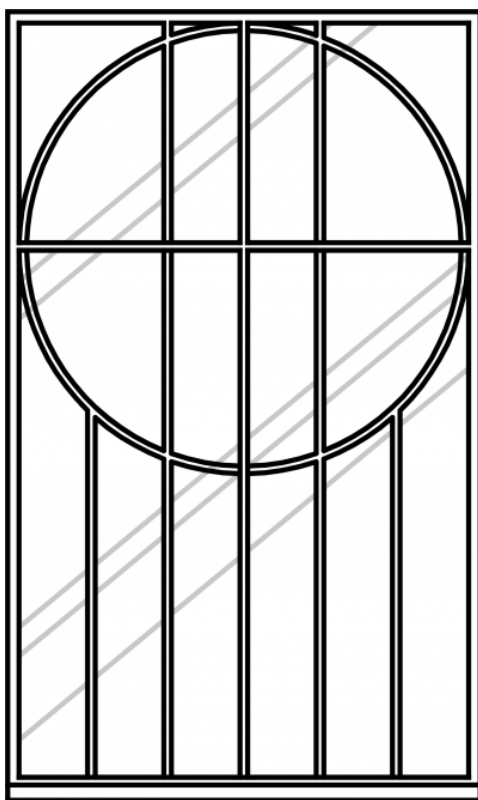




Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Eucharist - Rite II
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024
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

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

Andante from 6th Organ Sonata

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

Processional Hymn 448

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

“O love, how deep, how broad, how high”

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

The Collect for Purity

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

sung by all

setting by Peter Crisafulli

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, hea - ven-ly King, al -
- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
poco rit.
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
a tempo
mp *poco cresc.*
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son — of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin — of the world; have
mer - cy on us; — you are seat - ed at the right
ff
hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our — prayer. For
you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, —
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 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

chant by Ivor Atkins (1869–1953)

sung by the choir

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- ² With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- ³ The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- ⁴ He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ⁵ Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- ⁶ Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- ⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- ⁸ Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- ⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- ¹⁰ In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Children in Pre-Kindergarten –5th Grade may proceed to the narthex for Godly Play at the beginning of the hymn.

Sequence Hymn 455

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“O Love of God, how strong and true”

The Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People say together

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

The People respond with the words in bold.

Intercessor God of Love, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor We pray for Judy, Karen, Kristen, Vinny, Antonio, Thomas,
Diana, Aaron, Kathy, Arlene, Jack, Joan, Liz, Jack, Maddie,
Scott, Melinda, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. We
also remember those we now name either silently or aloud
(*the people are invited to offer their own intercessions*). Have
compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

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

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **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 intercessions either silently or aloud.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant says the following prayer

God of heaven and earth, you created the one human family and endowed each person with great dignity. Aid us, we pray, in overcoming the sin of racism. Grant us your grace in eliminating this blight from our hearts, our communities, our social and civil institutions. Fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor so that we may work with you in healing our land from racial injustice. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

—*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

Celebrant

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.

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.

Please read and pray on the words of the anthem as you listen to the choir sing.

Offertory Anthem

sung by the choir

William Mundy (1529-91)

A new commandment

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord:
that ye love together as I have loved you,
that even so ye love one another.

- John 13:34

The Offering

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. If you're with us in person, the Ushers will pass plates. If you've joined us online, you can use this QR code or visit www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering. You can designate it as a gift or as a part of your pledge. No gift is too small. All gifts honor the God who honors us with life, breath, love, and salvation. Be a part of God's mission with us today and in the future as we seek to love and serve our neighbors, to heal each other and the world, to share the joy and good news we've found in Jesus.



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 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 have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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

Sanctus

sung by all

setting by Peter Crisafulli

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 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.

Fraction Anthem

sung by all

setting by Peter Crisafulli

Cantor



Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sac - ri - ficed for us.

All



There - fore

let us

keep the

feast.

Al -

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lu -

ia.

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. Please wait for the ushers and follow their instructions. When you reach the center of the space, please open your hands and lay them flat to receive the bread or cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. You may then choose to drink from the silver chalice to your left or intinct (dip the wafer in the wine) in the clay chalice to your right. If you do not wish to receive wine, simply pass the cup, and make your way back to your seat. We believe Jesus is fully present in both the bread and the wine, so if you receive the bread, you have participated fully in communion. Let the Priest know if you need a gluten free wafer by first extending your palms down. If you would like to have communion brought to your pew, please let an usher know.

Please read and pray on the words of the anthem as you listen to the choir sing.

Communion Anthem *sung by the choir*

A new commandment

A new commandment that I give to you,
is to love one another as I have loved you;
By this shall all know you are my disciples:
if you have love for another.

Communion Hymn 706

HALTON HOLGATE

“In your mercy, Lord, you called me”

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 (2nd ed)

The Celebrant and the People say together

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Postcommunion Prayer

The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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.**

Recessional Hymn 344

SICILIAN MARINERS

“Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing”

The Dismissal

Celebrant

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

Allegro from 2nd Organ Sonata

Worship Leaders

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Bob Giolitto, Sharon Pearson
<i>Lectors</i>	Chris Perry, Brian Angerame
<i>Intercessor</i>	Mary Obermayer
<i>Music Director</i>	Andrew Leslie Cooper
<i>Choir</i>	St. Matthew's Church Choir
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Nancy Brautigam, Jen DeAngelis
<i>Counters</i>	Brian Angerame, Keith DeAngelis

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: *Judy, Karen, Kristen, Vinny, Antonio, Thomas, Diana, Aaron, Kathy, Arlene, Jack, Joan, Liz, Jack, Maddie, Scott, Melinda, and Presiding Celebrant Michael Curry. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. John's, New Haven; St. Luke's, New Haven; St. Paul & St. James, New Haven. Retirement communities, especially Armsmear; chaplains at retirement communities, and Retired Clergy Chaplains.

Weekly Calendar – May 5 – May 12

Sunday, **May 5**

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Godly Play

Coffee Hour

Monday, **May 6**

7:00-9:30pm

Education for Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday, **May 7**

11:00am

Staff meeting

Thursday, **May 9**

7:30-9:00pm

St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

Sunday, **May 12**

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Church School

Coffee Hour

Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group?

Go here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMatthewsOnline/>

Need something else? Send Marissa a note or be in touch with another member of the staff.

The Arts at St. Matthew's

The next installation of The Arts at St. Matthew's is coming up on **Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 pm**, when **La Fiocco** will present an evening of early music.



La Fiocco is an early-music ensemble of the highest quality, performing music of the 17th and 18th centuries on period instruments. Their mission is to introduce people of all ages to the music of the Baroque and early Classical eras.

Their program at St. Matthew's will feature, amongst a wide variety of music, some music by black fiddlers at Monticello. It illuminates the musical traditions and genealogy of the descendants of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings, as well as their important contributions to music. Artistic Director Lewis Baratz will present a pre-concert talk on Zoom beforehand on **Wednesday, May 15 at 7:30pm**, providing some background and musical history to the project.

This event is part of The Arts at St. Matthew's 2023–24 season and is ticketed at \$30 per person, \$10 for students. To purchase tickets or subscriptions for the other concerts in the 2023–24 series, visit the website.

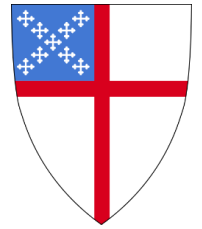
All attendees are welcome to stay for a reception afterwards in the Lounge, where light refreshments will be served.

Circle of Care, with Wilton Go Green, is having a Community Shred Day **on Saturday, May 18, from 9am to noon** (rain or shine) in the parking lot of Fairfield County Bank in Wilton Center. Suggested donation of \$20 per box/bag of paper (remove clips and binders). All proceeds will be split between Wilton Go Green and Circle of Care. A safe way to dispose of old paper files for two great causes! No RSVP needed.

Any questions, please contact Lisa Williams at
Lisa.williams@thecircleofcare.org

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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