



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Eucharist - Rite II
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2020
10:00 am

*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, Jesus is present among us.*

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude

Pastorale in F major, BWV 590

J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

Opening Hymn

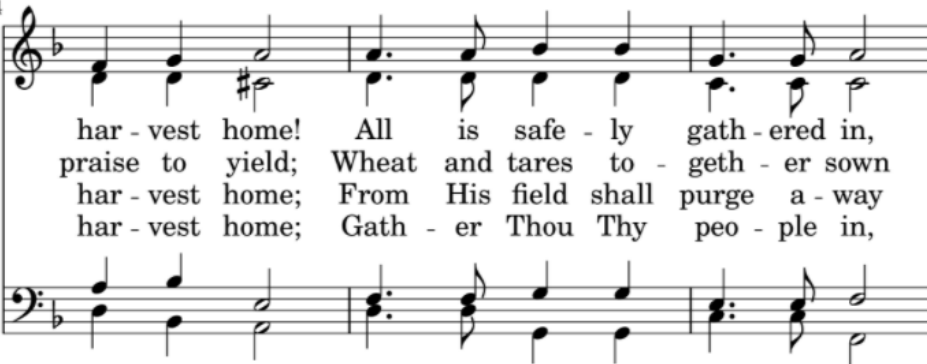
St. George's Windsor

The Cantor sings the verses. The People are invited to sing at home.

"Come, ye thankful people come"



1. Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, Raise the song of
2. We our-selves are God's own field, Fruit un - to His
3. For the Lord our God shall come And shall take His
4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come, Bring Thy fi - nal



har - vest home! All is safe - ly gath - ered in,
praise to yield; Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown
har - vest home; From His field shall purge a - way
har - vest home; Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in,

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Ere the win-ter storms be - gin; God, our Mak - er,
 Un - to joy or sor - row grown; First the blade, and
 All that doth of - fend that day; Give His an - gels
 Free from sor-row, free from sin; There, for - ev - er

10

doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied:
 then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear;
 charge at last In the fire the tares to cast;
 pu - ri - fied, In Thy pres - ence to a - bide;

13

Come to God's own tem - ple, come,
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we
 But the fruit - ful ears to store
 Come, with all Thine an - gels, come,

15

Raise the song of har - vest home.
 Whole - some grain and pure may be.
 In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be **God's kingdom**, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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.

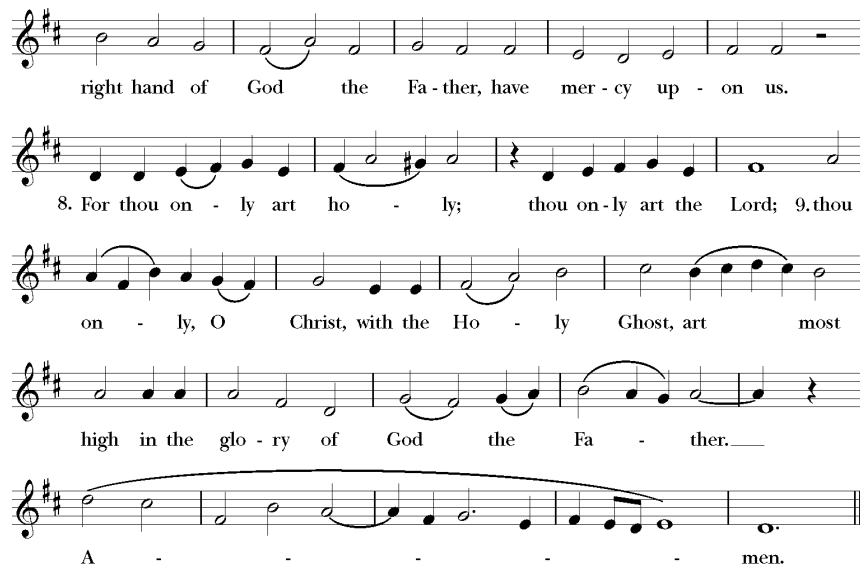
Glory be to God: Gloria in excelsis

Healy Willan

The Cantor sings the Gloria. The People are invited to sing at home.



1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.
4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;
5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19

Sung by the Choir



- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of / God, *
and the firmament / shows his handiwork.
- ² One day tells its tale to / another, *
and one night imparts knowledge / to another.
- ³ Although they have no words or / language, *
and their voices / are not heard,
- ⁴ Their sound has gone out into all / lands, *
and their message to the ends / of the world.
- ⁵ In the deep has he set a pavilion for the / sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to / run its course.
- ⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about
to the end of it / again; *
nothing is hidden from its / burning heat.
- ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the / soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom / to the
innocent.
- ⁸ The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the / heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light / to the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for / ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous / altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine / gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey / in the comb.
- ¹¹ By them also is your servant / enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is / great reward.

¹² Who can tell how often he / offends? *

cleanse me from my / secret faults.

¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not
get dominion / over me; *

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a / great offense.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in your / sight, *

O LORD, my strength and / my redeemer.

The Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

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

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

<i>Intercessor</i>	Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
	God of love, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
<i>People</i>	That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; and especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Ian and Laura, our Bishops, for Marissa, our Rector, and for Don, our Deacon;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Rich, Nancy, Ken, Bruce, Dawn, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Darunee, Patricia, Frank, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, Gene, and those we now name _____ (*the people are invited to offer their own intercessions*); and we remember before you those who serve in the military, especially Jake and Matthew, and those we now name (*the people are invited to offer their own intercessions*); have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor We pray also for those who have died, [especially _____], and those we now name (*the people are invited to offer their own intercessions*); give to the departed eternal rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

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

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

Celebrant
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant 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 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 peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says an Offertory sentence.

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Hymn at the Presentation

Doxology

Old 100th

The Cantor sings the verse. The People are invited to sing at home.



**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.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus – Holy, holy, holy

Healy Willan

The Cantor sings the Sanctus. The People are invited to sing at home.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People say together

Christ has died.

Chris is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us in to the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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 forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
<i>People</i>	Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
<i>Celebrant</i>	The gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus dei – O Lamb of God

Healy Willan

The Cantor sings the Sanctus. The People are invited to sing at home.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

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.

Silence is kept.

Motet

Ave Verum Corpus
Sung by the Parish Choir

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

*Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

*Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death!*

*O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie,
O Iesu, fili Mariae.
Miserere mei. Amen.*

*O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.*

Communion Hymn

Divine Mysteries

The Cantor sings the verse. The People are invited to sing at home.

“Sweet Sacrament divine”



Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home,
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
sweet Sacrament divine.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Parish Announcements

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People

May God give you the grace to never sell yourself short; the grace to risk something big for something good; the grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love. And may the blessing of God who creates, redeems, and sustains be with you today and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

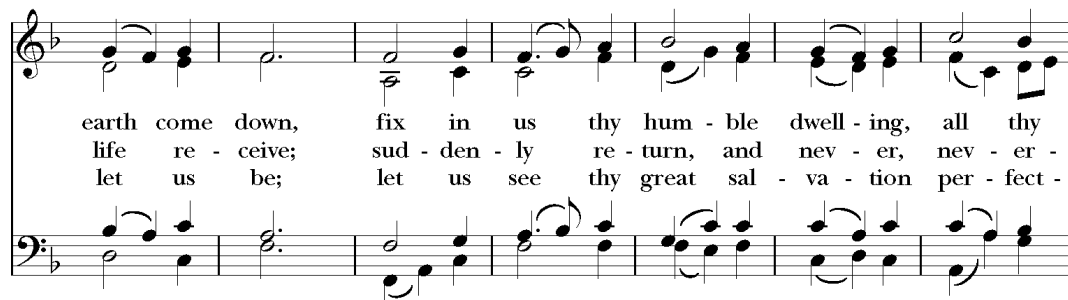
Hyfrydol

The Cantor sings the verses. The People are invited to sing at home.

“Love divine, all loves excelling”



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

One of the Clergy offers the dismissal to which the people respond,
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Nun danket alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg Elert (1877 - 1933)

Worship Leaders

Officiant & Preacher

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Deacon

The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

Lectors

Vytas Kisielius, Michael Angerame, Anne Newton,
Sharon Pearson, Samantha Trolice

Artist in Residence

Scott Ellaway

Cantor

Dermot Kiernan

The Parish Choir

Coffee Hour Hosts

Tim Jarvis, Kim Hall

Facebook Greeter

Pam Ely

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: Rich, Nancy, Ken, Bruce, Dawn, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Darunee, Patricia, Gene, Frank, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, Charles Kennedy. For those serving in the military, Jake Walker and Matthew Comeau.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Church, Trumbull; Grace Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull. For all companions and service animals, all livestock and wild animals, great and small.

Evening Prayer at St. Matthew's – All Are Invited



Set aside your Wednesday evenings as a family (or after the kids go to bed) to join St. Matthew's for online Evening Prayer to end the day. Offered via Zoom, this short (15-20 minute) service will help you settle down after a long day, giving thanks for what has been done and what has been left undone. Starting at 8:00pm led by members of St. Matt's, we will begin by greeting one another then move into prayer with the opportunity for anyone to contribute or ask for prayers during the service. A link will be provided each week in our eNews and our Parishioner Facebook Group.

Join Us For Coffee Hour – Sundays at 9am

This fall, coffee hour returns in a slightly different form! Join us on Sunday mornings at 9am. Gather with other parishioners for an hour before virtual worship at 10am. Bring your coffee or tea and spend some time connecting with all those faces you miss! To begin, Coffee Hour will be hosted each week by our Vestry members and Officers. As we move further into the year, there will be opportunities for others to host as well. As always, Zoom information will be shared in our e-News and will be posted in our Parishioner Facebook Group. We can't wait to see you!



Join us in a Zoom room for Sung Compline - Tuesday nights at 9pm

This fall, we're going to try something new for Compline! One of the pieces we miss most about worshipping together is actually **being together**. So for the first part of the fall, we're going to try gathering in a Zoom room for Compline. This will allow us to see each other as we worship and it will allow us to connect for a few minutes afterwards, to talk to each other, to engage together on a deeper level - and we hope you'll try it with us!

Tonight at 5:30pm - Sunday, October 4th

Dear friends,

We are going to postpone our mission and fellowship event for tomorrow night (Sunday 10/4). **We will, however, gather at 5:30pm for the Blessing of the Animals.** Please bring your animals of all shapes and sizes (including stuffed animals!) and join us for this moment of blessing.



The Zoom link was in the e-news on Saturday and will be posted in the parishioner facebook group.

Upcoming Church School and Youth Group Dates (Zoom)

Youth Group:

October 6 - 6-7:00pm - 6th & 7th Grade Joint Youth Group

October 18 - 6-7:00pm – High School Joint Youth

October 20 – 6-7:00pm – 8th Grade Joint Youth Group

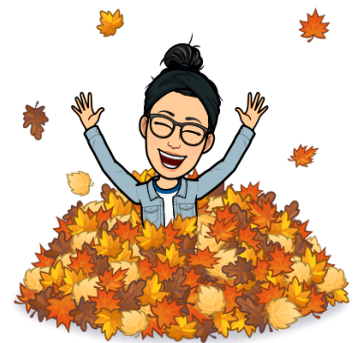
Church School Zoom Sessions: *please note grades all meet together*

October 4 - 9-9:30am - Grades K-5 combined group

October 11 – OFF WEEK

October 18 - 9-9:30am - Grades K-5 combined group

October 25 – OFF WEEK



RenewalWorks: Spiritual Life & Growth



If life is a spiritual journey, where are you?

Where is your congregation?

Where do you feel called to go?

How will you get there from here?

St. Matthew's will participate in a program called RenewalWorks this fall. Run by Forward Movement, RenewalWorks is an opportunity for us to dive deeply into our spiritual life, to understand where we are, and where God is calling us to go.

We are asking that you set aside about 20-25 minutes to take a Spiritual Life Inventory. If you already have a daily spiritual practice, you might consider this your spiritual practice for the day. These are thoughtful questions. Unlike previous surveys, this survey focuses on you, on your spiritual life and how St. Matt's helps - or could help more - as you grow spiritually. Please answer

as honestly as you can, thinking about where you are now, not where you think you *should* be or what you think you *should* be doing or feeling. The survey findings will help shape decisions about how to create the best possible ministries and programs. Your feedback will directly impact how we allocate resources to further our spiritual journeys. Your participation is important and so we thank you for setting aside the time to take the inventory. To get an accurate picture of our church, we need everyone to participate.

We look forward to taking the next steps in growing our faith together. The first step is to take the inventory. If this survey brings up questions for you, or if there's anything you want to talk more about that relates to your own journey, please send Marissa a note marissa@stmatthewswilton.org. If you have further feedback about specific ideas or programming, if something comes up that you'd like to share about the survey or the process, feel free to be in touch with Marissa or with our Facilitator for this work, Pam Ely cdwilton@optonline.net

For more information and to access the survey, please go to the St. Matt's website www.stmatthewswilton.org

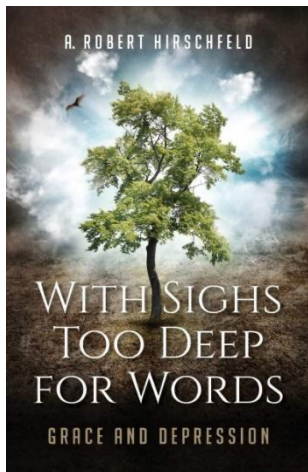
Altar Flower Dedications Are Back

You can now celebrate or memorialize your loved ones with flower dedications. Let us know the date you would like and any colors or flowers you want (we will do our best) and the Flower Guild will make a beautiful vase arrangement and delivery to your home (local addresses only please). We will announce the dedication in church and on our social media. A \$60 donation is suggested.

Please email Jennifer Angerame theangerames@gmail.com with your questions and requests.



Fall Book Study with Don: Mental Health & Spirituality



This fall, Don will host a weekly Zoom gathering on Wednesday evenings to explore the new book, *With Sighs Too Deep for Words*, by Bishop Robert Hirschfeld, the Bishop of New Hampshire. We'll meet at 7pm for about 60 minutes of informal conversation to unpack the questions at the conclusion of each chapter. Zoom links will be in our e-news as well as in our Parishioner Facebook Group. The book is available at Barnes & Noble, Amazon and Church Publishing www.churchpublishing.org/withsighstoodeepforwords Questions? Send Don a note don@stmatthewswilton.org

September 23, September 30, October 7, October 21, October 28

Weekly Calendar – October 4 – October 11

Sunday, **October 4**

9:00am

9:00-9:30am

10:00am

11:30am

5:30pm

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Church School Grades K-5 (Zoom)

Holy Eucharist -Rite 2 (Livestream)

Confirmation meeting (Zoom – parents only)

Blessing of the Animals

Monday, **October 5**

7:00pm

Education for Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday, **October 6**

11:00am

6:00-7:00pm

9:00pm

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

6th & 7th Grade Joint Youth Group

Compline (Zoom & Livestream)

Thursday, **October 7**

3:20-4:50pm

7:30pm

Music Appreciation Online Class with Scott

Online Adult & Youth Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)

Sunday, **October 11**

9:00am

10:00am

11:30am

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Mission Team meeting (Zoom)

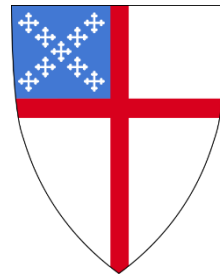
Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group? Go here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMatthewsOnline/>

Need something else? Send Marissa a note or be in touch with another member of the staff.

Next Week: 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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