



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Eucharist - Rite II
The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023
10:00 am

Welcome to St. Matthew's! We are glad you are here.

The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. If you're joining us from home, please stand, kneel, sing, and pray with us as you're able. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

Children are most welcome and are encouraged to participate in worship.

To the parents of children: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Sit toward the front so your little ones can see and hear. Go ahead and quietly answer their questions. If you don't know the answer, the priest would love to talk to your little one. When you sing the hymns and join in the prayers, you teach little hearts how to be faithful; you are their best model. If you need to leave the service, that's okay. Don't be shy about coming back. It was Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me."

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Matt's.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Prelude on *St. Anne*

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

Processional Hymn 680

ST. ANNE

"O God, our help in ages past"

Celebrant

Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People

The Holy One's love is new every morning.

Celebrant

This is the day the Creator has made.

People

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gloria – S 279

Sung by all

setting by Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)



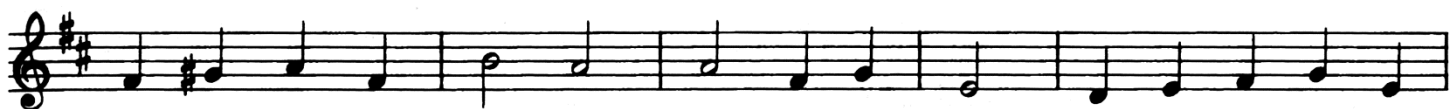
1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —



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



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



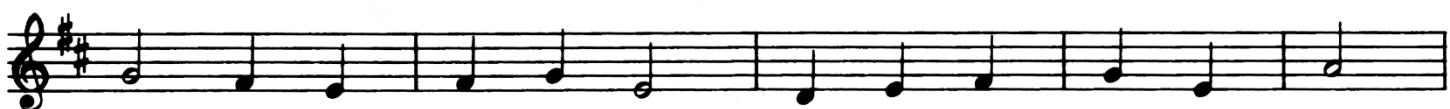
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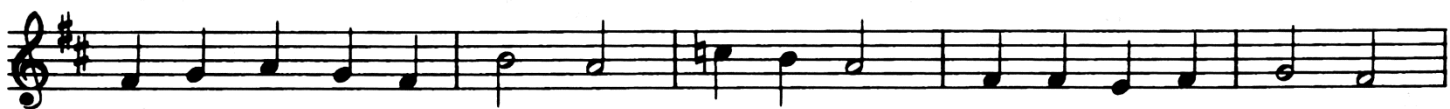
world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Creator be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
“The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-12

chant by John Bertalot (b. 1931)

- ¹ Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- ² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- ³ You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
- ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- ⁵ You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- ⁶ In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- ⁷ For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- ⁸ Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- ⁹ When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- ¹⁰ The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

¹¹ Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?

¹² So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn 547

MARSH CHAPEL

“Awake, O sleeper, rise from death”

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him,

and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Profession of Faith

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

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

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

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

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

We believe in everlasting life in God.

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

Prayers of the People

The People respond with the words in bold.

Intercessor Beloved of God, in love let us encourage one another and build each other up. Let us pray saying, “Have mercy upon us, O Lord, *have mercy.*”

Intercessor Lord God, you have destined us for obtaining salvation through our Lord Christ: strengthen your Church to confidently share your gospel throughout the world that we might be a part of building your kingdom in this place. Have mercy upon us, O Lord,

People **Have mercy.**

Intercessor Lord God, have mercy on all who are shown contempt and scorn: Hear the cries of the needy and lift up the downtrodden and lowly. Have mercy upon us, O Lord,

People **Have mercy.**

Intercessor Lord God, you rule the day and the night: Bless and sustain the works of your hands. Restore your creation. Have mercy upon us, O Lord,

People **Have mercy.**

Intercessor Lord God, you are enthroned in the heavens: may we trust not our own schemes but lift up our eyes to you. Lead and guide our community and its leaders in all justice and truth. Have mercy upon us, O Lord,

People **Have mercy.**

Intercessor Lord God, you are a merciful God: hear the prayers of those who cry out to you for help. Be present with the suffering in their waking and their sleeping. We pray especially for Callen, Thomas, James, Diana, James, Carol, Susan, Lee, Arlene, Barbara, Mike, Jack, Chuck, Joan, David, Peter, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Kathy, Dick, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Aaron, Dann and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

We also remember those we name now either silently or aloud.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord,

People **Have mercy.**

Intercessor Lord God, your Son Jesus died for us that we might dwell in your light forever; give to the dying and the dead the hope of salvation. We pray especially for Michael, father of Brian Angerame, may he rest in peace and rise in glory. Have mercy upon us, O Lord,

People **Have 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

Creator, open our hearts to peace and healing between all people. Creator, open our hearts to provide and protect for all children of the earth. Creator, open our hearts to respect for the earth, and all the gifts of the earth. Creator, open our hearts to end exclusion, violence, and fear among all. Thank you for the gifts of this day and every day. **Amen.**

—*Mi'Kmaq Prayer (Micmaic tribe)*

Then the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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

Amen.

The Confession

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

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

Celebrant and People say together

Merciful and sustaining God,

we have sinned against you.

We confess our lack of gratitude

for the beauty and bounty of your creation:

teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.

We confess that we have misused your earth:

grant us amendment of life.

We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:

strengthen us in self-control.

We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for

granted: make us urgent now for its protection.

Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ,

by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one

God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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

The Peace

Celebrant The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

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

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +

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

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

Revelation 4:11

Offertory Anthem

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

Thou, Lord, our refuge

Lord, God, you are our refuge for evermore.
You are our God from age to age,
from before the mountains were made,
and the lands and the world were created.
Hallelujah!

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



Please stand as you are able.

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

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

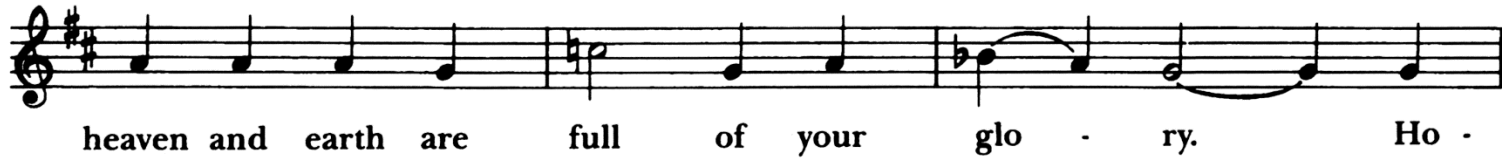
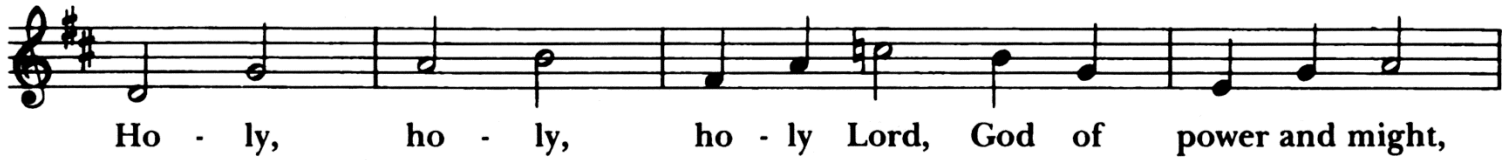
Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into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

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

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

Sanctus – S 131

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



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

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

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People say together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem – S155

Sung by all

setting by Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)



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

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to come forward, as directed by ushers, to receive communion or a blessing. Please wait for the Ushers and follow their instructions. When you reach the center of the space, please open your hands and lay them flat to receive the bread or cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. You may then choose to drink from the silver chalice to your left or intinct (dip the wafer in the wine) in the clay chalice to your right. If you do not wish to receive wine, simply pass the cup, and make your way back to your seat. We believe Jesus is fully present in both the bread and the wine, so if you receive the bread, you have participated fully in communion. Let the Priest know if you need a gluten free wafer by first extending your palms down. If you would like to have communion brought to your pew, please let an Usher know.

Communion Anthem

Samuel Holyoke (1762–1820)

Boundbrook

Life is the time to serve the Lord,
The time to ensure the great reward;
And while the lamp holds out to burn,
The vilest sinner may return.

Life is the hour that God has given
To 'scape from hell and fly to heaven;
The day of grace, and mortals may
Secure the blessings of the day.

Then what my thoughts design to do,
My hands, with all your might pursue;
Since no device nor work is found,
Nor faith, nor hope, beneath the ground.

There are no acts of pardon passed
In the cold grave, to which we haste;
But darkness, death, and long despair,
Reign in eternal silence there.

All sing the following hymn, either sitting or kneeling:

Communion Hymn 655

NYLAND

“O Jesus, I have promised”

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

The Act of Reception

Saint Augustine's Prayer Book (2nd ed)

The Celebrant and the People say together

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

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

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

The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Faithful God

in the wonder of your wisdom and love

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

We thank you for feeding us with this bread.

May it strengthen us

that by the power of the Holy Spirit

we may embody your desire

and be renewed for your service

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Parish Announcements

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People

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

Recessional Hymn 598

MIT FREUDEN ZART

“Lord Christ, when first thou cam’st to earth”

Dismissal

Celebrant
People

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

Postlude

Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)

Grand Chœur alla Händel

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors
Intercessor
Music Director
Choir
Altar Guild
Counters

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
Bill Brautigam, Vytas Kisielius
John Pearson, Lorena Morales Aparacio
Vytas Kisielius
Andrew Leslie Cooper
St. Matthew’s Church Choir
Betsy Pettit, Debbie Fuller, Kim Olson
David Gortz, Adair Garis

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: Callen, Thomas, James, Diana, James, Carol, Susan, Lee, Arlene, Barbara, Mike, Jack, Chuck, David, Joan, Peter, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Kathy, Dick, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Aaron, Dann and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. James’, Winstead; All Saints’, Wolcott; The Program & Budget Committee, Faith & Order Commission.*

Weekly Calendar – November 19 – November 26

Sunday, **November 19**

10:00am

11:30am

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Confirmation Class meeting

Monday, **November 20**

7:00pm

EFM (Virtual)

Thursday, **November 23**

Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, **November 26**

10:00am

The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist – Rite II



UPCOMING CONCERTS

Friday, Jan 19, 2024, 7:30 PM: Michelle Pauker | American Songbook

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

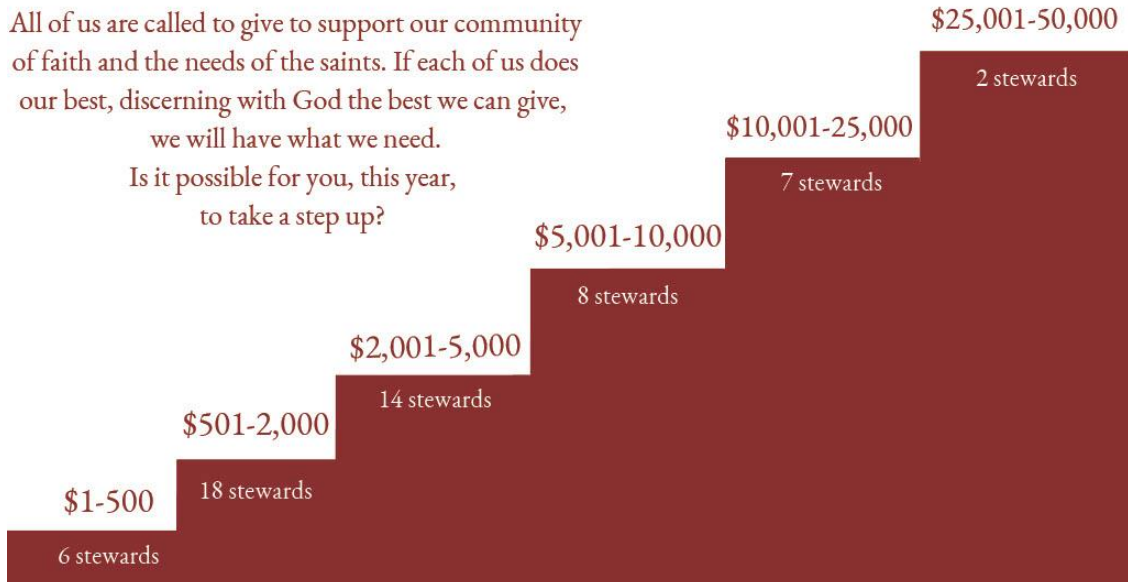
Saturday, Jun 08, 2024, 7:30 PM: Grand Finale — The Bach Family

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



Step Up for St. Matthew's

2023 Pledges



Frequently Asked Questions About Pledging

What is a pledge?

A pledge is a financial promise to support our parish and its missions in the coming year. Your pledge is an act of faith that connects you more deeply to our church. Many find spiritual joy in making a generous pledge to support God's work through the church. While pledges guide our budget for the year, they can be adjusted, up or down, if your circumstances change.

Why is it important to pledge?

Scripture is clear on many occasions about the teachings of Jesus and others, including St. Paul, that God expects us to give back to our community faith and to God out of gratitude. The Episcopal Church also sees a pledge as an important part of membership. No matter the size of this gift, your pledge is a sacred gift to be discerned with God.

Whether it's \$10, \$100, \$5,000 or \$50,000, we give thanks for the best you and God can put forward this year.

Don't we have an endowment?

We are blessed to have an endowment fund that supports a portion of our annual budget and our mission efforts. As good stewards, we strive to preserve the principal for future needs or emergencies and use only a small draw (4% of average principal) each year to offset a portion of our annual expenses.

Don't we get money from the Diocese?

It's actually the other way around! Episcopal churches raise most of their operating funds from members. Unlike some churches, we are not funded from the top down. Your pledges or gifts go directly to our parish, and we are then charged an annual assessment to support the larger church at the diocesan (state) and national levels.

What's the difference between a gift and a pledge?

A pledge indicates your commitment to the parish, your intention to support the mission of God in the year ahead. Gifts are always welcome and appreciated and God delights in them, however, they don't allow us to plan responsibly or to look ahead. Pledges help us to plan responsibly for God's mission and your care.

Don't see your question here? Email finance@stmatthewswilton.org

Holiday Gift Drive for Circle of Care

As the St. Matt's community has done in the past, we will be collecting holiday gifts for our Mission Partner, Circle of Care's Holiday Gift Drive throughout the month of November. A collection box will be in the narthex.



For details, please see the e-news or the flyer in the narthex for details. Parishioners can donate easily through the Amazon wish list, please use this link:

<https://a.co/5SJVBSQ> Feel free to contact Lisa Williams at Circle of Care with any questions (Lisa.williams@thecircleofcare.org). Thank you for your support.

Field Trip to The Morgan Library Wednesday, December 6 (9:am-4:pm)



Please join us! A group of St. Matthew's parishioners are planning a trip to the Morgan Library and Museum in NYC to see **Morgan's Bibles: Splendor in Scripture**, an exhibit of extraordinary masterpieces such as a tablet with the deluge story, the Gutenberg Bible, the Golden Gospels of Henry VIII, Rubens drawings, and Rembrandt prints. On Wednesday, December 6th we will meet at St. Matthew's and together take the 9:35am train from the South Norwalk station, see the exhibit, enjoy lunch at the Library's café around 1:00pm, and then return home. Museum tickets will be purchased in advance (\$25.50 adults/\$14 seniors), not including train fare and lunch. See Eleanor Arnold, Pam Ely, Becky Hudspeth, or Sharon Pearson for more information and details.

Christmas Memorials and Thanksgivings

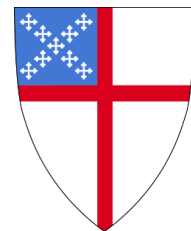
At this time of year, it's our custom to give gifts in memory of or in thanksgiving for the people we love. If you would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers, music memorials or the Rector's Discretionary Fund, please be in touch with Nancy in the Parish Office at office@stmatthewswilton.org or online at www.stmatthewswilton.org/memorials.



Please respond by Friday, 12/15 with names to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

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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