

Holy Eucharist Rite II The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 31, 2021 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

Prelude in C

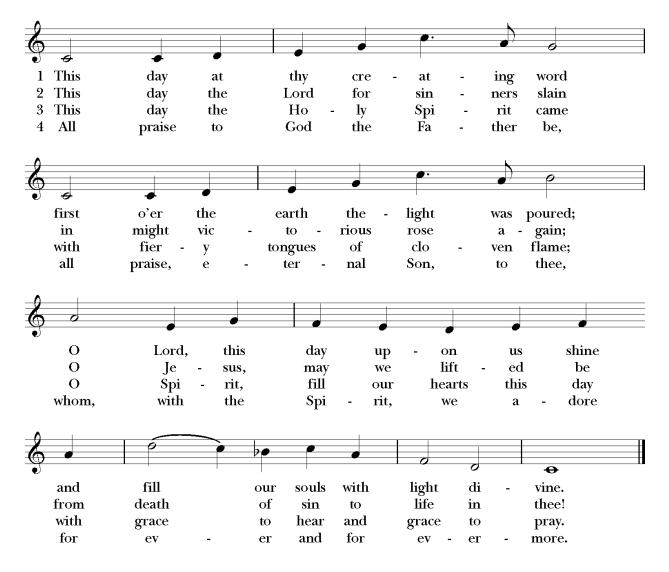
J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

Opening Hymn 52

Rushford

"This day at thy creating word"

The Cantor sings verses 1,2, \mathfrak{C} 3. The People are invited to sing at home.



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CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

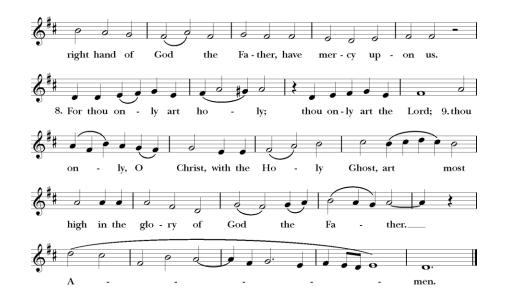
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory be to God: Gloria in excelsis

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

Healey Willan





The Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

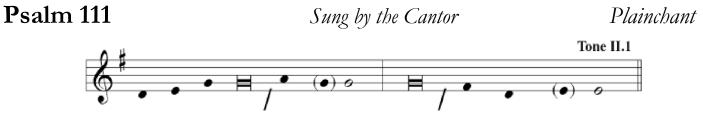
Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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



¹Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole / heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the / congregation.

- ² Great are the deeds of the / LORD! * they are studied by all who de-/light in them.
- ³ His work is full of majesty and / splendor, * and his righteousness en-/dures for ever.
- ⁴ He makes his marvelous works to be re-/membered; * the LORD is gracious and / full of compassion.
- ⁵ He gives food to those who / fear him; * he is ever mindful / of his covenant.
- ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his / works * in giving them the lands / of the nations.
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithfulness and / justice; * all his com-/mandments are sure.

⁸ They stand fast for ever and / ever, * because they are done in / truth and equity.

- ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for / ever; * holy and awesome / is his Name.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of / wisdom; * those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise / endures for ever.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

The Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

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

| Intercessor | With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy." |
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| Intercessor | For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. |
| People | Lord, have mercy. |
| Intercessor | For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. |

| People | Lord, have mercy. | | |
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| Intercessor | For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for our Bishops, Ian and Laura, for Marissa our Rector, for Don our Deacon, and for all the clergy and people of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, let us pray to the Lord. | | |
| People | Lord, have mercy. | | |
| Intercessor | For the leaders of the nations, and for all those in authority, let us pray to the Lord. | | |
| People | Lord, have mercy. | | |
| Intercessor People | We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Mary Ann, Roy, Christine, Rich, Nancy, Ken, Dawn, Barrie, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Petra, Doris, Patricia, Frank, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, Gene, Kathy, Bo, Geoff, Dann, Abbie, and for all those we now name []; let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. | | |
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| Intercessor | For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. | | |
| People | Lord, have mercy. | | |
| Intercessor | For the members of our military, for first-responders, healthcare workers, and for all who risk their lives on behalf of others; especially for Jake and Matthew and those we now name, let us pray to the Lord. | | |
| People | Lord, have mercy. | | |
| Intercessor | We pray also for those who have died, especially Kate Prior Everitt, mother of Katie Denious and Liz Hanson, and for those we now name <i>(the people are invited to offer their own intercessions);</i> let us pray to the Lord. | | |
| People | Lord, have mercy. | | |

| Intercessor | We thank you, Lord for all the blessings of this life, especially for [and] those we now name (<i>the people are invited to offer their own thanksgivings</i>). |
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| Intercessor | That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. |
| People | Lord, have mercy. |

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

Then the Celebrant says 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

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

The Holy Communion

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.



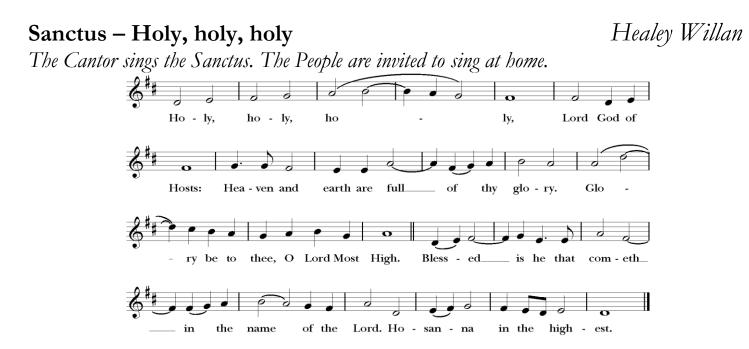
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

| Celebrant | The Lord be with you. |
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| 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your

Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father, We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [______ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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.

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

Agnus dei – O Lamb of God

Healey Willan

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



The Act of Reception
The Celebrant and the People say togetherSaint Augustine's Prayer Book (2nd ed)

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.

Communion Anthem

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

Sung by the Parish Choir

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray. God of abundance,

People You have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Parish Announcements

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the People saying

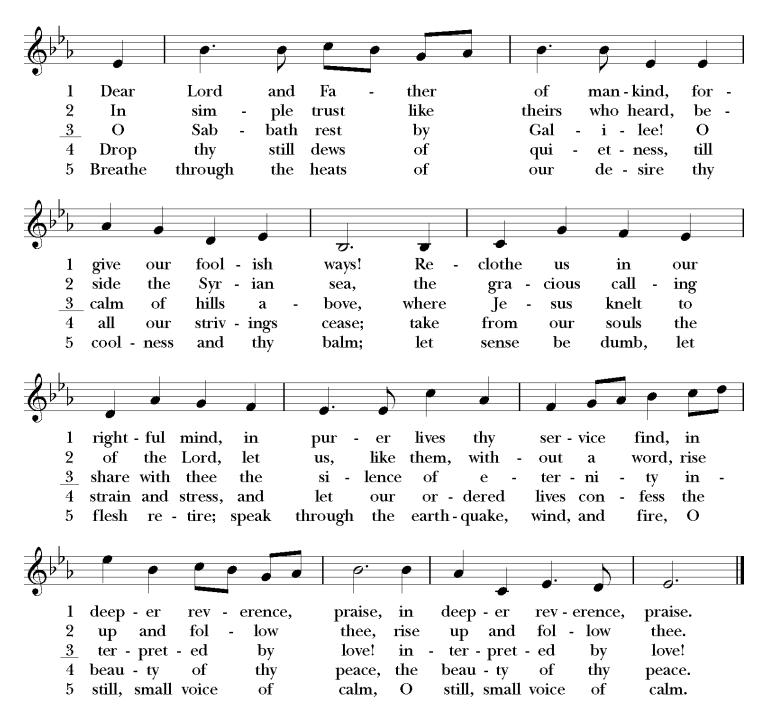
The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, teach you to walk in his way more trustfully, to accept his truth more faithfully, and to share his life more lovingly; that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may come as one family to the kingdom of God. And the blessing of our God who Creates, Redeems, and Sanctifies be with you this day and evermore. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 653

Repton

"Dear Lord and Father of mankind"

The Cantor sings verses 1, 2, 2 3. The People are invited to sing at home.



Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt. Music: Repton, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918), alt.

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

| Postlude | Fugue in C | J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750) |
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| Worship Leaders | | |
| Celebrant & Preacher | The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach | |
| Deacon Locatore | The Rev. Deacon Don Burr | Charles Henricher |
| Lectors | Caroline DeAngelis, Amy Gub Sharon Pearson, Samantha Tre | |
| Artist in Residence | Scott Ellaway | |
| Parish Choir | | |
| Coffee Hour Hosts | Joseph Magnano, Tim Jarvis | |
| Facebook Greeter | Pam Ely | |

<u>**Prayer Requests</u>** Specific prayer requests will be kept on the prayer list for <u>six weeks</u>. 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.</u>

Today and through the week, we remember all those who have been commended to our prayers. For those who are sick or in need: *Mary Ann, Roy, Christine, Rich, Nancy, Ken, Barrie, Dawn, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Petra, Doris, Patricia, Frank, Gene, Bo, Kathy, Geoff, Abbie, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, Charles Kennedy and Dann Pompa. For those serving in the military, Jake Walker and Matthew Comeau.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Epiphany, Durham; St. Gabriel's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam. Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, Latino/Hispanic ministry in CT.

Save The Date – St. Matthew's Annual Meeting, February 7th

Join us in a Zoom room on Sunday, February 7th at 11:30am. A link will be shared in our e-news as well as in our Parishioner Facebook Group.

Pub Theology, Saturday, 2/13

Join us for a special Valentine's Day Pub Theology on Saturday 2/13 at 4pm. Together we'll explore the legend of St. Valentine as well as the love Jesus calls us to in scripture. And maybe

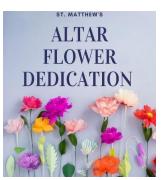


share a few of our own stories of love (of many kinds) along the way. All are welcome, whether you love the holiday or can't stand it, you've been married for ages or never even considered the institution. Love takes many forms, and all of us have stories to share. Come spend an hour with us telling stories and exploring your faith. A Zoom link will be shared in our Parishioner Facebook Group as well as in our e-news. A little bit of homework to prompt

the conversation, along with questions will come out a day or so in advance.

Altar Flower Dedications

You can 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 \$75 donation is suggested.



Please email Jennifer Angerame at theangerames@gmail.com with questions.



Ash Wednesday is February 17th. Together, we will enter into a holy Lent with ashes and repentance, with faith and our connection to God and to each other. There will be two services on Ash Wednesday both with the imposition of ashes. **7:00am:** A short, 10-15 minute service on Zoom. Start your day with prayer and ashes before going back to helping the kids,

off to work, or on to a busy day. **7:00pm:** Worship online as we've become accustomed with sermon, choir, and song. Available on Facebook and our website. You don't need to pick up ashes to participate in either service, you can always just come to worship! You are always welcome. And if you'd like to sign up, use the link below posted in our eNews and St. Matt's website. Tell me your name and how many people in your household will receive ashes. **Sign ups close on 2/13. Kits can be picked up beginning 2/14.** Kits will also include some other things to help us mark the season together as God's people. *Kits will be in the bins in the circle outside St. Matt's*.

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 <u>Parishioner Facebook Group</u>. We can't wait to see you!



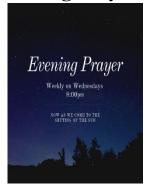
Join us in a Zoom room for Sung Compline – Tuesday nights at 9pm

One of the pieces we miss most about worshipping together is actually **being together**. Join us 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!



Link shared in e-news and our Parishioner Facebook Group

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.

Weekly Calendar – January 31 – February 7

Sunday, **January 31** 9:00am 9:00am 10:00am

Monday, **February 1** 7:00pm

Tuesday, **February 2** 11:00am 9:00pm

Wednesday, February 3 8:00pm

Thursday, **February 4** 3:20-4:50pm 7:30pm

Sunday, **February 7** 9:00am 9:00am 10:00am 11:30am **The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany** Coffee Hour (Zoom) Church School Grades K-5 (Zoom) Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (Livestream)

Education for Ministry (Zoom)

Staff Meeting (Zoom) Compline (Zoom)

Evening Prayer

Music Appreciation Online Class with Scott Online Adult & Youth Choir rehearsal

The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany Coffee Hour (Zoom) Church School Grades K-5 (Zoom) Morning Prayer (Livestream) Annual 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 <u>www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter</u>.

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

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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