



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Evening Prayer - Rite II
Monday In Holy Week
April 6th, 2020
7:00 pm**

Welcome to St. Matthew's! We are glad you came to worship with us.

If you are visiting us, if you have questions, or if you are in need of assistance, please be in touch with the Rector via email: marissa@stmatthewswilton.org. Everything you need to participate in worship is in this worship bulletin.

The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. While we're online, these words will be led by someone on screen so that you can read and pray with them. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Find a comfortable place to sit. Kneel or stand for the prayers if you'd like. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

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

The Officiant begins

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands
as the evening sacrifice. *Psalms 141:2*

The Confession of Sin

The Officiant says

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People say together

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest alone 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 Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Phos Hilaron

The Officiant and People say together

**O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

Then follows

Psalm 36:5-11

The People read the words in bold.

⁵ Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O Lord.**

⁷ How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸ **They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹ For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

¹⁰ **Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

¹¹ Let not the foot of the proud come near me, *
nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

Officiant and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in
the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary

The Officiant and People say together

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,**

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered
his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in
the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 9:11-15

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Song of Simeon

Officiant and People say together

Lord, you now have set your servant free

to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,

whom you have prepared for all the world to see;

A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Third Lesson

John 12:1-11

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

Lector **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People say together

**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.**

Officiant That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be
condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the
communion of St. Matthew and all your saints, entrusting one
another and all our life to Christ,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered
pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that
we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life
and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from
all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The People may add their own petitions or thanksgivings at this time.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ;
give rest to the weary, bless the dying, sooth the suffering, pity the afflicted,
shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our
companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know
you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for
the sake of your love. **Amen.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Then the Officiant says

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13

Worship Leaders

Officiant: The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Deacon & Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

Lectors: Vytas Kisielius, Katie Angerame, Caroline DeAngelis

People: Mike O'Connell, Pam Ely

Holy Week Worship & Music Schedule – April 5-April 12

Monday in Holy Week, April 6	Evening Prayer at 7pm (Livestream)
Tuesday in Holy Week, April 7	Compline at 9pm (Livestream)
Wednesday in Holy Week, April 8	Morning Prayer at 9am (Facebook Live) Evening Prayer at 7pm (Livestream)
Maundy Thursday, April 9	Live Broadcast: Four Last Songs at 3pm Evening Prayer at 7pm (Livestream)
Good Friday, April 10	The Liturgy for Good Friday at Noon (Livestream) Night Prayer & Stations of the Cross at 7pm (Livestream)
Holy Saturday, April 11	Preparation Rite at 9am (Livestream) Live Broadcast: Four Last Songs at 3pm
Easter Sunday, April 12	Music Interlude from 9:30-10am (Livestream) Easter Worship at 10am (Livestream)

All Livestream worship can be found on our website:
www.stmatthewswilton.org/live



From Artist in Residence, Scott Ellaway

Live Broadcasts during Holy Week

Equally committed to artistic excellence, providing quality programming to the local community, St. Matt's has commissioned international conductor Scott Ellaway to create three online programs that are scheduled to go out live during Holy Week. Each program, lasting twenty-five minutes, will focus on the Four Last Songs by Richard Strauss. Each song will be explored in turn, a performance, followed by a question and answer session for those attending online who wish to participate.

The dates that have been selected are:

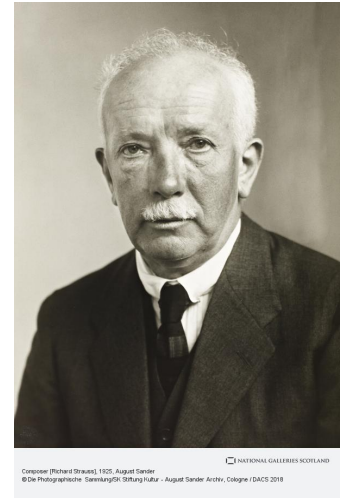
Palm Sunday, April 5, 3pm EST

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 3pm EST

Holy Saturday, April 11, 3pm EST

The live broadcast will go out from this page:

<https://opusyou.com/cinematic-broadcast/strauss-four-last-songs>.



St. Matt's -Virtually

Does it feel like there's a lot going on at St. Matt's? That's because there is!

If you need information on an online program, we're piling up opportunities for worship, connection, and exploration on this website:

www.stmatthewswilton.org/virtually.

You can always go there to look for news about what's happening!





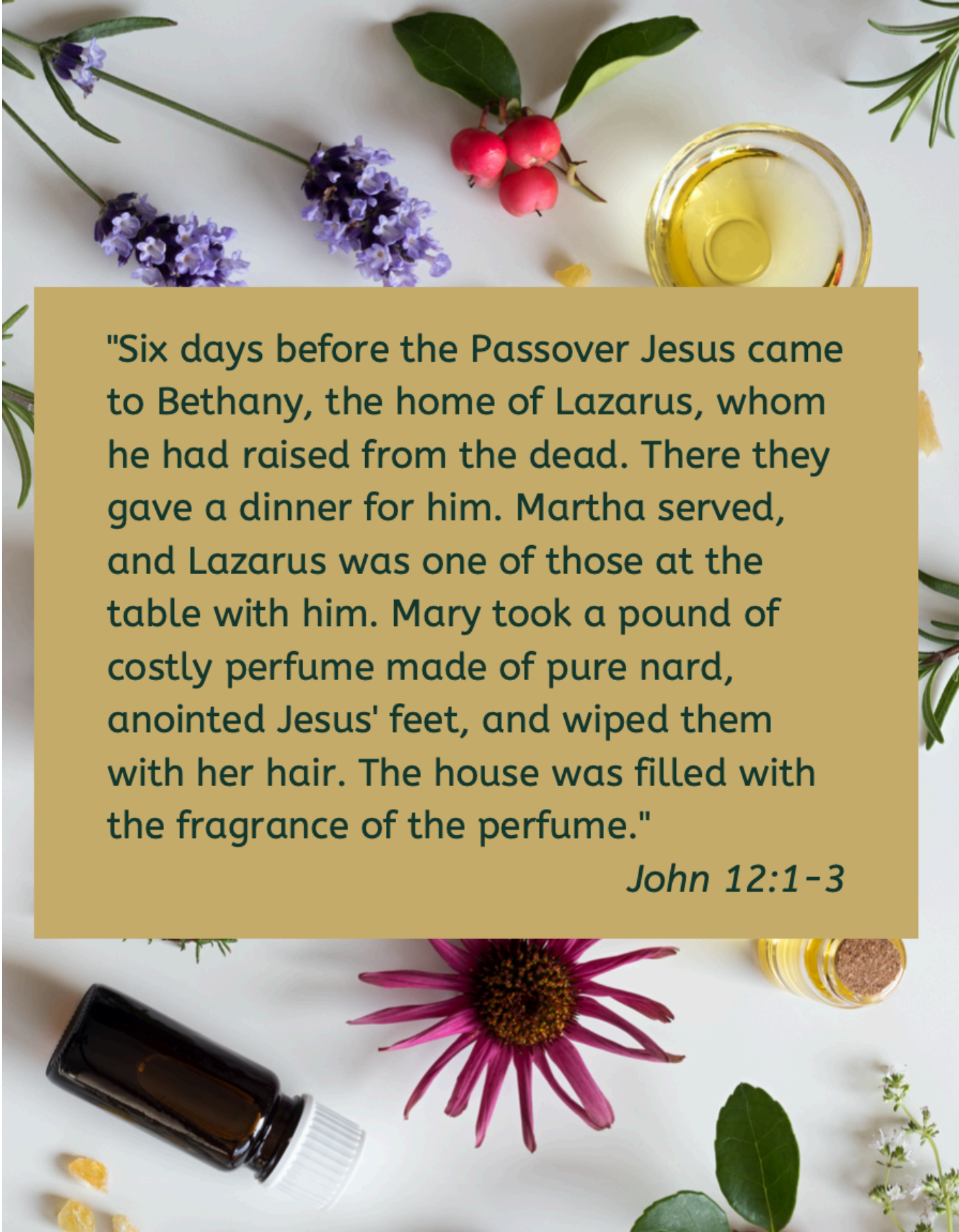
An Altar in the Wilderness

Monday in Holy Week

April 6

Add to your altar

Find something in your house that smells good. Bring it to the altar. It could be a candle, herbs, a diffuser, or even a cotton ball soaked in perfume. What do you have at home that you can use to anoint Jesus along with your love and prayers on this Holy Monday?

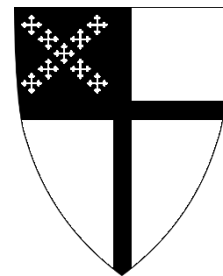


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John 12:1-3

Worship online again with St. Matthew's

There are many ways to connect with St. Matt's in the coming weeks. 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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