++ Saint Matthew's ++ + EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Festival Holy Eucharist - Rite II Easter Day March 31, 2024 10:00 am

Welcome to St. Matthew's!

Everything that you need to participate in our worship this morning is in this bulletin. You 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.



Children are most welcome and encouraged to participate. If you've brought your child(ren): Try to relax! Take a deep breath. God put the wiggle in your babies - big and small. When they make noise, don't worry! They are a part of the joyful noise we are all making to God together today.

Sit toward the front, if you can, so your little ones can see and hear. Go ahead and answer their questions. If you don't know the answer, the Priest would love to talk to your little one after the service. When you sing the hymns and join in the prayers, you teach little hearts how to be faithful. You are their very best model so sing along! 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."

There will be instructions for the Easter Egg Hunt at the conclusion of the service.



+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude

This joyful Eastertide

VRUECHTEN

 This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen. Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river: Lord of all life, from ill my passing life deliver.

Refrain

3. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber, till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

Refrain

The Entrance of the Flowering Cross

Introit

God so loved the world

John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, That whoso believeth in Him should not perish, But have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, But that the world through Him might be saved.

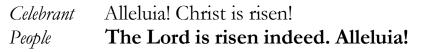
John 3:16-17

Processional Hymn

EASTER HYMN

"Jesus Christ is risen today"





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.



And also with you. Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

Celebrant

People

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 lifegiving 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

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

The Lord be with you.

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

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Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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!"

sung by the choir

- 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

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

O FILII ET FILIAE

"O sons and daughters"



The Holy Gospel

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise 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 Rob, Lia, Sabrina, Karen, Kristen, Vinny, Antonio, Thomas, Diana, Aaron, Kathy, Arlene, Jack, Joan, Liz, Jack, Maddie, Scott, Melinda, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; 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.

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

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd 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.

Please read and pray on the words of the anthem as you listen to the choir sing.

Offertory Anthem

words by George Herbert (1593-1633) music by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Antiphon

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King!

The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly: The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King!

The church with Psalms must shout. No door can keep them out: But above all, the heart Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King!

The Offering

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. If you're with us in person, the Ushers will pass plates. If you've joined us online, you can use this QR code or visit <u>www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering</u>. You can designate it as a gift or as a part of your pledge. No gift is too small. All gifts honor the God who honors us with life, breath, love, and salvation. Be a part of God's mission with us today and in the future as we seek to love and serve our neighbors, to heal each other and the world, to share the joy and good news we've found in Jesus.



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.

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.

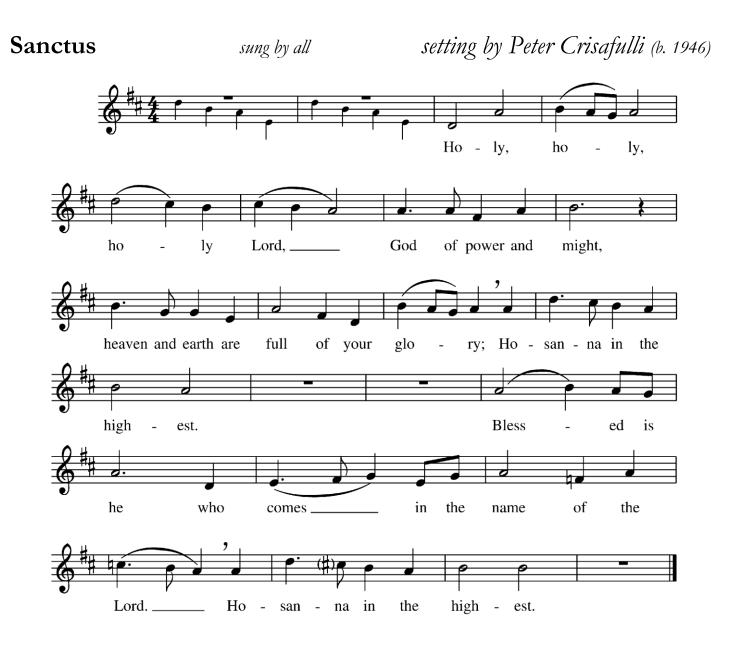
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

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:



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*

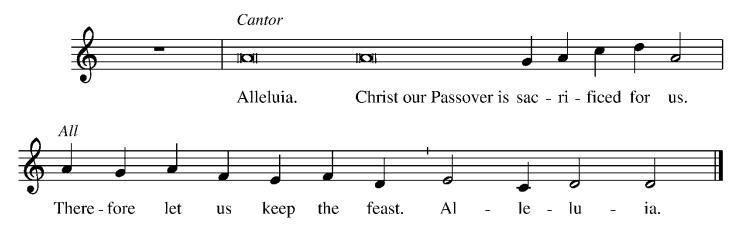
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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.

Fraction Anthem

setting by Peter Crisafulli (b. 1946)



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 Music

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Ave maria Jonathan Garcia, trumpet

Communion Hymn

NOËL NOUVELET

"Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain"



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

Easter Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People, saving

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!"



The very first and last iterations of this refrain are repeated. Between verses, it is sung only once.

Dismissal

Celebrant

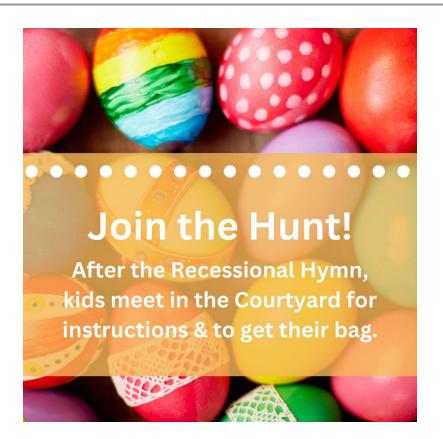
People

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Finale from 1st Symphony, Op. 14



Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher Eucharistic Ministers Lectors Intercessor Music Director Choir Trumpeter Altar Guild Counters The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach Beth Baker, Sharon Pearson Amy Gubner, Adair Garis John Pearson Andrew Leslie Cooper St. Matthew's Church Choir Jonathan Garcia Sharon McKenna, Char Griffin David Gortz, Chris Perry

Easter Memorial Flowers

In Memory of Or Thanksgiving For:	Given By:
David & Siddie Bloomer	The Woods Family
In loving memory of our parents	David & Linda Gortz
In thanksgiving for Jack Lee Sherman	The Ruterman Family
Mike & Marie Perry Masland Ellen Masland Salyer Dermod Ives, Jr. Richard Kendrick, Charles Portman May C. Proctor, P. Richard Allwork Robert Phelps and All our grandparents	The Perry Family
John & Janet DeAngelis	The DeAngelis Family
Peter Dunham Jr. Pat Dunham, Peter Dunham	Pam Ely
Claire Elizabeth Borak, Lillian Anita Borak Eleanor Ruth Turpin Mauro Gabriel Fuller Hartnett	Beth Baker & George Fuller
Philip & Caroline Pearson Clifford & Trinette Ely Scott Ely, Joanne Bennett	John & Sharon Pearson
In thanksgiving for my family	Char Griffin
Marge Bramwell	Kate, Tim, Chloe & Juniper Jarvis

Easter Music Memorials

Lucia & Ed Woods The Woods Family In memory of James & Harriet Hill and The Ruterman Family Ernest & Louise Ruterman In loving memory of our parents David & Linda Gortz Elizabeth & John Godfrey Nancy & Bill Brautigam Dorothy & Carl Brautigam Ann Newsom Griffin & Robert Graham Griffin Char Griffin The Perry Family Pat & Endy Perry, Jane Phelps Becky & Steve Hudspeth Edna and Harold Hudspeth Sylvia and George Ellis

Rector's Discretionary Fund

In thanksgiving for Marissa

Anne and Henry Shalet

Deborah Watts Georgianna Ellis

> The President of the Rev. Marissa Fan Club, Jonathan Woods

In thanksgiving for our children, Laine and Luke

In honor of our Vestry

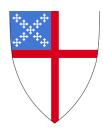
The Rev. & Mrs. Rohrbach

The Perry Family

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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