



Saint Matthew's

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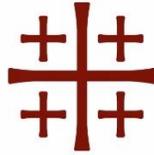


iConfirm & Holy Eucharist - Rite II

The Day of Pentecost

June 5th, 2022

10:00 am



This service is dedicated to our Confirmands who will be sharing a teaching they have personally selected to represent their beliefs and values as a statement of their faith.

Name	Scripture	Mentor
Patrick Theodore Angerame	2 Timothy 4:7	David Cristini
William Hunter Cristini	Proverbs 18: 21-24	Rob Kyle
Lukas Kurt Greis	Ecclesiastes 11:1-10	Matthew Hall
Schuyler Adare Groves	Micah 7:14-20	Beth Cristini
Lydia Margaret Hall	Acts 16:11-15	Sarah O'Malley
Rory Lockhart Kepner	Isaiah 35:3-10	Becky Hudspeth
Kaitlyn Ruth Lane	Romans 1:7-10	Pam Ely
Paige Catherine Leung	Leviticus 19:1, 13-19a	Elizabeth Walsh
Rowan Margaret McGrath	Micah 7:1-7	Kim Hall
Charlotte Karin Mannix	Ephesians 4:32-5:2	Kate DeAngelis
Luca Edgard Mori	Matthew 5:1-7	Paul Reis
Liam Thomas Murphy	Isaiah 41:6-10	Keith DeAngelis
Lena Brennan O'Malley	Proverbs 12:14-20	Janet Nobles
Alexis Onthank	Matthew 7:1-6	Caroline DeAngelis
Kellogg Claire Pettibone	1 Timothy 6:17-21	Steve Hudspeth
Theodore James Satrazemis	Luke 6:27-31	Matthew Mannix
Lyla Rose Theoharides	Jeremiah 29:11-14	Jennifer DeAngelis
Ella Patricia Wyman	John 14:1-7	Chris Perry

**Most will be confirmed on Saturday, June 18th at 10:00am
at Christ Episcopal Church, Greenwich.**

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

Communion

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

Please stand as you are able. The Confirmands sit with their families.

Entrance Hymn 349

ABERYSTWYTH

“Holy Spirit, Lord of love”

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People

There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People

One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

Then the Celebrant says

God's call to each of us is to engage in the exploration of faith with all our heart, mind, and soul. Our call may take us down unimagined roads, yet at every step we are surrounded by God's love, guidance, and the promise of an abundant life in Christ.

Today we honor such faithful exploration. We celebrate the continued growth and greater maturity of these Confirmands. We acknowledge their growing independence and we trust them to God's loving care.

Young members of the body of Christ, we invite you to join us in the work of healing. We cannot give you a perfect world, but we can welcome you to the work of making it whole. We ask you to join us in a mature commitment to Christ, seeking to treat every person with dignity, to care for God's creation and to witness to the good news of Christ's love and forgiveness.

Will you join us?

Confirmands stand where they are with their families.

Confirmands Before God and this community, I stand ready to dedicate myself to a continued journey of faith, exploration, and service to God.

Celebrant May the Lord bless you. Come forward.

The Transition

All stand and the Confirmands come forward to the steps to face the congregation.

Confirmands I honor my community, you who have gone before me and travel with me now, for all you have done and left undone to make the world a place of justice, freedom, peace, and love.

Congregation **We thank you. Our hearts know all we have failed to do, and we confess to your generation all that we have left undone to care for God's creation. It is with joy that we welcome you to take a new place in our community and to join us in the continuing work of service to God, St. Matthew's, and our neighbors.**

Celebrant May you know the joys of full and abundant life in Christ. May you be known and honored for the truth of who you are; may our blessings carry you on the journey to come; may your every step be surrounded by the guidance and grace of God; And may you know that we are your loving community, now and always, wherever you may go.

Celebrant I now ask the parents, mentors, and congregation: Do you commit yourself to let these young people grow into their relationship with God and to encourage them to step into their new role as adult members of this community? Will you empower them to be leaders and strengthen them for the work ahead?

Congregation **We do and we will!**

Celebrant I now ask the Confirmands: Do you embrace the responsibility of growing in your faith and renew your commitment to Christ and to the work of the church on earth?

Confirmands **We do!**

Hymn 632

MUNICH

“O Christ, the Word Incarnate”

At this time, each Confirmand is invited forward one by one to offer a teaching. By “teaching”, we mean that all the Confirmands will recite the passage they have chosen to memorize and share with the congregation. They’ll also share why they chose this passage and what it means to them. As they come forward, each Confirmand is given a candle. It proceeds in this way:

Officiant: N.N., come and teach.

After each Confirmand has shared wisdom, they receive a stole signed by members of the congregation, the Rector, and members of their class with these words:

Officiant Thank you. May God’s blessing and the love of God’s people always embrace you.

People **Amen.**

Then, each Confirmand lights their candle from the fire of the Paschal candle and places their lit candle among the others of their class to symbolize adding their light to the community. As each Confirmand places a candle in the basin, that youth’s mentor comes forward to present them with a gift from the congregation.

Mentor Walk in love as Christ loves us.

When all Confirmands have taught, they all stand and return to the front.

Then the Officiants say to the congregation

I present to you the church's present and the church's future. New young adult members in the Way of Love, in the Jesus Movement. Each one called to ministry by virtue of their baptism and their desire to confirm those vows.

Applause is appropriate.

The Homily

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

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

As the day lengthens, O Christ,
Teach us to walk in your love.

While we strive to be faithful in word and deed,
Teach us to love one another.

While we live as part of your creation,
Teach us to love this good earth.

While we offer our prayers at this time:

The congregation is invited to offer intercessions or thanksgivings silently or aloud at this time.

With grateful hearts,
Teach us to trust in your love.

The People stand as they 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.



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. 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.

Offertory Anthem

Thomas Tallis (1505-85)

If ye love me

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the sp'rit of truth. — John 14:15–17

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

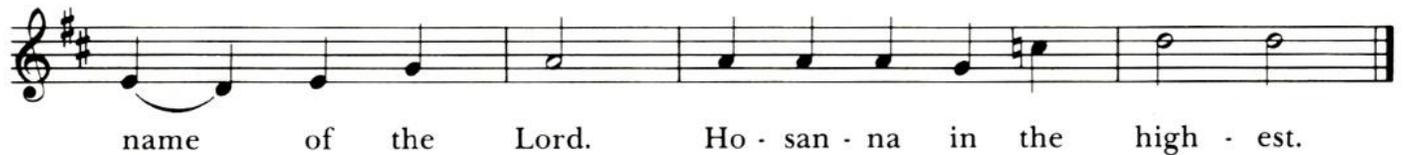
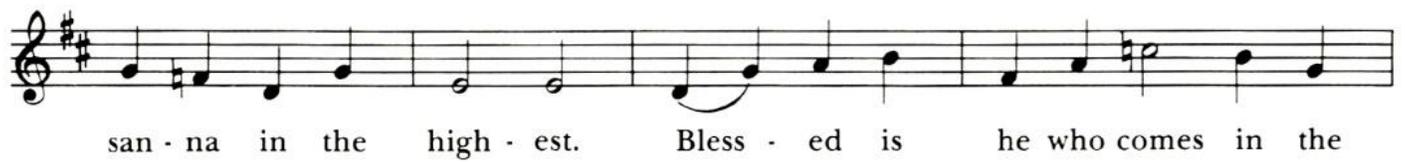
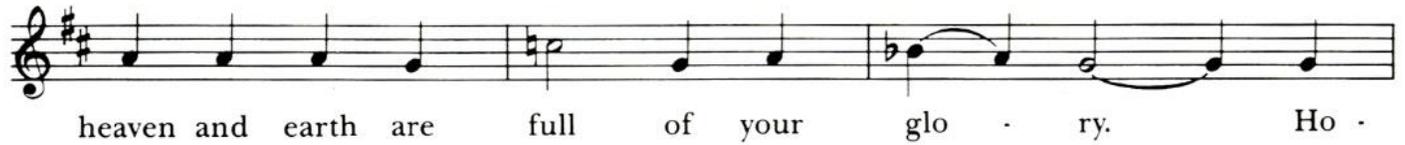
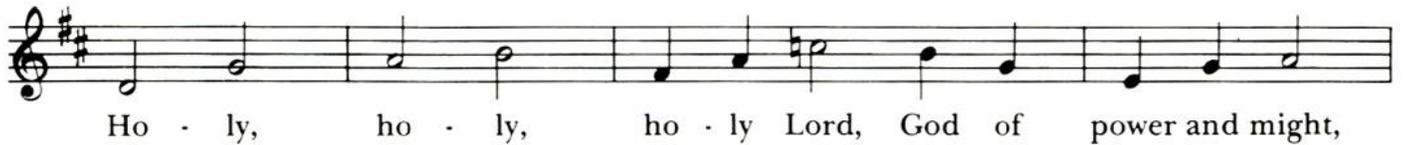
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus – S131

Sung by all

setting by Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)



The people remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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 – 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. 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

Greater love hath no man than this

John Ireland (1914-92)

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,
ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
That ye should show forth the praises of him
who hath call'd you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,
that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable unto to God, which is your reasonable service.

Communion Hymn 684

CAITHNESS

“O for a closer walk with God”

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.**

A Prayer for the Confirmands

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Loving God, we pray for these young people whom we honor
for their work, faith, and witness today. We thank you for what they have
taught us and for what they will teach us in days to come. We pray that
they may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Fill them with your
Spirit's power and strengthen them for service to you and the world you
have made, this day and always. Amen.**

Parish Announcements

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to proclaim the love of God and the wonderful works of Jesus the Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn 657

HYFRYDOL

“Love divine, all loves excelling”

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

Confirmands We go forth to offer our voices and share our gifts.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Léon Boëllmann (1862–97)

Toccata Gothique

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Eucharistic Minister Sharon Pearson

Lectors Confirmands

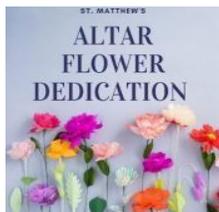
Intercessor Samantha Trolice

Music Director Andrew Leslie Cooper

Organist Michael Burnette

Choir St. Matthew’s Church Choir

Counters Steve Pettit, Andrea Sato



Today’s altar flowers are given in memory of James M. Hill, Jr. by his children, Joyce H. Ruterma, Heather Hill-Holmes and James M. Hill, III.

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: *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 Christ Church, Norwalk; Iglesia Betania, Stamford; St. Andrew's, Northford. Episcopal Rainbow, TransEpiscopal, Believe Out Loud, LGBTQ+ Episcopalians, and those who serve the LGBTQ+ community.



Later today - join us for our new Worship Offering - Sunday, June 5th at 4:30pm

Come gather with us in the Sanctuary at 4:30pm today for our Taste and See brief and relaxed worship experience. All ages are welcome. The service includes simple songs, experiential story and supper. Come as you are and bring a friend.

Join Education for Ministry (EfM) to... *Deepen your Christian faith. Learn how to articulate that faith. Let that faith inspire you into action!*

Through study, prayer, and reflection, trained mentors facilitate small group discussions and guide participants to examine life through an increasingly informed and inspired theological lens. More than Bible study, EfM participants read and discuss the Old Testament (Year 1), the New Testament (Year 2), Church history (Year 3), and theology (Year 4). You do not have to commit to all four program years nor complete the program in four years. Learn more about EfM at <https://efm.sewanee.edu>.



St. Matthew's offers EfM and is seeking new participants to start Year 1, joining others who will be starting Year 2 and 3. This seminar group meets virtually over Zoom from 7:00-9:15pm every Monday from mid-September thru May. Current participants come from a variety of congregations. **There will be an info session on Monday, June 13 beginning at 7:00pm via Zoom.** Please contact Sharon Ely Pearson for more information at 203.984.1228 or sharonepearson@gmail.com

**PLEASE JOIN US ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 12th FOR OUR
ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC AND
SENIOR SUNDAY CELEBRATION**



**Sunday, June 12th, right after 10am Service
(Wear your picnic attire to church)**

This year's annual **St. Matthew's Parish Picnic** is an even bigger festivity, as we are combining it with our **Senior Sunday**, so we have more reasons to celebrate!
(And who doesn't need something to celebrate these days!)

So, come share a meal, reconnect with friends, relax and enjoy a chance to congratulate our seniors as they get ready to leave high school.

We will start with traditional BBQ fare and finish with a celebratory Seniors cake!! We ask that everyone bring something to share by clicking on this

[Sign-Up Genius Link](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4dafae22a20-church)

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We are REALLY looking forward to seeing you there!

Questions? Contact Pam Carlson (carlsons@optonline.net),
Pam Ely (Cdwilton@optonline.net) or Paul Reis (preis1@yahoo.com)

Weekly Calendar – June 5 – June 12

Sunday, June 5

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

4:30-6:00pm

The Day of Pentecost – iConfirm Service

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Church School

Coffee Hour

Taste & See: All Ages Service

Monday, June 6

7:00pm

Education for Ministry

Tuesday, June 7

11:00am

Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 8

7:30-8:45pm

Social Justice & Racial Healing group meeting (Zoom)

Sunday, June 12

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

Trinity Sunday – Senior Sunday

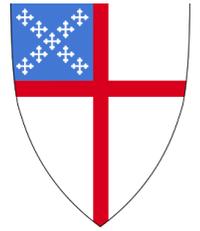
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Church School

Parish Picnic

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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