

Holy Eucharist - Rite II Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 21, 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

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

Processional Hymn 535

PADERBORN

"Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim"

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

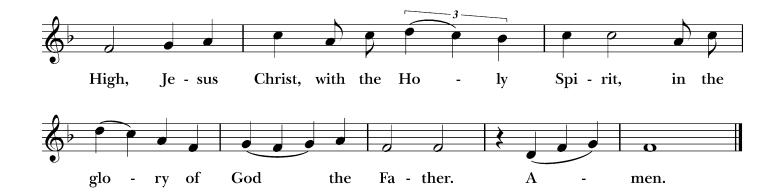
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

chant by George Clement Martin (1844–1916) sung by the choir

- ⁶ For God alone my soul in silence waits; * truly, my hope is in him.
- ⁷ He alone is my rock and my salvation, * my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- ⁸ In God is my safety and my honor; *
 God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- ⁹ Put your trust in him always, O people, * pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- ¹⁰ Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, * even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- ¹¹ On the scales they are lighter than a breath, * all of them together.
- Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; * though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- ¹³ God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, * that power belongs to God.
- ¹⁴ Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, * for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Children in Pre-K - 7th Grade proceed to their classrooms at the beginning of the first verse.

Sequence Hymn 653

REPTON

"Dear Lord and Father of mankind"

The Gospel Mark 1:14-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

The Nicene Creed

The 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.

The Prayers of the People

The People respond with the words in bold.

Intercessor Put your trust in God always, O people. With humble hearts let

us pray to God: "Steadfast love is yours, O Lord; show us mercy."

Intercessor O God, you have called your Church to be merciful. May your

Church be known by the love we show and the grace we speak.

Our souls in silence wait for you. Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People Show us mercy.

Intercessor O God, you love those we call enemy. Transform our hearts that

we might not wish for the destruction of any but instead hope for the salvation of all people. Our souls in silence wait for you.

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People Show us mercy.

Intercessor O God, we recognize that we take your creation for granted.

Forgive us and teach us to be good stewards. Our souls in silence

wait for you. Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People Show us mercy.

Intercessor O God, we lift to you the hungry and poor of our region. We

ask you to be for them a strong rock and refuge and to help us act to ease their suffering. Our souls in silence wait for you.

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People Show us mercy.

Intercessor Of God, in you is our safety and honor. Bless those who are sick and those who are brokenhearted. We pray especially for

Sabrina, Karen, Daniel, Kristen, Vinny, Antonio, Thomas, Diana, James, Carol, Susan, Lee, Arlene, Barbara, Mike, Jack, Chuck, Joan, David, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Kathy, Dick, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Aaron, Dann 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). Give to all the comfort of your peace. Our souls in silence wait for you. Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People

Show us mercy.

Intercessor

O God, even while this life is passing away, you are faithful. Receive into your heavenly kingdom the dying and the dead, especially the Rev. Emily Richardson. Continue to bless them with your love. Our souls in silence wait for you. Steadfast love

is yours, O Lord;

People

Show us mercy.

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

Celebrant O Lord, grant me a hunger for truth, the wisdom to recognize it, the courage to live it, the desire to spread it, the compassion to advocate for it, and the faith to embrace it, especially when it is challenging. Give me the ears to hear it, the voice to speak it, and the conviction to carry it with me today and tomorrow. **Amen.**—Rita Buettner, Loyola University

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns 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.

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,

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.

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

+ THE HOLY COMMUNION+

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

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:23, 24

Offertory Anthem

text by Michael Hudson music by Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

A silence which was broken

A silence which was broken, by John's astounding word returned again to muffle all passion where it stirred.

A people lately singing now strained their hearts to hear the sweet receding music, "the realm of God is near." But hope, hushed and imprisoned, will not be silent long -- another seized the promise and sang it, sure and strong.

And many joined the singing. and many came to hear, and many soon discovered the realm of God is near.

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 <u>www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering</u>. 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.



Doxology at the Presentation

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.

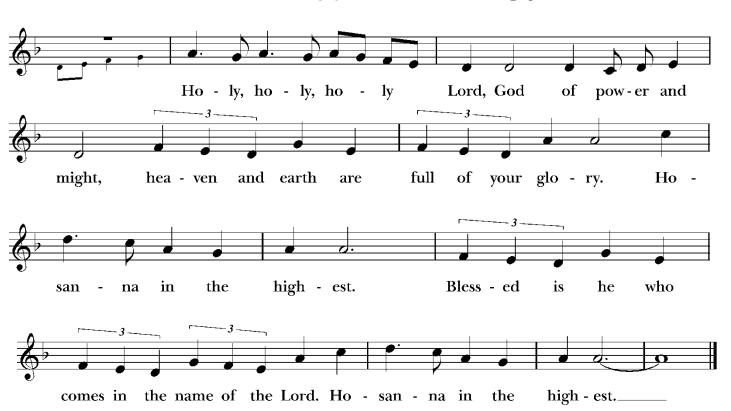
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:



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: *Celebrant and People*

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.

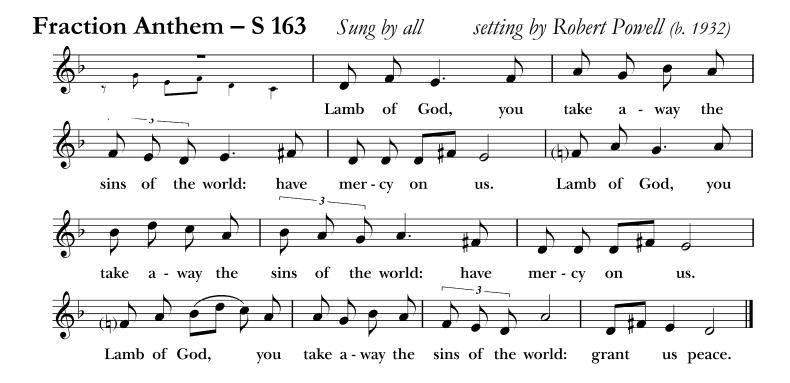
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 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.

Communion Anthem

DILLOW

Put down your nets and follow me

"Put down your nets and follow me," our Lord and Master said; and so they followed, willingly, not knowing where he led.

We too are called from our concerns to follow our Lord's way. By trusting him, the heart soon learns to cast off yesterday. Do not be tempted by the cares of long deluded dreams; temptation's path is wrought with snares and never as it seems.

The phantom riches we pursue are never ours to gain.
They fade before our eyes like dew after a morning rain.

"Put down your nets and follow me," our Lord and Master pleads;
O may we follow faithfully, well knowing where he leads.

Please kneel or sit to sing.

Communion Hymn 550

RESTORATION

"Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult"

If you are joining us from home or have not received communion, you may offer this prayer to the Lord.

The Act of Reception

Saint Augustine's Prayer Book (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

Celebrant Let us pray.

People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Announcements

The Blessing

Celebrant The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, teach you to walk in his way more trustfully, to accept his truth more faithfully, and to share his life more lovingly; that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may come as one family to the kingdom of God. And the blessing of our God who Creates, Redeems, and Sanctifies be with you this day and evermore. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 530

GOTT SEI DANK

"Spread, O spread, thou mighty word"

After the Celebrant offers the dismissal, the People respond Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach Eucharistic Ministers Pam Ely, Sharon Pearson

Lectors Caroline DeAngelis, Lorena Morales Aparicio

Intercessor Andrew Leslie Cooper
Music Director Andrew Leslie Cooper

Choir St. Matthew's Church Choir

Prayer Requests Specific prayer requests will be kept on the prayer list for <u>six</u> <u>weeks</u>. 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: Sabrina, Karen, Daniel, Kristen, Vinny, Antonio, Thomas, Diana, James, Carol, Susan, Lee, Arlene, Barbara, Mike, Jack, Chuck, David, Joan, 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 all ecumenical and interfaith endeavors involving our congregations and people; for peace and peacemakers.



UPCOMING CONCERTS

Friday, Feb 02, 2024, 7:30 PM: Westminster Choir

Friday, Mar 22, 2024, 7:30 PM: Hildegard, Bach, and Pärt (free)

Friday, Apr 05, 2024, 7:30 PM: Chhandayan | Holi Festival of Colors

Saturday, May 18, 2024, 7:30 PM: La Fiocco

Saturday, Jun 08, 2024, 7:30 PM: Grand Finale — The Bach Family

Tickets and subscriptions available at www.stmatthewswilton.org/aasm-tickets



Weekly Calendar – January 21 - January 28

Sunday, January 21 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00am Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

10:15am Church School 11:15am Coffee Hour

Monday, January 22

7:00-9:30pm Education for Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 23

11:00am Staff Meeting

Thursday, January 25

7:30-9:00pm St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

Sunday, January 28 The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany:

10:00am Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

10:15am Church School 11:15am Coffee Hour

11:30-1:00pm Confirmation Class

Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group.

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.



Philadelphia Eleven Documentary



We have a wonderful opportunity at St. Matthew's coming up on April 28th. We will have a special screening of a documentary that was made about the Philadelphia Eleven, the first women to be ordained in the Episcopal Church. And we will be joined that day by one of the eleven, the Rev. Dr. Carter Heyward. You can read more about the film and watch the trailer in this week's Enews.

We continue to work out some of the details - but I'll have all of them to you soon. Plan on coming to church that morning and staying afterward for the screening and a conversation with Carter Heyward. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss it! Share this invitation with friends who might be interested. All are welcome.

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Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up



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Carotid Artery Disease:

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD):

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.1

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA):

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a life-threatening and other heart-related medical emergency.

Atrial Fibrillation:

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation, AFib can lead to blood clots. stroke, and heart failure, complications.2

We will be in your neighborhood soon February 17th

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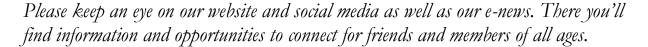


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Screening results are provided to you in about 14 days. We direct all participants with abnormal results to take the report to their physician. Appropriate modification of risk factors (including high blood pressure, smoking, heart disease, diabetes and poor diet) is also necessary for cardiovascular disease prevention. Our screenings cannot detect all forms of stroke risk or cardiovascular disease. All tests are for screening purposes only. You should consult with your personal physician regarding your screening results. Price does not include any applicable review fees. Insurance Note: Life Line Screening does not participate in the Medicare program and the cost of our screening services is not covered or reimbursable by Medicare. Life Line Screening does not file insurance claims nor provide referrals to any physician's group or hospital. If you are unable to attend the screening for any reason whatsoever, we will issue a gift card for the full amount to be used by you, or anyone you choose, for future screening services.

Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am





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