throughout the week, we remember all those who have been commended to our prayers. For those who are sick or in need: *Jose, Jim, Jack, Pat, Donald, Alison, Laura, Dick, Jackie, Tom, Michael, Joanne, Brooks, Scott, Bobby, Martin, Marge, Vinny, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Rob, Jane, Nancy, Dawn, Donnie, David, Aaron, Petra, Kathy, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, Charles Kennedy and Dann Pompa.* For those serving in the military, *Matthew Comeau.* In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. John’s, New Milford; Grace Church, Newington; Trinity, Newtown; Environmental ministry networks, eco-justice work; community gardens.

## Working with Jerusalem Peacebuilders

St. Matthew's is one of many houses of worship partnering with The Jerusalem Peacebuilders, which consists of visiting Jewish, Muslim and Christian youth from Israel and Palestine, for a day

of service on Sunday, August 7th to serve the city of New Haven. Join us after today's service for a forum with the Rev. Canon Nicholas Porter, the founder of JPB, to learn about the mission of Jerusalem Peacebuilders as an interfaith, non-profit organization and an opportunity to participate in a day of service.



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### From the Mission Team

Join us after the service on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am for a forum with Liz Salguero, Executive Director of **Circle of Care**. Come and learn how you can connect with our Mission Partner and get involved in helping families impacted by pediatric cancer.

### Stuff-A-Sock Project

St. Matt's will be collecting travel-sized toiletry items for the "Stuff-A-Sock" project coordinated through the Horizons Program at Norwalk Community College. A major recipient of these "stuffed socks" will be **Open Doors'** clients, so St. Matt's is rising to the call to help! Essential items like socks and toiletries make a huge difference for people who are dealing with homelessness. The Stuff-A-Sock initiative is a wonderful way for our community to come together and make a difference for our neighbors in need. Drop-off bins will be in the narthex from June 1<sup>st</sup> through July 10th. Any questions, please contact Andrea Sato. Thank you for your support.

Travel-sized items:

- Body wash
- Comb
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Regular-sized pairs of large men's socks (white gym socks are best)

## Weekly Calendar – May 22 - 29

### **Sunday, May 22**

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

11:30am

11:30-1:00pm

### **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Church School

Coffee Hour

Forum: Jerusalem Peacebuilders

Confirmation Class

### **Monday, May 23**

7:00pm

Education for Ministry

### **Tuesday, May 24**

11:00am

Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, May 25**

7:30pm

Vestry Meeting

### **Thursday, May 26**

7:30-9:00pm

St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

### **Sunday, May 29**

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

### **The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Church School

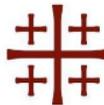
Coffee Hour



JOIN US TO RECOGNIZE OUR CONFIRMANDS

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WITH PRAYERS AND THEIR WITNESS TO US

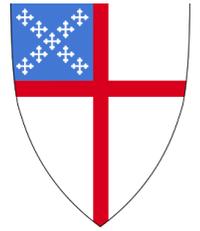


Sunday, June 5 • 10:00am Holy Eucharist  
The Feast of Pentecost  
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
Wilton, Connecticut

They will be confirmed on Saturday, June 18 at 10:00am  
Christ Episcopal Church, Greenwich

# 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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