



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Eucharist - Rite II
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 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.

+ T H E W O R D O F G O D +

Prelude

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

Processional Hymn 691

OLIVET

"My faith looks up to thee"

Celebrant

Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People

The Holy One's love is new every morning.

Celebrant

This is the day the Creator has made.

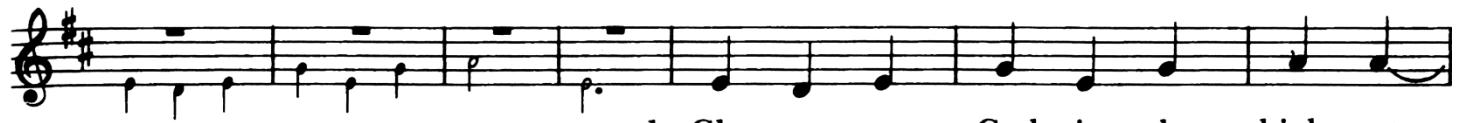
People

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gloria – S 279

Sung by all

setting by Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)



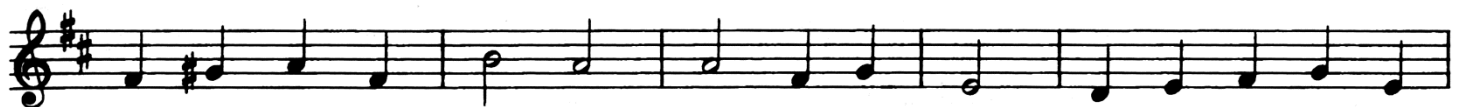
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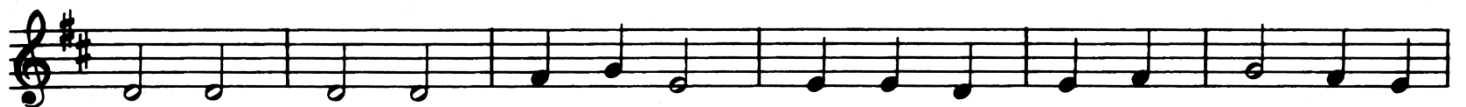
— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea-ven - ly King,



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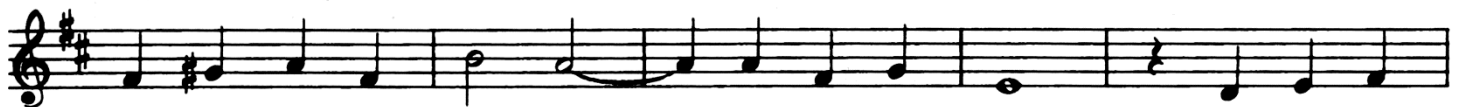
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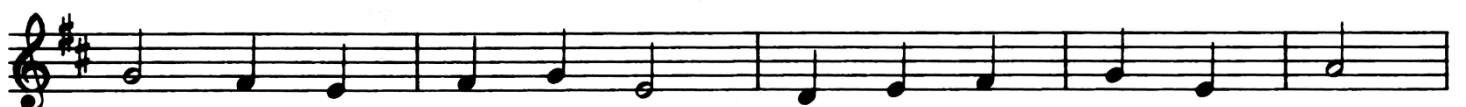
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the



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 Creator be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

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

Psalm 80:7-14

chant by Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941)

- ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- ⁸ You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- ⁹ You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
- ¹⁰ The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- ¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
- ¹² Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- ¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- ¹⁴ Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

The Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that

comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn 474

ROCKINGHAM

“When I survey the wonderous cross”

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

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

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

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?”

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Profession of Faith

We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

Prayers of the People

The People respond with the words in bold.

Intercessor Beloved of God, the law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul!
So let us appeal to our Lord God, saying, “Let the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, *O Lord,*
our strength and redeemer.”

Intercessor Lord our God, you command us to have no other gods before you:
give your Church such singleness of mind that we might not be
distracted by the trappings of our lives, but may strive to know Christ
and the power of his resurrection. Let the words of our mouths and
the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,

People **O Lord, our strength and redeemer.**

Intercessor Lord our God, you command us not to bear false witness against others: Help us to live in peace with one another. In a world of harmful rhetoric, may we use our words to encourage and love—especially those whom we consider different. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,
People **O Lord, our strength and redeemer.**

Intercessor Lord our God, you command us to keep a holy Sabbath: make us generous stewards of this planet that it may be renewed and refreshed. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,
People **O Lord, our strength and redeemer.**

Intercessor Lord our God, you command us to covet nothing that belongs to our neighbor: give us kind and generous hearts for those with whom we share our neighborhoods. May a loving spirit rule this community. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,
People **O Lord, our strength and redeemer.**

Intercessor Lord our God, you desire that your people be not afraid: Pour on the sick, suffering and struggling the abundance of your mercy. Bless them with goodness and healing through Jesus the Christ. We pray especially for Thomas, James, Diana, James, Carol, Susan, Lee, Arlene, Barbara, Mike, Jack, Chuck, Joan, David, Peter, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Kathy, Dick, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Aaron, Dann and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. We also remember those we name now either silently or aloud. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,
People **O Lord, our strength and redeemer.**

Intercessor Lord our God, you have made us your own: may we, and those who have run the race of faith before us, attain the resurrection from the dead through the abundant mercy of your Son. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,

People **O Lord, our strength and redeemer.**

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 God of infinite mercy, we live in a land where the native peoples were moved, often by force, from the bountiful lands they inhabited to places of desolation. Help us to support them now as they seek to retain their rich native cultures. Open our eyes to the poverty and despair that so often accompany them through life and give us the courage and will to change the systems that perpetuate injustice, for the sake of your Son our Lord. **Amen.** —*Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia*

Then the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Confession

Then the Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

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

Celebrant and People say together

**Merciful and sustaining God,
we have sinned against you.**

We confess our lack of gratitude

**for the beauty and bounty of your creation:
teach us to see that your earth sustains us
and all that lives.**

**We confess that we have misused your earth:
grant us amendment of life.**

**We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:
strengthen us in self-control.**

**We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for
granted: make us urgent now for its protection.**

**Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one
God, now and for ever. 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 God of heaven has made a home on earth.

People **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +

Celebrant says an Offertory sentence, the congregation may be seated.

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power;
because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and
have their being.

Revelation 4:11

Offertory Anthem

William Henry Monk (1823-89)

The Lord is my strength and my song

The Lord is my strength and my song:
And is become my salvation.

Open me the gates of righteousness:
That I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.

The same stone which the builders refused:
Is become the headstone in the corner.

This is the day which the Lord hath made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hallelujah. Amen.

— Psalm 118:14, 19, 22, 24

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 into the new life God promises. Visit www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering. Designate it as a gift or as part of your pledge. No gift is too small. All gifts honor the God who honors us with life, breath, love, and salvation.



Please stand as you are able.

Doxology at the Presentation *Sung by all* THE OLD HUNDREDTH

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

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.**

Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption. Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life.

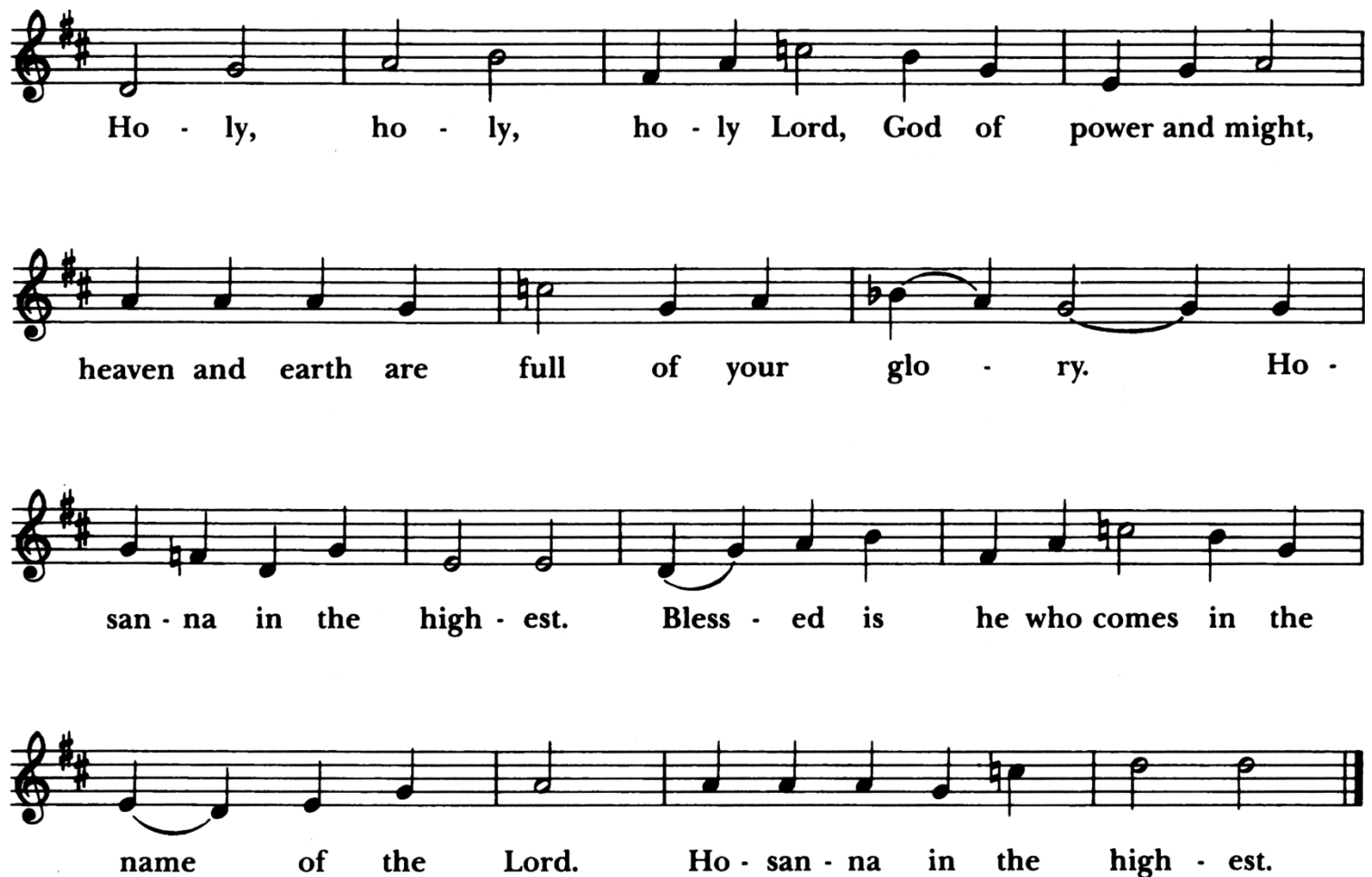
Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you—for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people.

And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

Sanctus – S 131

Sung by all

setting by Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)



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.

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: "Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

He took the wine, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He gave it to his friends saying: "This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me."

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People say together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive.

Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew.

Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever.
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 – S155

Sung by all setting by Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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. 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.

Communion Anthem

KING

Creating God, your fingers trace

Creating God, your fingers trace
the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light
and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold
earth's mysteries known or yet untold;
let water's fragile blend with air,
enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace
all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove,
make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims
one family with a billion names;
let every life be touched by grace
until we praise you face to face.

Please kneel or sit to sing.

Communion Hymn 483

ST. MAGNUS

“The head that once was crowned with thorns”

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 People stand or kneel.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Faithful God

in the wonder of your wisdom and love

you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.

We thank you for feeding us with this bread.

May it strengthen us

that by the power of the Holy Spirit

we may embody your desire

and be renewed for your service

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Parish Announcements

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People

May God light in us a holy fire: Light a fire that is worthy of our ancestors. Light a fire that is worthy of our children. Light a fire that is worthy of our fathers. Light a fire that is worthy of our mothers. Light a fire that is worthy of God. Now let us go in peace, lighting a holy fire wherever we go. And the blessing of God who creates, redeems, and sanctifies be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 518

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

“Christ is made the sure foundation”

Dismissal

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve God’s Creation.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Eucharistic Ministers

Sharon Pearson, Anne Newton

Lectors

Lorena Morales Aparicio, Brian Angerame

Intercessor

John Pearson

Music Director

Andrew Leslie Cooper

Choir

St. Matthew's Church Choir

Altar Guild

Char Griffin, Jen DeAngelis, Lorena Morales Aparicio

Counters

Brian Angerame, Bill Brautigam

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: *Thomas, James, Diana, James, Carol, Susan, Lee, Arlene, Barbara, Mike, Jack, Chuck, David, Joan, Peter, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Kathy, Dick, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Aaron, Dann and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. John's, Vernon; St. Paul's, Wallingford; St. John's, Washington; Convention planning committee; Convention worship committee.

Weekly Calendar – October 8 – October 15

Sunday, **October 8**

10:00am

11:30am

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Summer Book Read discussion

Monday, **October 9**

7:30pm

EFM (Virtual)

Tuesday, **October 10**

11:00am

Staff meeting

Wednesday, **October 11**

3:30-5:00pm

7:30pm

St. Matt's Youth Scarecrow making

St. Matt's Spirited Sisters group

Thursday, **October 12**

7:30-9:00pm

St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

Saturday, **October 13**

7:30pm

Organ recital by Andrew Leslie Cooper

Sunday, **October 15**

10:00am

11:30am

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Summer Book Read discussion

Come and join
St. Matthew's

**ADULT
FORUM**

*Grant us the fullness of your blessing,
that we, stewarding your garden, may
become partakers in your joy; through
Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation.*

11:30am-12:45pm in the Lounge

**Braiding
Sweetgrass
&
The Care of
Creation**

Oct. 1
In the beginning . . .

Oct. 8
The Three Sisters
and the Holy Trinity

Oct. 15
Windigo Footprints
and Caring for
Creation

**YOUTH GROUP
SCARECROW**

OCTOBER 11
3:30-5

Next up in **The Arts at St. Matthew's:**

St. Matthew's organist and music director, Andrew Leslie Cooper, will present a recital of music by Bach, Howells, Price, Lefébure-Wély, Andrée, and more. Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 13th at 7:30pm**. Don't miss it!

And, most importantly, spread the word!

The pipe organ at St. Matthew's was built in 2009 by the Reuter Organ Company of Lawrence, KS and contains 3,140 pipes. This recital will show off the versatile range of this instrument and its many sound colors.



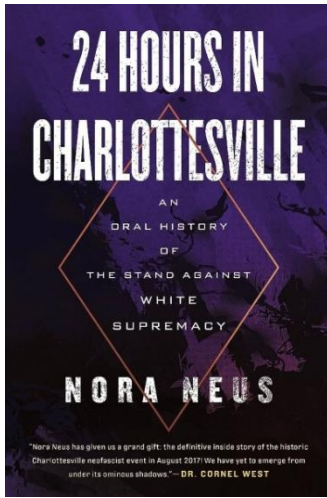
Wi-ACT's Rise Against Hunger Meal-Packaging Event: Saturday, October 21st

Wi-ACT's Rise Against Hunger meal-packaging event will be held on **Saturday, October 21st** in our Parish Hall and Lounge, as usual. Wi-ACT's on-line **registration site** for this Event is <https://signup.com/go/qVWVyrE> The meal-packaging work is in 2-hour shifts; so just go on the site and choose your shift: beginning at **9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm**. Children as young as 7 can participate, and intergenerational family groups are welcome and very much encouraged! We all know how joyous and uplifting the experience is as we package meals to serve hundreds of children in some of the most food-deprived circumstances in the world. This year, we hope to package another 135,000 meals as we did last year, and if we do, we can feed more than 350 children for an entire year.

Hope to see you there. -- The Wi-ACT Steering Committee

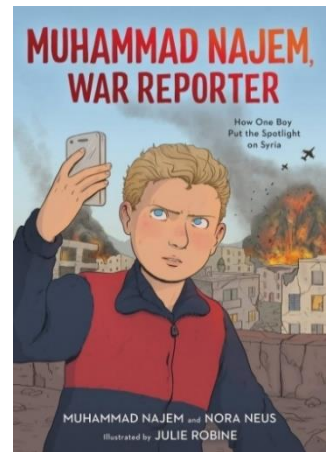
Sunday, October 22nd

A Conversation on White Supremacy and the Far Right



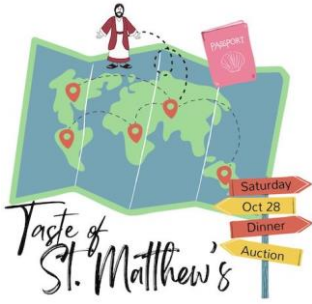
Join us after church on Sunday, October 22nd at 11:30am for a special conversation with Nora Neus. Nora is the author of *24 Hours in Charlottesville: An Oral History of the Stand Against White Supremacy*. Nora will share some of her experiences of that day in Charlottesville, especially the role of the church and the progressive Christian witness. In a dialogue with Marissa, and in our conversation together, we will explore what role progressive Christians might have in the fight against white supremacy.

Also, at 2:30pm Nora has a special workshop for kids ages 7-12. Drawing on her book, *Muhammed Najem, War Reporter*, Nora Neus will walk students through the process of writing a graphic novel. Yes, *writing!* You might think of graphic novels as primarily art-based, but words bring these stories to life. Nora shows the evolution of the graphic novel “script” from edits to sketches, inks, and colors. By the end of our workshop, students will have created the first page of their own graphic novel and have an opportunity to share with the group and get her feedback.



We are delighted to host Nora for this special event at St. Matthew's which is free to attend and open to the public. You are welcome!

St. Matthew's Auction 2023



Saturday, October 28th, we will travel around the world together, tasting and sharing food and drink from many different regions of the world. There is no need to bring your own passport as we will provide your very own for this special evening. Please buy your tickets online, invite a friend(s), and check back with us frequently for new listings of auction items.

This evening will support all of St. Matthew's ministries, and is a joyous evening during which we celebrate our church life together and give generously to fund that life. [Click here](#) for more details and information or scan the QR Code below.

Of course, this evening would not be complete without the donations of wonderful auction items! Here is a list for some inspiration:

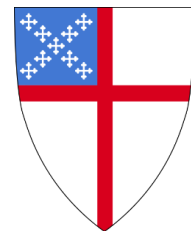
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Questions or donations - Talk to Pam or Anne or email stmatthewsauction@gmail.com

Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am



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