



# **Saint Matthew's**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Holy Eucharist - Rite II**  
**The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 12, 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.**

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## + THE WORD OF GOD +

### Prelude

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

### Processional Hymn 53

GOTTES SOHN IST KOMMEN

"Once he came in blessing"

*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,  
 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 Creator be with you.  
*People*               **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## The First Reading

**Wisdom 6:12–16**

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,  
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,  
and is found by those who seek her.  
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.  
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,  
for she will be found sitting at the gate.  
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,  
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,  
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,  
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,  
and meets them in every thought.

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

## Psalm 70

chant by Frederick Burgomaster

<sup>1</sup> Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
O LORD, make haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup> Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed; \*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.

<sup>3</sup> Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.

<sup>4</sup> Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever,  
"Great is the LORD!"

<sup>5</sup> But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.

<sup>6</sup> You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O LORD, do not tarry.

## The Second Reading

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*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 57

HELMSLEY

“Lo! He comes, with clouds descending”

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

*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, Christ will come again! In hope let us make our  
prayer, “With help and deliverance; *Come quickly, Lord.*”

*Intercessor* Open wide your doors to us, O Lord. Accept us into your  
Kingdom. Give your Church endurance that we might keep our  
eyes open and fixed on you. Help us to open wide our doors to  
others and offer your radical, loving welcome. With help and  
deliverance;

*People* **Come quickly, Lord.**

*Intercessor* Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an everflowing stream. Drown the evil of our times in a flood of mercy. Refresh the needy with the abundance of your love. With help and deliverance;

*People* **Come quickly, Lord.**

*Intercessor* God of the harvest, inspire our hearts to care deeply for your creation. Help us to live and work in harmony with all you have made. With help and deliverance;

*People* **Come quickly, Lord.**

*Intercessor* God, raise up leaders in our community. We pray especially for elected officials, teachers, and all who work with our children. Bless them with wisdom. Give us hope and a future. With help and deliverance;

*People* **Come quickly, Lord.**

*Intercessor* Be pleased, O God, to deliver those in need. Make haste to help the troubled. You are a great God and with you is health and salvation. We trust our loved ones to you. We pray especially for Michael, Eleanor, 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. With help and deliverance;

*People* **Come quickly, Lord.**

*Intercessor* Through the death and resurrection of your Son, you give us new and unending life. We trust our dead to you, Merciful God. With help and deliverance;

*People* **Come quickly, Lord.**

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*

Good and gracious God, through your Son's words you commanded us to be lamps shining on a stand, not under a bowl or a bed. Grant that our words and actions be always an evident manifestation of your light. You promised to those who hunger and thirst for justice that they will be filled. Give us the strength to commit to personal change, so that we can see everyone with the same eyes your Son saw all those around him. We want to create access for those who lack it and change structures of inequity. Strengthen us and be our refuge in this quest. **Amen.**

*—Dr. Julio Quintero, Associate Director, University of Dayton Office of Diversity and Inclusion*

*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

André Thomas (b. 1952)

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning*

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning;  
The time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary  
'Til your work is done.

Christian, journey soon be over;  
The time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning;  
The time is drawing nigh.

*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 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.**

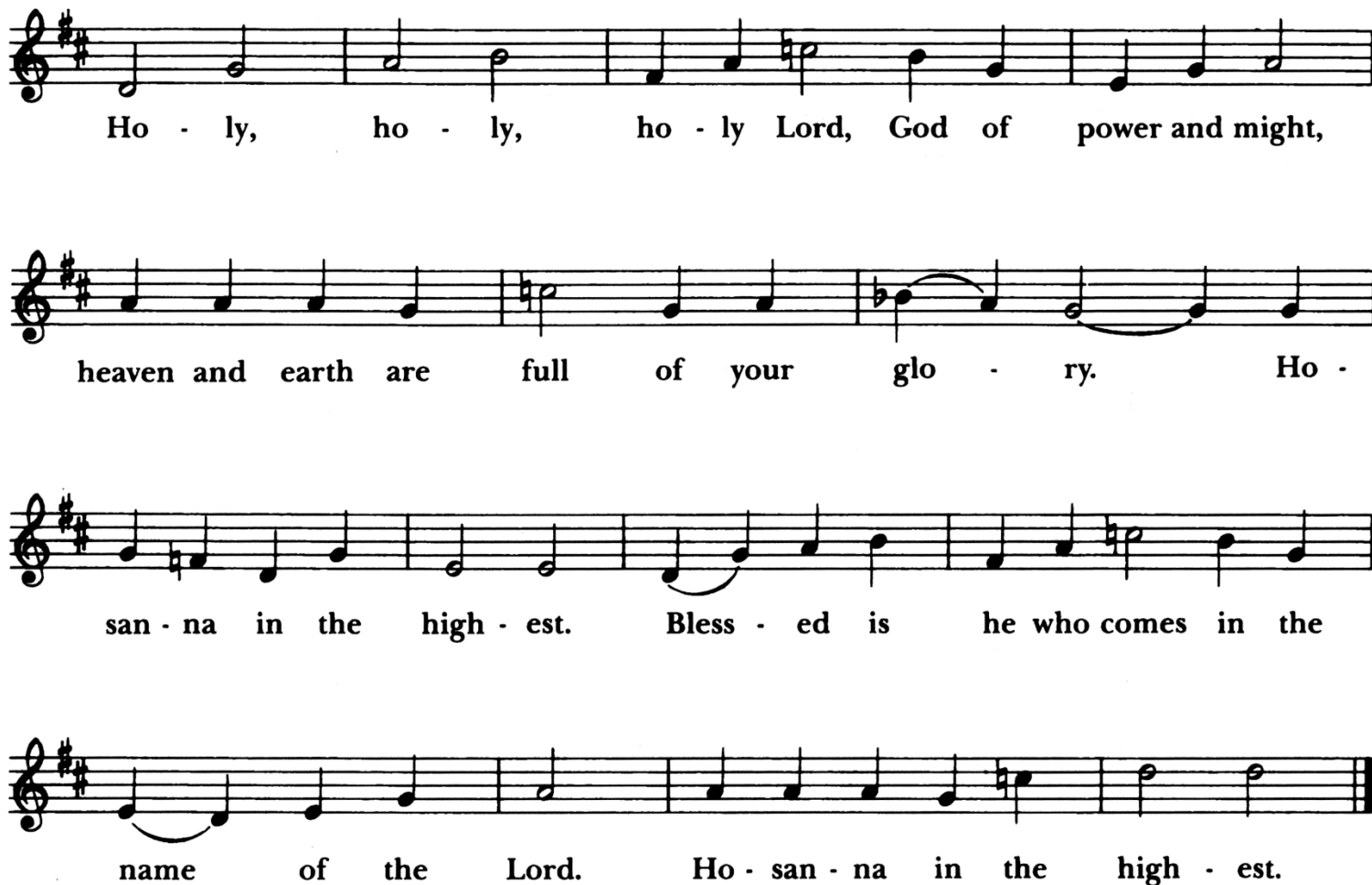
Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into 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)*



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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."

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.

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.

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

### *One Bread, One Body*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.  
One Lord.

#### *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.  
One Lord.

#### *Refrain*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all.  
One Lord.

#### *Refrain*

*All sing the following hymn, either sitting or kneeling.*

## Communion Hymn 324

PICARDY

“Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

*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 (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 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 68**

LLANGLOFFAN

“Rejoice! Rejoice, believers”

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## **Worship Leaders**

*Celebrant & Preacher*

*Eucharistic Ministers*

*Lectors*

*Intercessor*

*Music Director*

*Choir*

*Altar Guild*

*Counters*

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Sharon Pearson, Anne Newton

Brian Angerame, Janet Nobles

Jean Campbell

Andrew Leslie Cooper

St. Matthew's Church Choir

Betsy Pettit, Debbie Fuller, Kim Olson

Bill Brautigam, Chris Perry

**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: *Michael, Eleanor, 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. Paul's, Windham; Grace Church, Windsor; Ministries with older adults; the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the Daughters of the King.

## Weekly Calendar – November 12 – November 19

Sunday, **November 12**

10:00am

11:30am

**The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Vestry meeting

Monday, **November 13**

7:00pm

EFM (Virtual)

Tuesday, **November 14**

11:00am

Staff meeting

Thursday, **November 16**

7:30-9:00pm

St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

Sunday, **November 19**

10:00am

11:30am

**The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Confirmation Class meeting

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### **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.



## 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

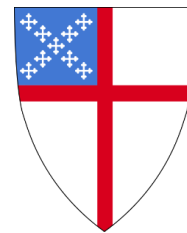
Saturday, Jun 08, 2024, 7:30 PM: Grand Finale — The Bach Family

Tickets and subscriptions available at  
[www.stmatthewswilton.org/aasm-tickets](http://www.stmatthewswilton.org/aasm-tickets)



## 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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