+ + Saint Matthew's + + EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Eucharist - Rite II St. Matthew's Day September 20, 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

Charles Wesley (1758-1834)

Opening Hymn

Lobe Den Herren

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

"Praise to the Lord"



Celebrant People Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

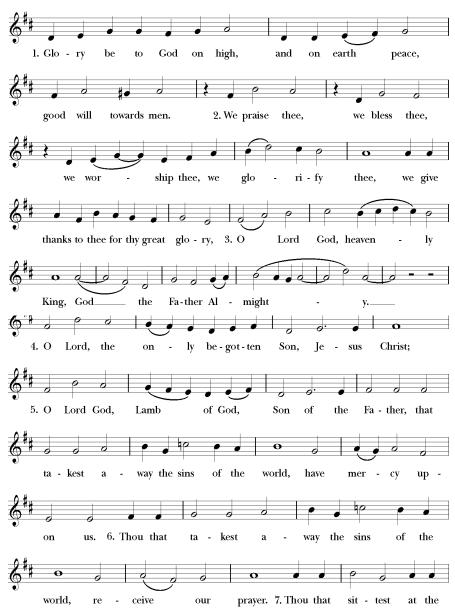
The Collect for Purity

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.





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Proverbs 3:1-6

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sung by the Choir



- ³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your / statutes, * and I shall keep it / to the end.
- ³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep your / law; * I shall keep it with / all my heart.
- ³⁵ Make me go in the path of your / commandments, * for that is / my desire.
- ³⁶ Incline my heart to your / decrees * and not to / unjust gain.
- ³⁷ Turn my eyes from watching what is / worthless; * give me life / in your ways.
- ³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your / servant, * which you make to those / who fear you.
- ³⁹ Turn away the reproach which I / dread, * because your judg-/ments are good.
- ⁴⁰Behold, I long for your / commandments; * in your righteousness pre-/serve my life.

The Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-17

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise 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 Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People 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 especially Rich, Nancy, Ken, Bruce, Dawn, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Darunee, Patricia, Frank, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, Gene, Sarah, Conner, Wendell, Sylas, 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 Wayne

Ratliff, father of Kim Hall, 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.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have



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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.

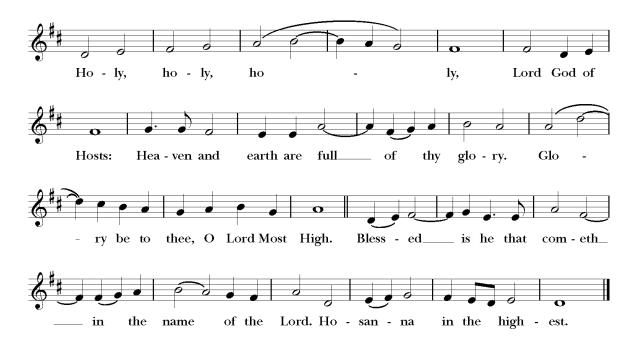
It is truly right, and good and joyful to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us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



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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

Healy Willan

Agnus dei – O Lamb of God

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



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.

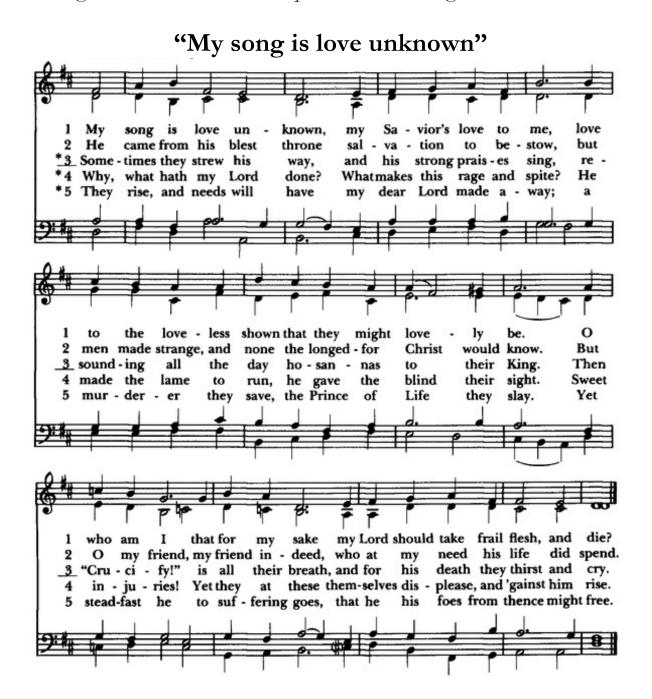
Motet

Locus iste

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est. This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament; it is without reproach.

The Cantor sings the verses 1 & 2. The People are invited to sing at home.



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

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



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

Postlude Voluntary in D minor William Croft (1678 - 1727)

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Deacon The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

Lectors Jean Campbell, Caroline Kepner, Jen Kepner, Sharon Pearson,

Samantha Trolice

Artist in Residence Scott Ellaway

Cantor Andrea Zomorodian

The Parish Choir

Coffee Hour Hosts Pam Ely, Jen Kepner, Paul Reis

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.

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, Gina, Gene, Nancy, Ken, Bruce, Dawn, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Darunee, Patricia, 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, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's/Trinity, Thomaston; Trinity, Torrington. Children and Children's ministries; Rhythms of Grace, Grace2Go, and other ministries for children with special needs.

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. Led by members of St. Matt's, we will begin on Wednesday, September 16 at 8:00pm. 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.

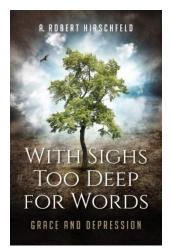
Coffee Hour Begins Again on September 20th!

This fall, coffee hour returns in a slightly different form! Join us on Sunday mornings at 9am beginning on 9/20. 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!

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

Upcoming Church School and Youth Group Dates (Zoom)



Youth Group:

September 20 - 4-5pm - HS Joint Youth Group

September 22 - 6-7pm - 8 Grade Joint Youth Group

Church School Zoom Sessions: please note grade adjustments

September 20 - 9-930am - K-2

September 27 - 9-930am - 3-5

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



Link shared in e-news and our Parishioner Facebook Group

each other, to engage together on a deeper level - and we hope you'll try it with us!

Education For Ministry



St. Matthew's is the host for a new Education for Ministry (EfM) group that meets on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm via Zoom, mid-September thru mid-June. Currently there are 7 "students" who, along with mentor Sharon Ely Pearson, will be delving into the Hebrew Scriptures during the

2020-2021 academic year as well as this year's theme: Living Into the Journey with God. EfM invites participants into small, mentored groups that provide the framework for understanding life and shaping actions as Christian faith is deepened. EfM seminar groups meet weekly, following a four-year curriculum that develops a theologically informed, reflective, and articulate laity. Learn more at https://efm.sewanee.edu or contact Sharon at sharonepearson@gmail.com.

Weekly Calendar – September 20 – September 27

Sunday, September 20 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Coffee Hour (Zoom)

9:00-9:30am Church School K-2nd Grade (Zoom) 10:00am Holy Eucharist -Rite 2 (Livestream)

4:00-5:00pm High School Joint Youth Group (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 22

11:00am Staff Meeting (Zoom)

6:00-7:00pm 8 Grade Joint Youth Group (Zoom)

7:00pm Vestry Meeting

9:00pm Compline (Zoom & Livestream)

Wednesday, September 23

6:00pm 6th-7th Grade Joint Youth Group (Zoom)

7:00pm Deacon Don's Book Study (Zoom)

8:00pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, September 24

2:30-4:00pm Music Appreciation Online Class with Scott Online Adult & Youth Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)

Sunday, September 27 The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00-9:30am Church School 3rd-5th Grades (Zoom) 10:00am Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

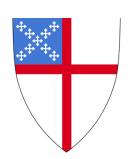
Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

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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