



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Festival Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Easter Day

April 9, 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

O sons and daughters

O FILII ET FILIAE

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

1 O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death and hell rose triumphing.
Alleluia, alleluia!

2 That Easter morn, at break of day,
the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia, alleluia!

3 An angel clad in white they see,
who sat and spake unto the three,
"Your Lord doth go to Galilee."
Alleluia, alleluia!

4 That night the apostles met in fear;
amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be on all here."
Alleluia, alleluia!

5 On this most holy day of days,
to God your hearts and voices raise,
in laud and jubilee and praise.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Introit

Haec dies

Caspar Ett (1788-1847)

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus:
exultemus et laetemur in ea,
alleluia.

*This is the day which the Lord hath made
let us be glad and rejoice therein.
Alleluia.*

Please stand at the beginning of the fanfare.

Processional Hymn

EASTER HYMN

“Jesus Christ is risen today”



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove



1 Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
2 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;
4 Praise e - ter - nal as his love;



1 Who did once up - on the cross,
2 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Now a - bove the sky he's king,
4 Praise him, all ye heav'n - ly host,



1 Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
2 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Where the an - gels e - ver sing.
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Celebrant and People say together

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 – S278

Sung by all

setting by William Mathias (1934-92)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; 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 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
the LORD appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.
Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

sung by the Choir

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

² Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

¹⁶ "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has
triumphed!"

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."

²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

²² The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand as they are able for the Gospel Procession.

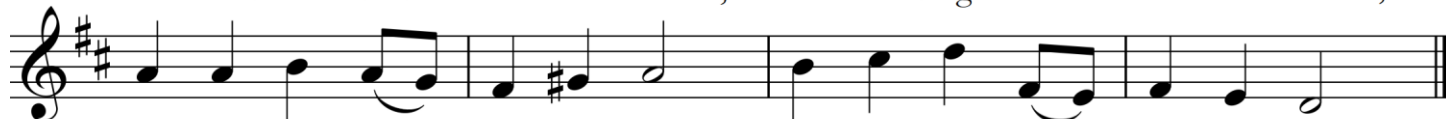
Sequence Hymn

SAVANNAH

“Love’s redeeming work is done”



1 Love’s re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
2 Lives a - gain our glor - ious king; where, oh death, is now thy sting?
3 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - l’wing our ex - alt - ed head;



1 Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened pa - ra - dise.
2 Once he died our souls to save, where thy vic - to - ry, oh grave?
3 Made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

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

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People say together

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Form III

The Intercessor begins

Loving God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world:
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray especially for Mike, Susan, Jack, John, Chuck, Joan, Joy, Peter, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Becky, Kathy, Dick, Brooks, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Aaron, Dann;
have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant says the following prayer

Let us accept the grace of Christ's resurrection! Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of His love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation, and make justice and peace flourish. **Amen.** —Pope Francis, 2013

Then the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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 +

The Offertory

Celebrant

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

The People sit.

Offertory Anthem

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Worthy is the lamb

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing and honour, glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.

- Revelation 5:12–14

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 out of the COVID season and 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.



The People stand as the offerings are brought forward.

Doxology at the Presentation

sung by all

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus – S128

Sung by all

setting by William Mathias (1934-92)

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.

The people remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues

And so, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our Mothers; Sarah, Rebecca, and Leah: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast, alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem – S165

Sung by all setting by William Mathias (1934-92)



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy



on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy



on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

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 Music

Mark Cabaniss (b. 1960)

Lasst uns erfreuen

Communion Hymn

NOËL NOUVELET

“Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain”



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bu - ried grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Ea - ster, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing or in pain,



1 Wheat___ that in dark earth ma - ny days has lain;
2 Think - ing that ne - ver he would wake a - gain,
3 He_____ that for three days in the grave had lain,
4 Thy_____ touch can call us back to life a - gain,



1 Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
2 Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
3 Quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
4 Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

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 Postcommunion Prayer

The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Parish Announcements

Postcommunion Anthem

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Hallelujah

Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ;
and He shall reign for ever and ever.

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Hallelujah!

- text from Revelation

You are encouraged to lift your voice and sing the well-known Hallelujah Chorus from *The Messiah*. Scan the code to access the music. Sing whichever part you fancy!



Easter Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People saying

Beloved, life is short. And we do not have enough time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of our God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be with you to strengthen and guard you this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

SALVE FESTA DIES

“Hail thee, festival day!”

Refrain:



Hail thee, fest - i - val day! Blessed day that art hal - lowed for - e - ver,



Day where-on Christ a - rose, break - ing the king - dom of death.



1 Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the win - ter a - ris - ing!

2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the glo - ry of blos - som;



1 Ev - 'ry good gift of the year — now with its mas - ter re - turns:

2 hea - ven her gates un - bars, — fling - ing her in - crease of light:



3 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the ru - ler of na - ture;

4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art au - thor of life and cre - a - tion.



3 All things cre - at - ed on earth sing to the glo - ry of God: _____

4 Tread - ing the path - way of death, life thou be - stow - est on all: _____

After the last verse, the refrain is sung twice more.

Dismissal

Celebrant

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

Marche Triomphale, Op. 65, No. 59



Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Linda Spiers

Eucharistic Ministers

Bill Brautigam, Anne Newton

Crucifer

Bill Brautigam

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Paul Reis, Stacey Savas

Intercessor

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Andrew Leslie Cooper

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St. Matthew's Church Choir

Organist

Michael Burnette

Trumpeters

Matthew Doiron, Avery Gottshall

Altar Guild

Sharon McKenna, Kim Olson

Counters

David Gortz, 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: *Mike, Susan, Jack, John, Chuck, Joan, Joy, Peter, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Becky, Kathy, Dick, Brooks, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Aaron, Dann.* For those serving in the military, *Matthew Comeau.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; St. Peter's Grace, Monroe; Hospital chaplains; Stephen Ministers; pastoral care groups; ministries of healing; nurses; wellness programs; recovery ministries.

Easter Egg Hunt!

**Children Nursery age thru Grade 5 –
come to the little traffic circle outside the Narthex
after church to get important instructions for our egg hunt!**

(Turn left on your way out the doors!)

We will give you bags to hold your eggs. Different age-groups will have different areas and we ask the parents of our youngest children to check the “candy filled” Easter eggs for your child's safety.



Remember! No eggs may be gathered until we can all begin the hunt together!

Easter Memorial Flowers

In Memory of Or Thanksgiving For:

Given By:

In memory & thanksgiving for our parents:
Clifford & Trinetta Ely
Philip & Caroline Pearson

John & Sharon Pearson

Jeanne & Frank Hutchins
Alice & Roger Valkenburgh, Sr.

By their children

In loving memory of my parents:
Robert Graham Griffin
Ann Newson Griffin

Char Griffin

Charles Putnam Van Royen

Melissa Kyle

Mike & Marie Perry Masland
Ellen Masland Salyer
Dermot Ives, Jr.
Richard Kendrick, Charles Portman
May C. Proctor, P. Richard Allwork
Robert Phelps
All our grandparents

The Perry Family

Joanne Bennett

John & Sharon Pearson

In loving memory of our parents:
Betty Lou Rogers Paul
Jack Rogers
Mike Paul
Doris & Norman Gortz

David & Linda Gortz

In loving memory of our parents

Steve & Betsy Pettit

Easter Music Memorials

In Memory of Or Thanksgiving For:

Given By:

In thanksgiving for our grandchildren:
Mackenzie Josephine Hays
Luke Timothy Pearson

John & Sharon Pearson

In loving memory of Rick Roberts

Dodo Roberts

John & Janet DeAngelis

The DeAngelis Family

George & Sylvia Ellis
Harold & Edna Hudspeth
Henry & Anne Shalet
Josephine Poor
Deborah Ellis Watts

Becky & Steve Hudspeth

In memory of James & Harriet Hill and
Ernest & Louise Ruterma

The Ruterma Family

In thanksgiving for Jack Lee Sherman

The Ruterma Family

In loving memory of our parents:
Betty Lou Rogers Paul
Jack Rogers
Mike Paul
Doris & Norman Gortz

David & Linda Gortz

Jeanne & Frank Hutchins
Alice & Roger Valkenburgh, Sr.

By their children

Pat & Endy Perry, Jane Phelps

The Perry Family

Elizabeth & John Godfrey
Dorothy & Carl Brautigam

Nancy & Bill Brautigam

Easter Music Memorials

In joyous thanksgiving for my family:

Kerry & Charles Tyler, CJ, Hannah,
Connor & Cameron, David & Lisa Beth Rhoads,
Griffin, Ryder & Madelyn, Robert & Lisa Rhoads,
Kohl & Kourtney

Char Griffin

In loving memory of our parents

Steve & Betsy Pettit

Rector's Discretionary Fund

Paul Rohrbach
Mark & Suzy Rossano
Geoffrey Rossano
Margaret & Louis Rossano
Laine DiMaria
Nancy Wierman

The Rev. & Mrs. Rohrbach

Weekend Service Trip - April 28 to April 30 - Christ Church, New Haven

A small group of 7-10 youth will journey up to New Haven with Samantha and Adult Chaperones to reside at Christ Church New Haven for the weekend. Christ Church houses and runs a soup kitchen that serves residents of New Haven daily. We will be working with them Saturday morning from 7:30-10 am as well as lending a hand to Christian Community Action which "seeks to provide help, housing and hope to those who are poor in New Haven". In our free time, we will explore delicious food downtown and have some fun! To close our time Sunday morning, we will experience a different type of Episcopal Liturgy as we worship and learn from our siblings at Christ Church. Cost: \$50/person. Packing list will be sent upon sign up. Please RSVP as soon as possible as space is limited. If you're interested in being an adult chaperone, email Samantha.



St. Matthew's Music Program

Music is vital to the lifeblood of our church and its community. Not only is it highly valued by the congregation, but music is fundamental to many aspects of the Episcopal liturgy. Our 10:00am service on Sundays features choir and organ throughout most of the year (September–June). During the summer, we worship through hymns and solo music.

Music is transformative, both for those who learn and perform it and for those who listen to and reflect on it in church. We seek to use music as an enriching force in the lives of all who hear or make it at St. Matthew's: children, whose growth in music shapes them into intelligent, creative, and social individuals; adults, who delight in the fellowship inherent to choral singing and whose musical growth never ends; and congregants, whose prayer and worship are enhanced when expressed through music.

We offer four choirs: three for the various grade levels K–8 and one for highschoolers and adults. All of these choirs are completely free and are open to anyone, regardless of musical experience or faith background. Whoever you are, there is a place for you to sing at St. Matthew's. To get involved, please contact Andrew Leslie Cooper andrew@stmatthewswilton.org

Special Note - The St. Matthew's Church office will be closed for the week following Easter. Our staff will return on Monday, April 17th, emails and messages will be returned at that time. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call The Rev. Dr. Linda Spiers at 860-559-5070.

Witness Stones Project – Youth Engagement

Our time with the Witness Stones Project staff has concluded and we received many primary documents of an enslaved person who had a connection to St. Matthew's: John C. Wally (aka Lazarus). Over the course of 3 Sundays (April 16, 23, 30 from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm), youth in Grades 6-9 will be meeting with Becky Hudspeth and Sharon Pearson to learn more about him, his role at St. Matthew's, and his accomplishments in the Wilton community. Among their tasks will be to determine what should be engraved on the memorial Witness Stone to be placed in Wilton in his honor. Speak to Becky or Sharon if you have any questions about this fascinating project.



Our Mission Partner, Circle of Care will be having their annual 5K on Sunday, April 30th. Since we do not want to miss the 10am service, we will do a walk the day before as we did last year. St. Matthew's will participate by walking together on Saturday, April 29th at 10am. We will meet at the commuter lot on Route 7 and walk up and down the NRV^T for an hour. Cost is \$25 pp. No fundraising is required but is encouraged. Register on www.thecircleofcare.org as a virtual participant. Looking forward to walking with you in fellowship – all to support the families of children with cancer!

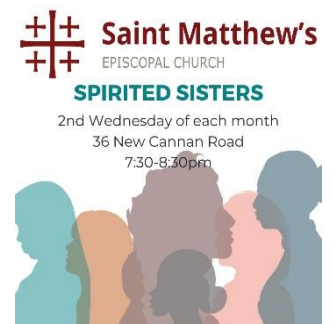
Any questions?

Call Lisa Williams at 203-858-2546 or email her at lisa.williams@thecircleofcare.org.

St. Matthew's Spirited Sisters

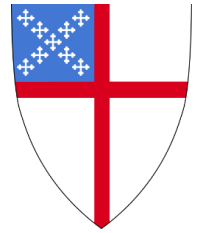
We have a very special trip planned for our April meeting. On Saturday, April 22, 2023, we will be driving to NYC for a group tour of The Cathedral of **Saint John the Divine**. We will take the Cathedral's "Highlights" tour and "explore the many highlights of the Cathedral's history, architecture, and artwork, from the Great Bronze Doors to the seven Chapels of the Tongues." Stacey and Pam will be driving but we may need an additional driver depending on the number of people attending. We will need a firm head count by April 15th. Please let us know if you can join us!

Questions: Contact Stacey Savas or Pam Carlson.



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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