



Holy Eucharist - Rite II
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 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

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

Processional Hymn 591

KING'S LYNN

"O God of earth and altar"

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.



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Creator be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped

to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes,

to open doors before him-and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,

I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96

chant by David Hurd (b. 1950)

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- ² Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- ⁶ Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.

- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.
- ¹⁰ Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
 he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
 he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- ¹² Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.
- ¹³ He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need

to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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 684

CAITHNESS

"O for a closer walk with God"

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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: Grace to you and peace. Let us pray to the Holy One, saying, "Be gracious to us, O God; show us your mercy."

Intercessor We always give thanks to you, O God, for the Church, constantly remembering before you its work by faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. Inspire us by the Holy Spirit. Be gracious to us, O God;

People Show us your mercy.

Intercessor Almighty God, make us more like your Son, Jesus, who did not regard people with partiality. May we love justice. May we be gracious to all people. Be gracious to us, O God;

People Show us your mercy.

Intercessor God our King, the earth shakes in your presence. All that is belongs not to us, but to you. May we be good stewards of all you have created. Be gracious to us, O God;

People Show us your mercy.

Intercessor Holy One, you answer those who call upon you. Hear the voices of the weak and wronged. May this city know and experience your presence. Be gracious to us, O God;

People Show us your mercy.

Intercessor Great Lord, give your people rest. Cover the sick and sorrowful with your healing hand. May the lonely and forgotten find favor in your sight. 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. Be gracious to us, O God;

People Show us your mercy.

Intercessor Living God, you have rescued the dying and dead from the coming wrath through the death and resurrection of your Christ. May our voices blend with theirs as they proclaim your greatness and worship around your throne forever. Be gracious to us, O God;

People Show us your 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

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, Teach me true generosity. Teach me to serve as you deserve; to give without counting the cost; to fight heedless of wounds; to labor without seeking rest; to sacrifice myself without thought of any reward. Save the knowledge that I have done your will. **Amen**.

—Attributed to St. Ignatius of Loyola

Then the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Hasten, O Father, 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.**

Please stand as you are able.

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

Christopher Tye (1505–72)

Give almes of thy goods

Give almes of thy goods, and turn never thy face from any poor man, and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

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. 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 PresentationSung 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

CelebrantPeopleCelebrantCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And also with you.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:









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 lifegiving 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.

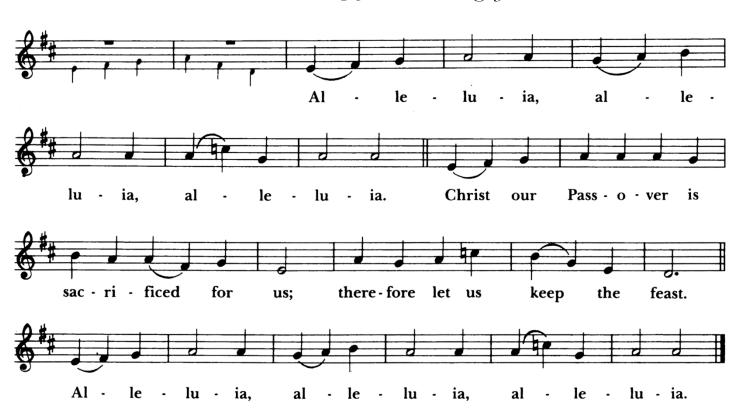
The Breaking of the Bread

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)



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

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

O taste and see

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; Blest is the man that trusteth in Him.

All sing the following hymn, either sitting or kneeling.

Communion Hymn 544

DUKE STREET

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun"

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 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 594

CWM RHONDDA

"God of grace and God of glory"

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve God's Creation.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Eucharistic Ministers Vytas Kisielius, Sharon Pearson

Lectors Jean Campbell, Caroline DeAngelis

IntercessorAndrew Leslie CooperMusic DirectorAndrew Leslie Cooper

Choir St. Matthew's Church Choir Altar Guild Char Griffin, Jen DeAngelis Bill Brautigam, Chris Perry

<u>Prayer Requests</u> Specific prayer requests will be kept on the prayer list for <u>six weeks</u>. Please call or email the office if you have additions or deletions to the prayer list. You are encouraged to offer your own prayers silently or aloud as indicated in the Prayers of the People.

Today and through the week, we remember all those who have been commended to our prayers. For those who are sick or in need: 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 Holy Spirit, West Haven; St. Paul's, Westbrook; Diocesan Episcopal Church Women, Diocesan Altar Guild; local ECW chapters and parish altar guilds.

Weekly Calendar – October 22 – October 29

Sunday, October 22 The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Holy Eucharist – Rite II 11:30-1:00pm Forum with Nora Neus

2:30-4:00pm Book Workshop with Nora Neus

Monday, October 23

7:30pm EFM (Virtual)

Tuesday, October 24

11:00am Staff meeting

7:00pm Finance Committee meeting

Thursday, October 26

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

Saturday, October 28

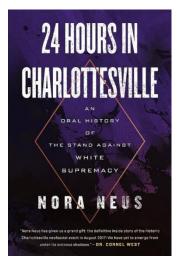
6:00pm St. Matthew's Auction

Sunday, October 29

10:00am Holy Eucharist – Rite II

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY - Sunday, October 22nd A Conversation on White Supremacy and the Far Right



Join us after church today at 11:30am for a special conversation with Nora Neus. Nora is the author of 24 Hours in Charlottesville: An Oral History of the Stand Against White Supremacy. Nora will share some of her experiences of that day in Charlottesville, especially the role of the church and the progressive Christian witness. In a dialogue with Marissa, and in our conversation together, we will explore what role progressive Christians might have in the fight against white supremacy.

Also, at 2:30pm Nora has a special workshop for kids ages 7-12. Drawing on her book, *Muhammed Najem, War Reporter*, Nora Neus will walk students through the process of writing a graphic novel. Yes, *writing!* You might think of graphic novels as primarily art-based, but words bring these stories to life. Nora shows the evolution of the graphic novel "script" from edits to sketches, inks, and colors. By the end of our workshop, students will have created the first page of their own graphic novel and have an opportunity to share with the group and get her feedback.



We are delighted to host Nora for this special event at St. Matthew's which is free to attend and open to the public. You are welcome!

St. Matthew's Auction 2023



Saturday, October 28th, we will travel around the world together, tasting and sharing food and drink from many different regions of the world. There is no need to bring your own passport as we will provide your very own for this special evening. Please buy your tickets online, invite a friend(s), and check back with us frequently for new listings of auction items.

This evening will support all of St. Matthew's ministries, and is a joyous evening during which we celebrate our church life together and give generously to fund that life. <u>Click here</u> for more details and information or scan the QR Code below.

Of course, this evening would not be complete without the donations of wonderful auction items! Here is a list for some inspiration:

- vacation home
- restaurant gift cards
- themed gift baskets
- dinner parties
- tickets to sporting events
- newest tech gadget







NEXT UP FOR THE CONCERT SERIES

St. Matthew's Church Choir, conducted by Andrew Leslie Cooper, presents the timeless *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924). In addition to this inimitable classic, this concert will feature solo music for voices and organ.

This event is part of The Arts at St. Matthew's 2023–24 season and is ticketed at \$30 per person, \$10 for students. To purchase tickets or subscriptions for the other concerts in the 2023–24 series, visit the link below or scan the QR code.

All attendees are welcome to stay for a reception afterwards in the Lounge, where light refreshments will be served.

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

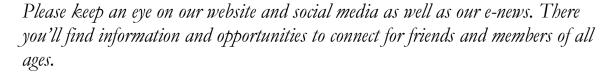
Saturday, Jun 08, 2024, 7:30 PM: Grand Finale — The Bach Family

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



Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am





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