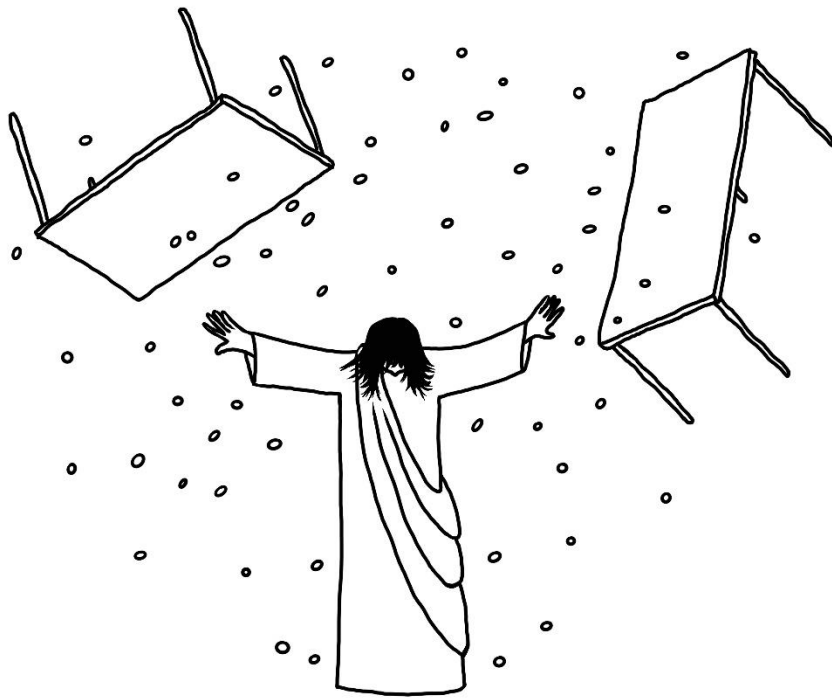




# Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Holy Eucharist - Rite II**  
**The Third Sunday in Lent**  
**March 3, 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.**

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

### **Prelude**

Jehan Alain (1911–1940)

*Choral dorien, JA 67*

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

### **Processional Hymn 152**

A la venue de Noël

“Kind Maker of the world, O hear”

### **A Penitential Order: Rite Two**

*Celebrant*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People*

**God's mercy endures forever.**

## **The Decalogue**

*The Celebrant and people kneel as they are able, the Celebrant begins*

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

*Silence may be kept.*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

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

# Kyrie eleison setting from *The Wilton Service* by Andrew Leslie Cooper

*sung by all*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Christ, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## The Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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**

**Exodus 20:1-17**

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 19**

*sung by the choir*

*Plainsong*

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

<sup>3</sup> Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup> Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.

<sup>5</sup> In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup> It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

<sup>8</sup> The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.

<sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.

<sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.



## The Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

*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 488

SLANE

“Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart”

*When reading the Gospel of John, it is important to remember that Jesus and his disciples, as well as many of his opponents, were Jewish. John was writing at a time of high tension between the members of the Jewish community who accepted Jesus as the promised messiah, and those who did not. That tension is reflected in this reading. When St. John refers to “the Jews,” he is referring to a few contemporary Jewish leaders, not to the people as a whole, nor to their descendants. St. Matthew’s condemns antisemitism in every form.*

## **The Gospel**

**John 2:13-22**

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

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*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* God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Therefore, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "O Lord, our strength and our redeemer, *hear our prayer.*"

*Intercessor* Almighty God, you are most fully present, not in any building, but in your Son Jesus: give us the wisdom and strength to remove any obstacles that prevent your people from experiencing your presence. O Lord, our strength and our redeemer,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Righteous God, your statutes are just and rejoice the heart: may your justice revive weary souls around the world. We long for the day when your perfect law is valued more than fine gold. O Lord, our strength and our redeemer,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Creator God, the heavens declare your glory: train our ears to hear and value the testimony of your handiwork. O Lord, our strength and our redeemer,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* O Lord, you give wisdom to the innocent: we thank you for libraries and schools and other places of learning. We thank you for those places where all people, rich and poor, young and old, can increase in knowledge of you and of all you have made. O Lord, our strength and our redeemer,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Gracious God, your steadfast love extends to the thousandth generation of those who love you: we pray that you will defend us, and all whom we love, from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul. We pray especially for Rob, Lia, Sabrina, 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*). O Lord, our strength and our redeemer,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Everliving God, you raised Jesus from the dead: we entrust the dead to the Crucified One in the hope that those who have died in Christ will also be raised to new life in him. O Lord, our strength and our redeemer,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

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* God, we have brought our shortcomings and our needs to you. We ask that you strengthen our hearts and hands for the work of justice in the world. Help us to recognize that each and every one of us – known and unknown – are part of your family. We are all children of God. **Amen.**

—*Faye Wilson and Mark Miller, General Commission on Religion and Race.*

*Celebrant*

Strong and faithful God, hear us as we cry to you. Stretch out your hand to save us, that we may praise you for your mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **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 +**

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

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

### **Offertory Anthem**

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

*Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks*

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks :  
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.  
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
My tears have been my meat day and night :  
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy 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 into the new life God promises.*

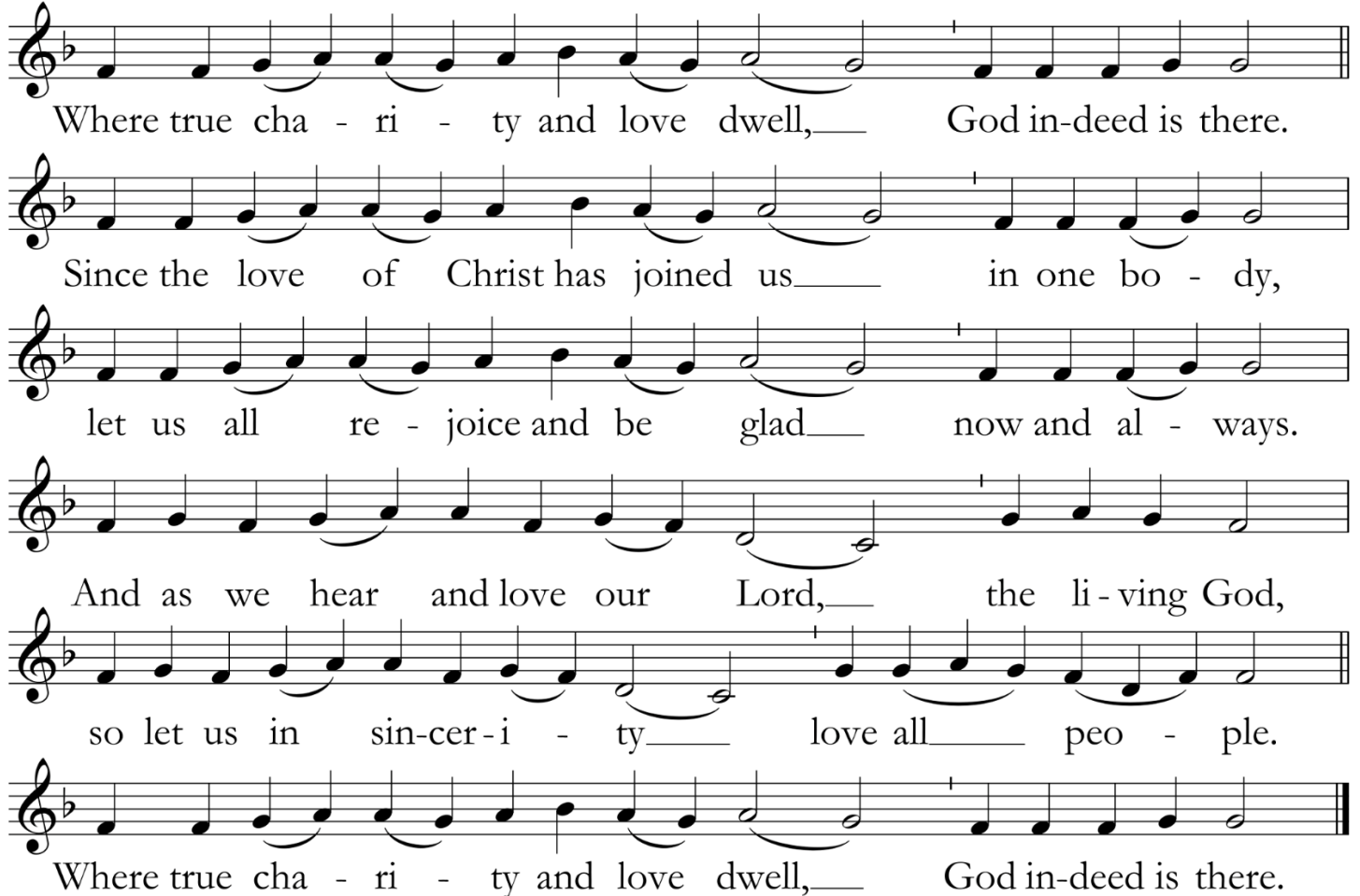
*Visit [www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering](http://www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering). Designate it as a gift or as part of your pledge. No gift is too small. All gifts honor the God who honors us with life, breath, love, and salvation.*



*Please stand and sing:*

## Hymn at the Presentation

UBI CARITAS



Where true cha - ri - ty and love dwell, God in-deed is there.

Since the love of Christ has joined us in one bo - dy,

let us all re - jice and be glad now and al - ways.

And as we hear and love our Lord, the li - ving God,

so let us in sin-cer-i - ty love all peo - ple.

Where true cha - ri - ty and love dwell, God in-deed is there.

## 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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may

come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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

**Sanctus** setting from *The Wilton Service* by Andrew Leslie Cooper  
*sung by all*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly  
Lord, God of power\_ and might, power and might,  
hea-ven and earth are full\_ of your glo-ry, full of your glo-ry.  
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
*Choir alone:*  
Bless - ed is he,\_\_\_ he\_\_\_ who comes\_\_\_ in\_\_\_ the  
name\_\_\_ of the Lord.  
*All:*  
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people remain standing or kneel. 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.**

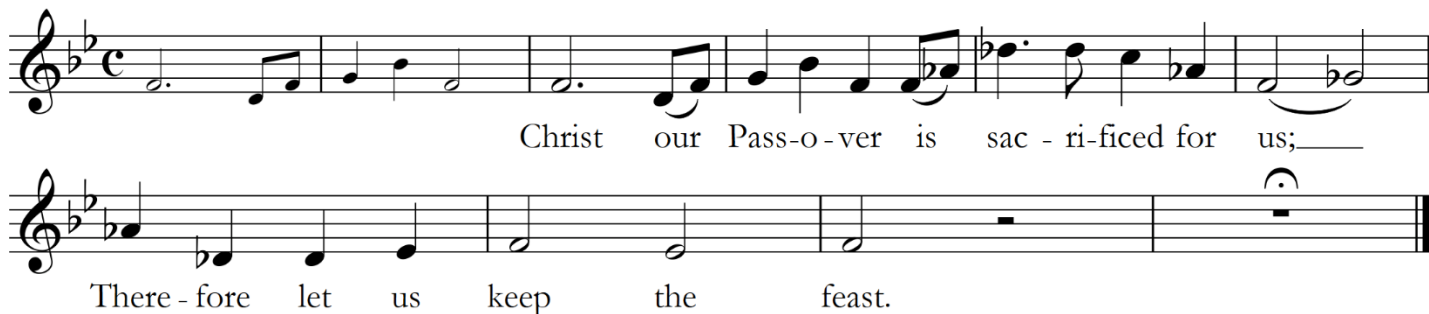
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*Celebrant and People*

**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** setting from *The Wilton Service* by Andrew Leslie Cooper  
*sung by all*



Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac - ri-ficed for us; —  
There - fore let us keep the feast.

*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

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

*God so loved the world*

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,  
That **whoso** believeth in him should not perish,  
But have everlasting life. — *John 3:16*

*Please kneel or sit to sing.*

## Communion Hymn 360 vv. 1, 2, 3, 4

ROUEN

“Only begotten, Word of God eternal”

*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 (2<sup>nd</sup> ed)

*The Celebrant and the People say together*

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

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

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

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*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

### Blessing

*The Celebrant blesses the people saying*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

### Recessional Hymn 665

MICHAEL

“All my hope on God is founded”

*After the Celebrant offers the dismissal, the People respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

Jehan Alain (1911–1940)

*Choral phrygien, JA 68*

## **Worship Leaders**

<i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i>	The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Beth Baker, Vytas Kisielius
<i>Lectors</i>	Mary Obermayer, Chris Perry
<i>Intercessor</i>	Vytas Kisielius
<i>Music Director</i>	Andrew Leslie Cooper
<i>Choir</i>	St. Matthew's Church Choir
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Betsy Pettit, Debbie Fuller, Kim Olson
<i>Counters</i>	Keith DeAngelis, David Gortz

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

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford; Good Shepherd, Hartford; Grace Church, Hartford; St. Martin's, Hartford. Prison ministry and prison chaplains; the ECCT Faith Behind Bars & Beyond Ministry Network.

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## **Sundays in Lent: Gospel Series**

Stay after worship and join the conversation.  
Come discuss the Gospel of the day,  
the sermon, and what it means to you.

After church, beginning at 11:30am  
Sundays, February 18, 25, March 3, 10 and 17.



## St. Matt's Spirited Sisters

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, March 13th at 7:30** in the Upper Core. Please join us to learn about and discuss Christian meditation and mindfulness.

St. Matt's Spirited Sisters is a community of faith for the women of St Matthew's that explores and strengthens our Christian ideals and knowledge, fostering friendship, offering prayer and support for each other, and building a deeper relationship with Christ. We generally meet the second Wednesday of every month to discuss topics of faith by listening to podcasts, reading articles, taking field trips, doing hands-on activities, and learning from each other. We welcome all of the women of St. Matthew's and their friends. Discussion materials will be available prior to meeting but advanced prep work is not required. Please Contact Pam Carlson [pamelacarlson@gmail.com](mailto:pamelacarlson@gmail.com) or Stacey Savas [staceysavas70@gmail.com](mailto:staceysavas70@gmail.com) with any questions.

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## Adult Forum - Social Justice & Racial Healing

*DID YOU KNOW that the 1810 federal census showed Wilton had 5 distilleries, producing 1,680 gallons of rye whiskey and rum per year?  
Learn more at the Adult Forum on Sunday, March 17.*

FROM "PEOPLE OF THE SHELL" TO THE TONQUIN FAMILY  
WILTON, ST. MATTHEW'S, & SLAVERY

ADULT FORUM – Sunday, March 17 ~ 11:15-12:45

For the past 2+ years, our Social Justice & Racial Healing group, with the help of Wilton historian Julie Hughes and others, have been digging into Wilton's and St. Matthew's past to discover and document historic participation in racism. We will be sharing what we have learned from the 17<sup>th</sup> century through the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Dr. Julie Hughes, Wilton archivist and historian will also be with us. Join us as we explore who first lived on Wilton land, how St. Matthew's (and Wilton) became independent from Norwalk, and how those enslaved in our area contributed the community of Wilton and St. Matthew's.

# **the Arts** AT ST. MATTHEW'S

## **UPCOMING CONCERTS**

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](http://www.stmatthewswilton.org/aasm-tickets)





## Sacred Ground

*Sacred Ground* is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. The 11-part series is built around a powerful curriculum that focuses on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.



*Sacred Ground* is part of *Becoming Beloved Community*, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope, and love.

In the Spring of 2020, over a dozen St. Matthew's parishioners participated in this life-changing course. If there is enough interest, we will begin another cohort under the facilitation of Sharon Pearson. Contact her 203-984-1228 or [sharonepearson@gmail.com](mailto:sharonepearson@gmail.com) if you are interested in learning more.

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## 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.



# Holy Week

## SCHEDULE

<p><b>Palm &amp; Passion Sunday</b> 3/24 Holy Eucharist &amp; Passion Reading</p>	<p>10:00AM (IN PERSON &amp; ONLINE)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b> Compline 3/26</p>	<p>9:00PM (ONLINE ONLY)</p>
<p><b>Maundy Thursday</b> 3/28 Foot Washing, Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar</p>	<p>7:30PM (IN PERSON &amp; ONLINE)</p>
<p><b>Good Friday</b> 3/29 Liturgy of the Day</p>	<p>12:00PM (IN PERSON &amp; ONLINE)</p>
<p><b>Good Friday</b> 3/29 Taize: Prayer &amp; Song</p>	<p>7:30PM (IN PERSON &amp; ONLINE)</p>
<p><b>Holy Saturday</b> 3/30 Service of Preparation</p>	<p>9:00AM (IN PERSON ONLY)</p>

## Weekly Calendar – March 3 – March 10

### Sunday, **March 3**

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

11:30am

### **The Third Sunday in Lent**

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Godly Play

Coffee Hour

Lenten Gospel Series

### Monday, **March 4**

7:00-9:30pm

Education for Ministry (Zoom)

### Tuesday, **March 5**

11:00am

9:00pm

Staff Meeting

Compline in Lent (Zoom)

### Wednesday, **March 6**

7:30-9:00pm

Social Justice & Racial Healing meeting

### Thursday, **March 7**

7:30-9:00pm

St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

### Sunday, **March 10**

10:00am

10:15am

11:15am

11:30am

### **The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Church School

Coffee Hour

Lenten Gospel Series

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

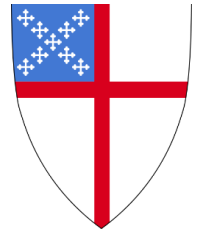
Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to [www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter](http://www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter).

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.

# 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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