



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

February 2020
Prayer & Bible Study
for Meetings at St. Matt's

The Leader will begin by leading the Opening Prayer.

Then a volunteer will read the passage a first time.

During the first reading, listen carefully to the words: What word or words capture your attention? Is there a place where your mind stops?

Another volunteer will read the passage a second time.

During the second reading: What verses, phrases, themes, or ideas are you drawn to? What do you want to know more about? What captures your imagination?

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 8

- ¹ O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- ² Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
- ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
- ⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
- ⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.
- ⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
- ⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- ⁹ O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!