

Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist - Rite II
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 2022
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

Interlude

Léon Boëllmann (1862–97)

Please stand as you are able.

Entrance Hymn 11 vv. 1-3

MORNING HYMN

“Awake, my soul, and with the sun”

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 (*said by all*)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria – S279

Sung by all

setting by Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —



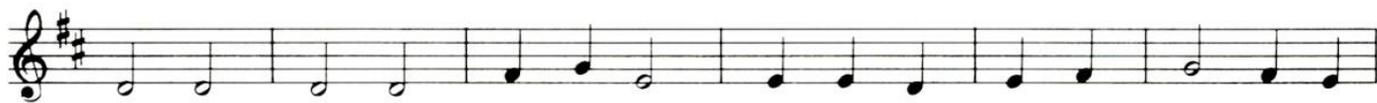
— and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,



al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the



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 Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Sung by the Cantor

¹ LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

² You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

⁴ You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

¹² For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹³ I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

¹⁴ My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁵ Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

¹⁶ How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

¹⁷ If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn 348

O QUANTA QUALIA

“Lord, we have come at your own invitation”

The Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

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

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Alan Dennis

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 of the People

The Intercessor begins, the People respond with the words in bold.

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
God of love, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; and especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Ian and Laura, our Bishops, for Jeff, our Bishop-Elect, and for Marissa, our Rector;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Andy, Liz, Ann, 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, Mary Lou, Charles, Dann and those we now name (*the people are invited to offer their own intercessions*); and we remember before you those who serve in the military, especially Matthew and those we now name (*the people are invited to offer their own intercessions*); have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor We pray also for those who have died, especially [_____ and] those we now name (*the people are invited to offer their own intercessions*); give to the departed eternal rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor We thank you Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the birthday of Lawson Onthank.

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

Lord God, our Creator. We deserve to labor among thorns and thistles, to eat by the sweat of our brow, to work without reward. For we confess we have spoiled your creation by our sin, we have marred your work by our rebellion. We pray you, bless our labor by him who was once a carpenter, by him who came to be our servant, by him who saved us to serve. For his sake, keep us and all who labor from false dealing and unfair practice, from excessive profit and unjust gain, from slovenly service and irrational demands. Help us to labor with love, to labor with joy, to labor with faithfulness. Teach us that the best labor we give you is loving service to others. In Christ's name we ask it. **Amen.**

—“*The First Monday in September*” from *An American Prayer Book*

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

Celebrant and People say together

**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,
to the glory of your Name. 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 peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +

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

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn 675

BOURBON

“Take up your cross, the Savior said”

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.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus – S131

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.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People say together

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed _____, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator with voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People say together

Blessed are you 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 forever 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,
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.

Communion Hymn 654

SUMNER

“Day by day”

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.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Parish Announcements

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God give you strength to be Christ's hands and heart in this world. And the blessing of God Almighty, who creates, redeems, and sanctifies be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn 484

WACHET AUF

“Praise the Lord through every nation”

The Celebrant offers the dismissal to which the people respond,

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Fanfare-Toccata on *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Canon Alan Dennis

Eucharistic Minister

Sharon Pearson

Lectors

Lorena Morales Aparicio, Jean Campbell

Intercessor

John Pearson

Music Director

Andrew Leslie Cooper

Counters

Chris Perry, Tom Ricketts

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: *Andy, Liz, Ann, 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 L’Eglise de L’Epiphanie, Stamford; St. Andrew’s, Stamford; St. Francis’, Stamford. Those involved in the ministry in Christian Formation in parishes; church school & youth group directors, teachers, & mentors; for adult education leaders; Education for Ministry leaders and students & those who have been received into The Episcopal Church.

Weekly Calendar – September 4 – September 11

Sunday, September 4

10:00am

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 - (In person & Livestream)

Wednesday, September 7

11:00 am

Staff meeting

Thursday, September 8

7:30pm-9:00pm

St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

Sunday, September 11

9:00 am

10:00am

10:00-10:40am

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Get Out the Vote! Letter writing party

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 - (In person & Livestream)

Acolyte info/training session



**ST. MATTHEW'S DAY
FALL KICK OFF**

**PARLOR PIZZA TRUCK
BOUNCY HOUSE
JOINT KICKOFF FUN**

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



Get Out the Vote! Letter-Writing Party

Sunday, September 11 - 9:00-9:45am and 11:15am-1:00pm

In the aftermath of the Uvalde, Buffalo, and Highland Park mass shootings, many people are asking, "What can I do?" Electing candidates in November who will keep us safe from gun violence is a top priority, here in Connecticut just as it is elsewhere. In other parts of our country, many find it difficult or face obstacles to vote and need encouragement to vote in our democratic process.

Hosted by St. Matthew's *Social Justice & Racial Healing* group, come when you can to help in a variety of ways – even if it's for 15 or 30 minutes. Refreshments provided. We will provide the pens, letters, envelopes, postcards, and stamps for 50 pre-formatted letters and the names of voters in Connecticut (from *The Pen Power Project*) and 200 postcards and the names of inconsistent voters in rural Georgia (from *Postcards to Swing States*). Many hands and pens will accomplish our goal: you can add a note and sign with your first name, address envelopes or postcards, stuff envelopes, add stamps. For more info, contact Sharon Pearson sharonepearson@gmail.com or anyone on our SJRH team.

Calling all children and youth in grades 4 and up!

Do you want to be an acolyte?

All are welcome. Training provided.

Acolytes help with worship

Anyone in 4th grade and up can serve as an acolyte. They help lead worship by carrying the cross, lighting candles, and other duties as assigned.



John & Sharon Pearson will offer a session on Sunday, September 11 from 10:00-10:40am (while parents are in worship) to learn about what an acolyte does as a ministry at the altar during worship. It's been too long since we've had our youth lead the procession with cross and candles as well as assist at the altar. Here is a chance to any young person in grades 4 thru 12 to have a

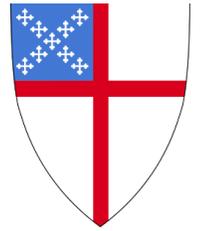
refresher or a new introduction. All are welcome – no experience necessary! We will rejoin families in worship in time for Holy Communion.

Share God's Word in Worship

St. Matt's is looking for some good readers to participate in worship as **lectors** (read the Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament lessons) and **intercessors** (lead the Prayers of the People) at 10:00 am and feast day services. Youth and adults are welcome; contact Sharon Pearson (sharonepearson@gmail.com / 203-984-1228) if interested for more info.

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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